

# Birthday Samba

Compte: 32

Mur: 4

Niveau: High Beginner

Chorégraphe: Jennifer Choo Sue Chin (MY) - April 2009

Musique: Happy Birthday - DJ Bobo : (Album: Magic)



(Feel free to dance to any other samba music on non-birthday days!)

**Note:** The 'a' count is a count slightly slower than usual '&' count. Use ball foot and knees on the 'a' counts to raise the sexy samba hips! This dance is made simple so that anyone can dance to it in a birthday party! Dance starts at approximately 0:30 when the samba beats kicks in. Sing along and gesture to the birthday boy/girl!

## **RIGHT BOTAFOGO, LEFT BOTAFOGO, FULL VOLTA TURN RIGHT**

- 1 a2 Cross RF over LF (11:30), Step ball of LF to left side, Recover on RF (1:30)
- 3 a4 Cross LF over RF (1:30), Step ball of RF to right side, Recover of LF (11:30)
- 5a ¼ turn R crossing RF over LF, Step on ball of LF slightly behind RF
- 6a7a8 Repeat 5a 3 more times to make a full turn facing the front wall again.

## **LEFT SAMBA WHISK, RIGHT SAMBA WHISK, WALK BACK 4 COUNTS + SHOULDER SHIMMIES**

- 1 a2 LF take big step to left, Step ball of RF slightly behind LF, Recover on LF
- 3 a4 RF take a big step to right, Step ball of LF slightly behind RF, Recover on RF
- 5 - 8 Step LF back, Step RF back, Step LF back, Step RF back

**Do shoulder shimmies when you walk these 4 counts back**

## **BACK SAMBA BASIC, ¼ TURN FORWARD SAMBA BASIC, DIAGONAL LOCK STEPS**

- 1 a2 Step LF back, Step ball of RF slightly in front of LF, Recover on LF
- 3 a4 ¼ turn right by stepping RF forward, Step ball of LF slightly behind RF, Recover on RF (3:00)
- 5a Step LF diagonally left forward, Lock ball of RF slightly behind LF
- 6a7a Repeat 5a 2 more times
- 8 Step LF diagonally forward

**You'll be moving towards 1:30 on counts 5-8**

## **RIGHT AND LEFT CORTA JACA'S**

- 1a2a3a Press heel of RF across LF, Recover on LF, Press ball of RF diagonally right back, Recover on LF, Press heel of RF across LF, Recover on LF (1:30)
- 4 Step RF to right side (squaring back to 3:00)
- 5a6a7a Press heel of LF across RF, Recover on RF, Press ball of LF diagonally left back, Recover on RF, Press heel of LF across RF, Recover on RF (4:30)
- 8 Step LF to left side (squaring back to 3:00)

**Repeat & Have Fun!! Happy Birthday!**

**Ending:**

**On the last wall (3:00), do the first botafogo normally, then do the 2nd botafogo with a ¼ turn left to face 12:00 again.**

**This dance is specially choreographed for Mr AH Leong (KL) in conjunction with his 60th birthday celebrations.**

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