

# THE WAY IT IS (PARTNER)

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**Count:** 32                      **Wall:** —                      **Level:** —

**Choreographer:** Ray Hodson

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

## STEP, TOGETHER, STEP TOUCH, STEP, TOGETHER, STEP TOUCH

- 1&            Step forward right to right diagonal, step left next to right (LOD)
- 2&            Step forward right to right diagonal, touch left next to right
- 3&            Step forward left to left diagonal, step right next to right
- 4&            Step forward left to left diagonal, touch left next to right

## LADY FULL TURN, STEP, TOGETHER, STEP TOUCH

**Raise right hands drop left hands**

**5&LADY: Turn  $\frac{1}{4}$  left stepping back on right, turn a half left stepping forward on left**

**MAN: Step forward right to right diagonal, step left next to right**

**6&LADY: Turn  $\frac{1}{4}$  left stepping forward on right, touch left next to right**

**MAN: Step forward right to right diagonal, touch left next to right**

## BOTH (IN SIDE-BY-SIDE POSITION)

- 7&            Step forward left to left diagonal, step right next to right
- 8&            Step forward left to left diagonal, touch left next to right

## 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. (drop left hands, raise right hands)
- 3&4          Rock forward right, turn  $\frac{1}{2}$  backwards to right on ball of left, step forward right (hands to side-by-side) (RLOD)
- 5&            Touch left heel forward side, step left together
- 6&            Touch right heel forward, step right together. (drop right hands, raise left hands)
- 7&8          Rock forward left, turn  $\frac{1}{2}$  backwards to left on ball of right, step forward left (hands to side-by-side) (LOD)

## **SIDE ROCK CROSS, SIDE ROCK CROSS, LADY TURN, TURN, STEP, MAMBO ¼ TURN**

**1&2** Rock right to side right, recover on left, cross right over left

**3&4** Rock left to side left, recover on right, cross left over right. (drop left hands, raise right hands)

**5&6LADY: Turn ¼ left stepping back on right, turn ½ left stepping forward on left, step forward on right. (OLOD)**

**MAN: Turn ¼ right stepping right, left, right. (hands to side-by-side)**

### **BOTH**

**7&8** Step forward left, turning ¼ to left step back right, step left next to right. (LOD)

## **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&4** Shuffle backward left right left

**5&6** Back mambo stepping back right, forward left, together right

**7&8** Forward shuffle left, right, left (LOD)

### **REPEAT**