

Rhumba Across Texas (P)

Count: 64

Wall: 1

Level: line/contr dance

Choreographer: Peter Blaskowski (USA) & Evelyn Khinoo (USA)

Music: Any moderate to fast rhumba



Position: Can be done in couples in various manners from side-by-side, with everyone following the original steps, or form a closed position and the lady starting on the right foot.

This is not original choreography. It is actually the old classic line dance, "Waltz Across Texas" by Lois & John Nielson, except a hold has been added after each 3rd count to make it a rhumba (or, according to Evelyn, a mambo.) The idea for this dance came to Peter and Evelyn (and probably a couple hundred other dancers) totally independently, several years apart.

CROSS, TOGETHER, TOGETHER, FORWARD, BACK

1-4 Step left across right, step together right, step together left, hold
5-8 Step right across left, step together left, step together right, hold

1-4 Step forward left, together right, together left, hold
5-8 Step forward right, together left, together right, hold

1-4 Step back left, together right, together left, hold
5-8 Step back right, together left, together right, hold

3-STEP TURN, CROSS, SIDE, BEHIND, ROCK

1 Face ¼ turn left and step left
2 Pivot ¼ turn left and step right
3 Pivot ½ turn left and side step left
4 Hold
5-8 Step right across left, side step left, step right behind left, hold

1-4 Rock slightly back left, rock forward right, rock slightly back left, hold
5 Face ¼ turn right and step right
6 Pivot ¼ turn right and step left
7 Pivot ½ turn right and side step right
8 Hold

1-4 Step left across right, side step right, step left behind right, hold
5-6 Rock slightly forward right, rock back left
7-8 Rock slightly forward right, hold

FORWARD WITH ½ TURN LEFT

1 Step forward left (begin ½ turn left)
2-4 Step right across left (finish turn), step together left, hold
5-6 Step back right, step together left
7-8 Step together right, hold

1 Step forward left (begin ½ turn left)
2-4 Step right across left (finish turn), step together left, hold
5-6 Step back right, step together left
7-8 Step together right, hold

REPEAT

