THE COSSACKS .....RUSSIA

Choreography: by Jim Gold in Russian folk dance style
Music: Soviet Army Chorus
Formation: Open circle
Style/Mood: Proud
Jim Gold YouTube video:**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xB-7f4B1cYE**
Meter: 2/4 (or 4/4)
Introduction: 5 measures,

Intro step:

1 Tch R ft fwd (ct 1-2)
2 R ft bck(ct 1-2 fwd)
3-4 Repeat meas 1-2

FIRST STEP (PART I)
Moving LOD**.**
Fists on hips.

1 Step R(ct 1),L(ct 2)
2 R(ct 1),L(ct &), R(ct 2)
3-4 Repeat meas 1-2 opp ft.
5-8 Repeat meas 1-2 2x

SECOND STEP (PART II)
Face ctr. Toe-heel.

1 Step R to rt (ct 1), step L behind R(ct 2),
2 Step R to rt (ct 1),
Turn L ft inward, tch L **toe** next to R instep (ct 2),
Turn L ft outward, tch L **heel** next to R instep (ct &)
3-4 Repeat meas 1-2 opp dir
5-8 Repeat meas 1-4

THIRD STEP (PART III)
Face ctr.
Lifts, arms T position, slap, toe-heel
T position, palms facing up:

1 Step R to rt (ct1), step L behind R(ct 2)
2 Step R to rt (ct 1), lift L(ct 2)
3-4 Repeat meas 1-2 opp ft, opp dir
5 Step R to rt (ct 1), step L behind R(ct 2)
6 Step R to rt, placing R hand behind head (ct 1),
Lift L and **slap L boot**(ct 2)
7 Step L to lft (ct 1), cross R behind L (ct 2)
8 Step L to lft, L hand behind head, R fist on rt hip (ct 1),
Turn R ft inward, tch R **toe** next to L instep (ct 2),
Turn R ft outward, tch R **heel** next to L instep (ct &)
9-16 Repeat meas 1-8

ORDER OF STEPS:

1. First Step: 1x, Second Step: 1x, Third Step 2x
2. First Step: 1x, Second Step: 1x, Third Step 2x
3. First Step: 1x, Second Step: 1x, Third Step:1x.