# Cha-Cha Maria (P)

Level: partner dance

Choreographer: Larry Majors (USA) & Altie Majors (USA)

Music: My Maria - Brooks & Dunn

## Position: Start facing each other

**Count: 24** 

## INTRO (DONE ONLY ONCE)

- Join man's left hand to woman's right hand, at shoulder level. (palm to palm) 1
- 2 Man places right hand on woman's left hip, woman places her left hand on man's right shoulder. (you will be in modified "two step" starting position)

#### 3&4 (Cha-cha wiggles)

MAN: Bump right hip right, left, right (changing weight with each movement, end with weight on right)

LADY: Make same movements except starts left, right, left, and wiggle down & up instead of hip bumps (end with weight on left)

## THE MAIN DANCE

1-2-3&4 MAN: Rock forward on left, rock back on right, step in place left-right-left (cha-cha-cha) LADY: Rock back on right, rock forward on left, step in place right-left-right (cha-cha-cha)

Move your shoulders with the steps, i.e.: forward when step forward, back when step back

5-6-7&8 MAN: Rock back on right, rock forward on left, step in place right-left-right (cha-cha-cha) LADY: Rock forward on left, rock back on right, step in place left-right-left (cha-cha-cha)

## **TANGO TURN**

**MAN:** Holding lady's right arm extended with your left arm, and looking into each others eyes. 9-10-11&12 Step left, right, (moving in a right 1/2 turn to switch place with the lady) step in place left-rightleft (cha-cha- cha)

LADY: Step right, left, (moving in a left 1/2 turn to switch place with the man) step in place right-left-right (cha-cha-cha)

### **TANGO STRUTS**

- MAN: Holding lady's right arm straight out to left. Step to left with right foot, crossing left foot 13-14-15&16 & making a ¼ turn left. (dipping down in tango fashion if possible) step left, step right-left-right (cha-cha-cha) moving forward slightly LADY: Step to right with left foot, crossing right foot & making a ¼ turn right. (dipping down in tango fashion if possible) step right, step left-right-left (cha-cha-cha) moving forward slightly
- **MAN:** Swing left foot around right making a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pivot turn to right. (drop left hand to lady's 17-18-19&20 waist as you turn, picking up lady's left hand and hold it straight out with your right hand.) (tango style) step right, step left-right-left. (cha-cha-cha) moving forward slightly LADY: Swing right foot around left making a 1/2 pivot turn to left. (place right hand on man's shoulder placing left hand into mans and holding straight out in front.) (tango style) step left, step right-left-right. (cha-cha-cha) moving forward slightly
- 21-22-23&24 MAN: Drop left hand from lady's waist, as you swing your right foot around in front of the left foot while making a ¼ pivot turn to left. Step down on left, (placing right hand on lady's hip) step in place right-left-right (cha-cha-cha) in place LADY: Swing your left foot around in front of the right foot while making a 1/4 pivot turn to the right step down on right, wiggle down and up while stepping in place left-right-left (cha-chacha)





**Wall:** 2

REPEAT