## Tango etiquette - Los códigos en la milonga

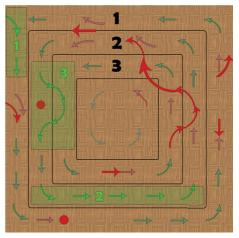
## Some milonga rules to help everyone have a good time dancing.

- The most elegant way to invite somebody for dancing in tango is to use "Mirada" (eye-contact) and "Cabeceo" (a nod) in order to ask each other to dance.
- The dance floor is divided in tracks. You dance along these lines counterclockwise.

Whenever possible start to dance at a corner of the dance floor. Try to get eye-contact with the approaching dancer to let him know that you would like to get into his line of dance. (1)

Try to keep a comfortable distance from the dancer in front of you. If there is lot of space between you try to catch up in order not to block following dancers. (2)

- In general do not overtake somebody in front of you, but if you do, then on the left-hand side only. (3)
- If there is a collision between dancers try to apologise to each other.



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- **x** Try to avoid entering the dance floor in the middle of a line and next to another dancer. (1)
- The space behind you belongs to the dancer behind you. Therefore avoid stepping backwards! (2)
- **x** Try not to block dancers behind you if there is enough space in front of you! (3)

Do not move around the dance floor from one free spot to the next one (known as "shark navigation" or zigzag). This makes life difficult for all the others. (4)

- > Do not dance in between dance lines and do not change dance lines all the time! (5)
- X Try not to get too close to dancers in front of you! (6)
- Do not overtake on the right-hand side! (7)
- $\mathbf{y}$  When you are not dancing walk on the side of the dance floor only! Please do not cross the dance-floor and avoid collisions with the dancers.
- 🚺 On a crowded dance floor: Keep your feet on the ground! No high ganchos, boleos...
- Try to show respect and sympathy to all dancers regardless of dancing style or level of dance.

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