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| The Gambler |  |

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| **Count:** | 32 | **Wall:** | 4 | **Level:** | Improver | . |
| **Choreographer:** | Guy Dubé (CAN) & Denis Henley (CAN) - April 2013 |
| **Music:** | The Gambler (Robert Wilsdon Remix) - Kenny Rogers |
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**Intro: 8 counts before to begin the dance**

**SYNCOPATED MONTEREY TURN RIGHT, SAILOR SHUFFLE TURN ¼ LEFT, 2X (SCOOT BACK WITH HITCH, STEP BACK), COASTER STEP**

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| 1&2 | Toe touch right to side, step right together left in turn ½ right, toe touch left to side |

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| 3&4 | Cross left behind right in turn ¼ left, step right on place, step left together right |

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| &5 | With weight on left slide step left back with hitch knee right, step right back |

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| &6 | With weight on right slide step right back with hitch knee left, step left back |

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| 7&8 | Step right back, step left together right, step right forward |

**Do the counts &5&6 in traveling back**

**KICK-BALL-TOUCH, HEEL JACK, TOGETHER, CROSS, STEP SIDE, CROSS, STEP SIDE, CROSS, HEEL JACK, TOGETHER, CROSS**

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| 1&2 | Kick left forward, step left lightly forward, cross toe right touch behind heel left |

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| &3 | Step right to side, heel touch left forward diagonally to left |

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| &4 | Step left together right, cross right over left |

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| &5 | Step left to side, cross right over left |

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| &6 | Step left to side, cross right over left |

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| &7 | Step left to side, heel touch right forward diagonally to right |

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| &8 | Step right together left, cross left over right |

**SCUFF, SCOOT, STEP SIDE, TOGETHER, STEP SIDE, ROCK BACK, STEP SIDE, SAILOR SHUFFLE IN TURN ¼ LEFT, STEP FORWARD**

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| 1&2 | Scuff heel right forward diagonally to right, hitch knee right, step right to side |

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| &3 | Step left together right, step right to side |

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| &4 | Rock left back, recover to right |

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| 5 | Step left to side |

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| 6&7 | Cross right behind left, turn ¼ left and step left forward, step right forward |

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| 8 | Step left forward |

**2X (KICK BALL POINT), CROSS, BACK TURN ¼ RIGHT, HEEL, STEP SIDE, CROSS, STEP SIDE, CROSS**

**Do the counts 1&2 et 3&4 in traveling lightly forward**

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| 1&2 | Kick right forward, step right lightly forward, toe touch left to side |

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| 3&4 | Kick left forward, step left lightly forward, toe touch right to side |

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| 5&6 | Cross right over left, turn ¼ right and step left back, heel touch right forward diagonally to right |

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| &7 | Rapidly step right together left, cross left over right |

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| &8 | Step right to side, cross left over right |

**REPEAT**

**TAG - At the end of the second wall (face to 6:00) do the tag 1 and restart the dance from the beginning**

**HEEL BALL CROSS**

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| 1&2 | Heel touch right forward diagonally to right, step right together left, cross left over right Tag |

**At the end of the 4th wall (face to 12:00) do the tag 2 and restart the dance from the beginning**

**HEEL BALL CROSS, TOUCH AND TOUCH, SAILOR SHUFFLE IN TURN ¼ LEFT**

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| 1&2 | Heel touch right forward diagonally to right, step right together left, cross left over right |

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| 3&4 | Toe touch right to side, step right together left, toe touch left to side |

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| 5&6 | Cross left behind right in turn ¼ left, step right on place, step left together right |