

Shake It Off

Count: 96 Wall: 1 Level: Phrased High Beginner

Choreographer: Campbell Miller & Thain Maurer (Feb 2015)

Music: Shake It Off by Taylor Swift 160 BPM (counted at 80 BPM)



Intro: 8 count intro - Start weight on L

Sequence: A, B, A, B+, A-, POSES, B+, freestyle to end

Note: this is much simpler than it looks. The steps are easy, there's a lot of repetition, and the steps follow the music.

PART A (48 actual counts but only 32 easy steps because of repeats, and only one turn that's optional)

1-2, 3&4 SSQQS: Slide side R, slide L, chasse R (optional styling: "snake" or "Egyptian" arms)
5-6, 7&8 SSQQS: Slide L, slide R, chasse L (styling as above)
1-2, 3&4 SSQQS: Step forward R, L, step-lock-step (think of count 4 as a rock; prep movement back)
5-6, 7&8 SSQQS: Step BACK L, R, back-lock-back (harder option triple left 360 on 7&8)

[17-32] REPEAT previous 16 counts

NOTE: The next steps are done when she sings "But I keep cruisin' . . ."

1-2 SS: Step side R, cross step L over R (optional styling: swing arms to R with step R, swing arms L with cross step)
3&4 QQS: Chasse R (styling: push arms up-down-up; as you swing your arms down, turn left)
5-6, 7&8 SSQQS: Step side L, cross step R over L, chasse L (same styling)
1-2, 3&4 SSQQS: Step side R, cross step L over R, chasse R (same styling)
5-6-7 SSS: Step side L, cross step R over L, step side L
&8& QQQ: Clap 3X

PART B (32 counts, all syncopated; this is mostly hands (the hand jive) when she sings "But the players gonna play play play play . . .")

1&2&3&4& all Bringing R in, you can bounce on heels or bump to keep time while you do the hand
quick: jive: slap thighs 2X, clap 2X, cross hands 2X, switch and repeat cross hands 2X (doesn't matter which goes on top first), make fists and hit them together 2X;
5&6&7&8& switch and repeat fists; "hitchhike" R thumb over R shoulder 2X; "hitchhike" L thumb over L shoulder 2X
" Bounce while turning left 360 (optional styling: raise arms and shake hands high to low as you turn; dancers may omit turn and bounce/bump in place while shaking hands; end with weight even)
1&2&3&4& " Twist in place, ending weight even or on L
5&6&7&8& REPEAT previous 16 counts, ending weight L to go into slide R for Part A
1-16

PART B+ (After the second Part B, keep twisting for 16 counts.)

1-16 all quick See above; end weight L

PART A- (She's talking/rapping rather than singing these verses. She doesn't sing "But I keep cruisin" so you won't do the side, crosses; substitute the poses/holds below.)

1-24 As above; you'll dance through the chasse L and you're ready to step forward.

1-2, 3&4	SSQQS: Step forward R, L, step-lock-step (think of count 4 as a rock; prep movement back)
5-6	Step back L, R
7-8-1	SSS: Strike a pose, strike a pose, strike a pose (boom, boom, boom—be creative)
2-3-4	SSS: HOLD until the music begins for the hand jive, your last Part B

FREESTYLE: After the last Part B hand jive, there are 32 counts left. Twist like you did for B+ for 16 counts, then do your own thing for the last 16 counts. Refer to the UT intermediate social dance video featuring the choreographers on YouTube.

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