

Dance Move No. 1 The Turn-Around

Get your bird dancing with this basic first step

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Teaching a parrot to dance is like teaching any other trick; the difference is it is done to music. First find some music, or a good beat, that your bird seems to respond to. (Pick music you can stand to hear over and over!) Play different songs, and watch your bird's reaction. Sometimes the bird has to hear the music several times before he reacts. After picking out music that has a good beat, the first dance move to teach is the "turn around" or "spin move."

Place your bird on a T-stand, and turn on the music. Hold a treat in your right hand at head height, get your bird to follow the treat around to its left until it is facing back. Praise and reward (P&R) your bird with the treat.

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