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| The Middle |  |

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| **Count:** | 64 | **Wall:** | 4 | **Level:** | Advanced | . |
| **Choreographer:** | Hiroko Carlsson (AUS) - May 2021 |
| **Music:** | The Middle - Jimmy Eat World : (Spotify) |
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**(Intro: 32 count/Dance starts on lyrics)**

**[S1] Side, Together, Side Rock-Together, Fwd, Hold, Step-Pivot 1/2R**

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| 1 2 | Step R to the side, Step L together |

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| 3 4& | Rock R to the side, Recover weight on L, Step R together |

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| 5 6& | Step forward on L, Hold, Ball step R next to L |

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| 7 8 | Step forward on L, Make a ½ turn right recover weight on R (6:00) |

**[S2] Fwd, Hold, Ball-Fwd, 2x Step-Pivot 1/2L, Side Rock**

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| 1 2&3 | Step forward on L (1), Hold (2), Ball step R next to L (&), Step forward on L (3) |

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| 4 5 | Step forward on R, Make a ½ turn left recover weight on L (12:00) |

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| 6 7 | Step forward on R, Make a ½ turn left recover weight on L (6:00) |

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| 8& | Rock R to the side, Recover weight on L |

**[S3] Cross, Hold, &-Behind, Hold, Side-Cross-Side-Behind-Side**

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| 1 2& | Cross R over L, Hold, Step L to the side |

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| 3 4& | Step R behind L, Hold, Step L to the side |

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| 5 6 7 8 | Cross R over L, Step L to the side, Step R behind L, Step L to the side |

**[S4] Cross Rock, 1/4R Shuffle Fwd, 1/2R Shuffle Back, Back Rock**

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| 1 2 | Rock R across L, Recover/replace weight on L |

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| 3&4 | Make a ¼ turn right shuffle forward on R-L-R (9:00) |

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| 5&6 | Make a ½ turn right shuffle back on L-R-L (3:00) |

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| 7 8 | Rock back on R, Recover weight on L |

**[S5] Toe Strut Turn (1 and ¼ Left), Back Rock**

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| 1 2 3 4 | Make a ¼ turn right toe strut back on R (1 2) (12:00), Make a ½ turn right toe strut forward on L (3 4) (6:00) |

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| 5 6 7 8 | Make a ½ turn right toe strut back on R (5 6) (12:00), Rock back on L, Recover weight on R |

**[S6] Hitch Turn (1 and ¼ Right), Back Rock**

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| 1 2 | Make a ¼ turn left stepping back on L, Hitch R knee (3:00) |

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| 3 4 | Make a ½ turn left stepping forward on R, Hitch L knee (9:00) |

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| 5 6 | Make a ½ turn left stepping back on L, Hitch R knee (3:00) |

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| 7 8 | Rock back on R, Recover weight on L |

**[S7] Rocking Chair, 1/4R Side Touches R-L**

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| 1 2 3 4 | Rock forward on R, Recover weight on L, Rock back on R, Recover weight on L |

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| 5 6 | Make a ¼ turn left stepping R to the side, Touch L next to R (12:00) |

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| 7 8 | Step L to the side, Touch R next to L |

**[S8] Fwd Rock, Coaster Step, Step-Pivot 3/4R, Side Rock-Together**

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| 1 2 | Rock back on R, Recover weight on L |

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| 3&4 | Step back on R, Step L next to R, Step forward on R |

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| 5 6 | Step forward on L, Make a ¾ turn right recover weight on R (9:00) |

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| 7 8& | Rock L to the side, Recover weight on R, Step L together |

**Restart on Wall 2 Count 32\*\* (12:00)**

**Ending suggestion: The dance finishes at 9:00, Make a ¼ turn right to the front.**

**Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information. (hirokoclinedancing@gmail.com)**

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