

RHUMBA ACROSS TEXAS

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Count: 64

Wall: 1

Level: line/contra dance

Choreographer: Peter Blaskowski & Evelyn Khinoo

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 $\frac{1}{4}$ turn left and step left

2 Pivot $\frac{1}{4}$ turn left and step right

3 Pivot $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ turn right and step right
- 6 Pivot $\frac{1}{4}$ turn right and step left
- 7 Pivot $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ TURN LEFT

- 1 Step forward left (begin $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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