

# THE WAY IT IS

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**Count:** 32      **Wall:** 4      **Level:** beginner/intermediate

**Choreographer:** Ray Hodson

**Music:** The Way It Is by Bruce Hornsby

**For "The Way It Is", there is a 48-count intro from drum beats (50 Seconds). For "Changes" there is only an 8-count intro from drum beats. Start on singing vocals, not talking vocals**

## **SIDE, TOUCH, SIDE, TOUCH, STEP $\frac{1}{4}$ CROSS,- SIDE, TOUCH, SIDE, TOUCH, STEP $\frac{1}{4}$ CROSS**

- 1&** Step right to right side, touch left next to right (12:00)
- 2&** Step left to left side, touch right next to left
- 3&4** Rock forward right, turn  $\frac{1}{4}$  to left, cross right over left (9:00)
- 5&** Step left to left side, touch right next to left
- 6&** Step right to right side, touch left next to left
- 7&8** Rock forward left, turn  $\frac{1}{4}$  to right, cross left over right (12:00)

## **HEEL & HEEL, ROCK HALF TURN, HEEL & HEEL, ROCK HALF TURN**

- 1&** Touch right heel forward side, step right together
- 2&** Touch left heel forward, step left together
- 3&4** Rock forward right, turn back  $\frac{1}{2}$  to right on ball of left, step forward right (6:00)
- 5&** Touch left heel forward side, step left together
- 6&** Touch right heel forward, step right together
- 7&8** Rock forward left, turn back  $\frac{1}{2}$  to left on ball of right, step forward left (12:00)

## **SIDE ROCK CROSS, SIDE ROCK CROSS, TURN, TURN, STEP, FORWARD MAMBO**

- 1&2** Rock right to side right, recover on right, cross right over left
- 3&4** Rock left to side left, recover on left, cross left over right
- 5&6** Turn  $\frac{1}{4}$  left stepping back on right, turn  $\frac{1}{2}$  left stepping forward on left, step forward on right. (3:00)
- 7&8** Step forward left, step back right, step left next to right

## **SIDE RIGHT, TOGETHER STEP BACK, BACK SHUFFLE, BACK MAMBO, FORWARD SHUFFLE**

- 1&2** Step right to right side, step left together, step back right (3:00)
- 3&4** Shuffle backward left right left
- 5&6** Back mambo stepping back right, forward left, together right
- 7&8** Forward shuffle left, right, left

**REPEAT**

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