

Taking The Long Way

Count: 32

Wall: 4

Level: Improver

Choreographer: Anthony Gordon (USA) - December 2023

Music: Taking The Long Way - Larry Fleet



32 Count Intro, approx. 12 seconds

[1-8] Toe Struts, Kick, Behind-Side-Cross

- 1 2 Step R toe towards 1:30 (1), step down on R (2) 12.00
- 3 4 Step L toe across R towards 1:30 (3), step down on L (4) 12.00
- 5 6 Kick R towards 1:30 (5), step R back and slightly behind L (6) 12.00
- 7 8 Step L to left (7), cross R over L (8) 12.00

Restart: **Occurs here during wall 5, will restart facing 12:00**

Includes a step change on count (8), replacing the cross with a R touch next to L to prepare weight properly to start the dance again.

[9-16] Kick, Behind-Side-Cross, Quarter Turn, Walk x2

- 1 2 Kick L towards 10:30 angling body to that same diagonal (1), step L back and slightly behind R (2) 10.30
- 3 4 Step R to right squaring back up to 12:00 (3), cross L over R (4) 12.00
- 5 6 ¼ turn right stepping forward with R heel (5), drop R toes taking weight (6) 3.00
- 7 8 Step forward with L heel (7), drop L toes taking weight (8) 3.00

[17-24] Step-Touch, Step-Kick, Side-Touch x2

- 1 2 Step forward on R (1), step L toe next to R (2) 3.00
- 3 4 Step back on L (3), kick R forward (4) 3.00
- 5 6 ¼ turn right stepping R to right (5), touch L toe next to R (6) 6.00
- 7 8 Step L to left (7), touch R toe next to L (8) 6.00

[25-32] Vine R w/ Quarter Turn, Side-Hold, Rock-Recover

- 1 2 Step R to right (1), step L behind R (2) 6.00
- 3 4 ¼ turn right stepping forward on R (3), touch L next to R (4) 9.00
- 5 6 Step L to left (5), hold (6) 9.00
- 7 8 Rock R behind L (7), recover weight to L (8) 9.00

Style/Var.

For count 4, feel free to hitch the L knee. For the last 4 counts, feel free to substitute for a Lindy Shuffle (Shuffle L, rock back, recover). The song/dance is quick and I wanted to write with the beginner in mind, allowing for those who are comfortable dancing fast to add their own style.

End of dance, start again!