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Stand up straight and keep your feet close to the floor when you step. Turn your had toward the line of travel, and step forward or backward. Turn your head normal (90°) to the line of travel, and step to the side.

The degree of change when you dance is determined by the style of your walk. If you already walk upright and smoothly, little initial change need be considered. If you slump, bounce, clunk or stomp when you walk, then you need to make some adjustments when you dance.

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