

Big Easy Waltz

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Count: 48 **Wall:** 4 **Level:** Advanced - evenly phrased

Choreographer: Hedy McAdams - Rel. April 2017

Music: "Closer to You," by Dennis Quaid, 133 bpm, 4:59, OST "The Big Easy"

No Tags Or Restarts

A - BACK - DRAG - DRAG

BACK - TURN - FORWARD

(Beginning weight L)

1(Big) Step R back

- 2,3 Drag L foot back toward R, pressing down on ball of L foot (extend arms forward for balance, if needed)
- 4 Step L back
- 5 Turn 1/2 right [6:00] and step R forward
- 6 Step L forward

B - FORWARD - HOLD - HOLD

BACK - TURN - FORWARD

- 1 Step R forward
- 2,3HOLD, HOLD (while holding, slide L behind R to "locked" position, but keep weight R)**
- 4 Step L back
- 5 Turn 1/2 right [12:00] and step R forward
- 6 Step L forward

C - FORWARD - PULL - PULL

FORWARD - PULL - PULL

- 1 Begin 6-count tango walk: Step R forward, crossing L slightly
- 2,3 Pull L slowly (take 2 counts) toward and past the inside of R foot
- 4 Step L forward, crossing R slightly
- 5,6 Pull R slowly (take 2 counts) toward and past the inside of L foot

D - FORWARD - TURN - DIAGONAL

LUNGE - TURN - TURN

- 1 Step R forward with toe out
- 2 Turn 1/4 right [3:00] and step L back on a diagonal left (your body will now be angled slightly right on 3:00 wall)
- 3 Step R back (maintaining diagonal)
- 4 Cross/lunge L over R
- 5 Turn 1/4 left [12:00] and step R back
- 6 Turn 1/2 left [6:00] and step L forward

Note: The turn for counts D5, D6, and E1 is a rolling left turn progressing to the right, along 3:00 wall.

E - RIGHT - HOLD - HOLD

TURN - TOGETHER - FORWARD

- 1 Turn 1/4 left [3:00] and step R to the right
- 2, 3HOLD, HOLD**
- 4 Using a CCW* ronde with L foot to propel turn, Turn 1/2 left [9:00] and step L in place
- 5 Turn 1/4 left [6:00] and step R in place
- 6 Step L slightly forward

Note: The turn for counts E4, E5, and E6 is a turn in place.

F - FORWARD - HOLD - HOLD

BACK - TURN - FORWARD

- 1 Leading with R hip, step R forward on a diagonal right
- 2,3HOLD, HOLD (while holding, slide L behind R to “locked” position, but keep weight R)**
- 4 Step L back
- 5 Turn 1/2 right [12:00] and step R beside L
- 6 Step L forward

G - FORWARD - POINT - HOLD

FORWARD - POINT - HOLD

- 1 Step R forward, slightly crossing L
- 2,3 Sharply, point L to left, HOLD
- 4 Step L forward, slightly crossing R
- 5,6 Sharply, point R to right, HOLD

H - CROSS - TURN - TOGETHER

FORWARD - FORWARD - TOGETHER

- 1 Cross R over L
- 2 Turn 1/4 right [3:00] and step L back
- 3 Step R beside L
- 4,5 Step L forward, Step R beside left**
- 6 Step L beside R

BEGIN AGAIN!

* **CW = Clockwise; CCW = Counter-clockwise**

** **Steps H5 through A1 constitute a forward-moving coaster pattern**

Finish: Dance ends on count E3 during the 13th repetition, which begins on the original wall. Section D in this repetition has same footwork as previous phrases, with one exception. In order to finish dance on original wall [12:00], for count D2, step L to left (rather than turning 1/4 right to face 3:00; the remaining counts are the same as usual). This way the rolling turn will face and end on 12:00 rather than 3:00.

Following is a step-by-step breakdown, if needed:

D2 - Step L to left (staying on Wall One rather than turning 1/4 right) D3 - Step R to right and slightly back

D4 - Cross L over R D5 - Turn 1/4 left [9:00]

D6 - Tap L toe behind R foot and unwind 1/2 left [3:00] E1 - Turn 1/4 left [12:00] and step R to the right

E2-3 - Holding weight R, make a CCW* circle with ball of L foot, ending with ball of L behind R foot

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