La Grande Twist Party (1962)

A1 Harold Nicholas La Grande Twist Party (Rock'n Roll Call) A2 Harold Nicholas Ya Ya Twist A3 The Daniels Wee Wee A4 The Daniels Scotch Twist A5 Les Play-Boys Raunch Twist B1 Les Chaussettes Noires Peppermint Twist (1ère Partie) B2 Les Chaussettes Noires Peppermint Twist (2e Partie) B3 Eddie Barclay Et Les Twisters 5th Avenue Twist B4 Eddie Barclay Et Les Twisters Play The Thing B5 Les Play-Boys Artistry In Twist

The Twist, a dance done by swiveling the hips, became a worldwide dance craze in the early 1960s. No one is quite sure who actually started swiveling their hips in this manner; some say it might have been part of an African dance brought to the United States during the slavery era. Hank Ballard (1927-2003) was an R&B singer who was part of the group called the Midnighters. Ballard wrote and recorded the song, "The Twist," after seeing some people twisting their hips while dancing.

On August 6, 1960, Chubby Checker sang and danced his version of "The Twist" on Dick Clark's Saturday night program, The Dick Clark Show. The song quickly hit number one on the charts and the dance swept around the world.

The Twist dance was easy to do, which helped make it so popular. It was usually done with a partner, although no touching was involved. Basically, it's a simple twisting of the hips. Some describe it as if you are pretending to stamp out a fallen cigarette or drying your back with a towel.

The dance was so popular that it inspired additional new dances such as the Mashed Potato, the Swim, and the Funky Chicken.

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