

Because Of You

COPPER KNOB
STEPPERS

Count: 32

Wall: 2

Level: Intermediate

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Music: Because of You - Michael Rice



Intro: 16 counts, approx 17 seconds

Two tags, no restarts

[1 - 8] Full spiral, fwd $\frac{1}{8}$ hitch, back back $\frac{3}{8}$ hitch, rock, recover $\frac{3}{4}$ run around sweep

- 1 Step R fwd making a full spiral L hooking L over R (1)
2&3 Step L fwd (2), $\frac{1}{8}$ L stepping R fwd (&), step L fwd slightly hitching R (3)...slightly collapse upper body as if somebody is pulling you back from the hips 10:30
4&5,6 Step R back (4), step L back (&), $\frac{3}{8}$ R stepping R fwd hitching/arabesque L (5), rock L over R (6) 3:00
7,8&1 Recover onto R (7), $\frac{3}{8}$ L stepping L fwd (8), $\frac{1}{8}$ L stepping R fwd (&), $\frac{1}{4}$ L stepping L fwd sweeping R back to front (1) 6:00

[9 - 16] Cross $\frac{1}{8}$ rock, recover $\frac{1}{2}$ back, rock, recover pivot $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ lunge

- 2&3 Cross R over L (2), $\frac{1}{8}$ R stepping L back (&), rock R back (3) 7:30
4&5,6 Recover onto L (4), $\frac{1}{2}$ L stepping R back (&), step L back slightly hitching R (5), rock R back (6) 1:30
7&8&1 Recover onto L (7), step R forward (&), $\frac{1}{2}$ L stepping L forward (8), $\frac{1}{2}$ L stepping R back (&), $\frac{1}{2}$ L slightly lunging fwd on L (1)...throw R arm from back to front 7:30

[17 - 24] Back back $\frac{1}{2}$ lunge, recover, $\frac{1}{4}$ sway, sway, sway sway $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$

- 2&3 Recover onto R (2), step L back (&), $\frac{1}{2}$ R lunging forward on R (3) 1:30
4,5 Recover onto L (4), $\frac{1}{4}$ R stepping R to R swaying R (5) 4:30
6&7 Sway L (6), sway R (&), $\frac{1}{4}$ L stepping L forward lifting R leg (7) 1:30
8& $\frac{1}{4}$ L stepping R to R (8), cross L over R (&) 10:30...throw L arm to L side, throw R arm over head, front to back, palm facing in, on lyric "around me"

Optional full turn: $\frac{1}{2}$ L stepping R back (8), $\frac{1}{2}$ L stepping L forward (&), $\frac{1}{4}$ L stepping R to R (1)

[25 - 32] R basic, $\frac{3}{8}$ hinge, side rock recover, rock/sway, rock $\frac{1}{4}$ recover $\frac{1}{2}$ run run

- 1,2&3 Step R to R (1), step L next to R (2), cross R over L (&) step L to L making a $\frac{3}{8}$ R lifting R (3) 3:00
4&5,6 Step R to R (4), rock L over R (&), recover onto R (5), rock L to L, swaying body (6) 3:00
7&8& Rock R to R pushing L hand across body (7), $\frac{1}{4}$ L recovering onto L (&), $\frac{1}{4}$ L stepping R forward (8), $\frac{1}{4}$ L stepping L forward (&) 6:00

Tag 1: occurs at end of walls 1 and 3 facing 6:00

[1 - 4] Syncopated rocking chair

- 1&2& Rock R fwd (1), recover onto L (&), rock R back (2), recover onto L (&)

Tag 2: occurs at end of wall 5 facing 6:00 (music slows down here, "because" should happen on "&4")

[1 - 4] Rock, recover, back coaster step

- 1,2 Rock R fwd (1), recover onto L (2)
3&4& Step R back (3), step L back (&), step R next to L (4), step L fwd (&)

BEGIN AGAIN AND HAVE FUN!!!

ALWAYS BE UNAPOLOGETICALLY YOU!!!

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