

# BITTER ROOT

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**Count:** —                      **Wall:** 2                      **Level:** intermediate

**Choreographer:** EmCee

**Music:** Bitter Root by The Indigo Girls

**With help from CeeJay**

## PART A (CHORUS)

### RIGHT SCISSOR, LEFT SCISSOR, KICK STEP RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT

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

3&4            Rock left to side, recover to right, cross left over right

### Angle body to right diagonal

5&            Kick right forward, step right forward

### Angle body to left diagonal

6&            Kick left forward, step left forward

7&8&        Repeat 5&6&

### STEP RIGHT TURN ½ RIGHT BACK ON LEFT FOOT, RECOVER, STEP RIGHT, STEP LEFT, BEHIND SIDE CROSS

1-2            Step right forward, turn ½ right (weight to right), step left back

3-4            Rock right back, recover onto left

5-6            Step right forward and slightly side, left to left side

### Gentle stomps

7&8            Cross right behind left, step left to side, cross right over left

### CHARLESTON LEFT BEHIND, LEFT IN FRONT, RIGHT BEHIND, RIGHT IN FRONT, SHUFFLE, FULL TURN LEFT

1-2            Touch left forward, step left back

3-4            Touch right back, step right forward

5&6            Shuffle forward left, right, left

7-8            Turn ½ left and step right back, turn ½ left and step left forward

**RIGHT SCISSOR, UNWIND  $\frac{3}{4}$  TURN LEFT, STEP LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT KICK BALL CHANGE**

- 1&2** Rock right to side, recover to left, cross right over left  
**3-4** Unwind  $\frac{3}{4}$  turn (weight to left)  
**5-6** Step right forward, step left forward  
**7&8** Kick right forward, step right together, step left in place

**STOMP RIGHT, LEFT, STEP RIGHT TO RIGHT  $\frac{1}{4}$  TURN, BACK ONTO LEFT  $\frac{1}{4}$  TURN STEP RIGHT BACK, TOUCH LEFT TO RIGHT, STEP LEFT, KICK RIGHT**

- 1-2** Step right to side, step left to side

**Gentle stomps**

- 3-4** Turn  $\frac{1}{4}$  right and step right forward, turn  $\frac{1}{4}$  right and step left back  
**5-6** Step right back, touch left together  
**7-8** Step left forward, kick right forward

**Allows a hitch before following diagonals**

**PART B (VERSE)**

**DIAGONAL RIGHT SIDE SHUFFLES,  $\frac{1}{2}$  TURN RIGHT, LEFT SIDE SHUFFLES,  $\frac{1}{2}$  TURN RIGHT ROCK BACK, RECOVER, FULL TURN RIGHT (UNDER TURN TO FACE 12:00)**

- 1&2** Turn  $\frac{1}{8}$  right and shuffle to side stepping right, left, right  
**3&4** Turn  $\frac{1}{2}$  right and shuffle to side stepping left, right, left  
**5-6** Turn  $\frac{1}{2}$  right and rock right back, recover onto left  
**7&8** Turn  $\frac{1}{2}$  right and step right back, turn  $\frac{1}{2}$  right and step left forward

**Under-turn to face 12:00**

**RIGHT SHUFFLE, LEFT CROSS IN FRONT OF RIGHT, UNWIND FULL TURN RIGHT, LEFT SHUFFLE BACK ROCK RIGHT BACK RECOVER**

- 1&2** Shuffle forward right, left, right  
**3-4** Cross left over right, unwind a full turn right (weight to right)  
**5&6** Shuffle back left, right, left  
**7-8** Rock right back, recover onto left (12:00)

**DIAGONAL TO 11:00 RIGHT SIDE SHUFFLE, ½ TURN RIGHT, LEFT SIDE SHUFFLE, ½ TURN RIGHT, ROCK BACK RECOVER, FULL TURN LEFT (UNDER EXTEND TURN TO FACE 6:00)**

- 1&2** Turn ¼ right and shuffle to side stepping right, left, right  
**3&4** Turn ½ right and shuffle to side stepping left, right, left  
**5-6** Turn ½ right and rock right back, recover onto left  
**7&8** Turn ½ left and step left back, turn ½ left and step right forward

**Under-turn to face 6:00**

**RIGHT SHUFFLE, LEFT CROSS IN FRONT OF RIGHT, UNWIND FULL TURN RIGHT, LEFT SHUFFLE BACK, ROCK RIGHT BACK RECOVER**

- 1&2** Shuffle forward right, left, right  
**3-4** Cross left over right, unwind a full turn right (weight to right)  
**5&6** Shuffle back left, right, left  
**7-8** Rock right back, recover onto left (6:00)

**Repeat above 72 counts once for wall 2 (reversing clock faces for diagonals i.e. 11:00 first)**

**Repeat wall 1 for first 32 counts (finishing with right kick ball change)**

**TAG**

- 1-2** Step right to side, step left to side

**Gentle stomps**

- 3-4** Turn ½ left (weight to left)

**Verse as for wall 1**

**Start again for wall 2 until end**