

LA BAMBA

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Count: 48

Wall: 4

Level: intermediate

Choreographer: Phil Dennington

Music: La Bamba by Richie Valens

HIP SWINGS WITH KNEE POPS, MODIFIED MONTEREY TURN

- 1 Step forward right swinging hips forward, and pop left knee
- 2 Swing hips back onto left leg, pop right knee
- 3 Swing hips forward onto right leg, pop left knee
- 4 Swing hips back onto left leg, pop right knee
- 5-6 Step forward right, touch left to left side
- 7-8 On ball of right, pivot $\frac{1}{2}$ turn left, touch right beside left

BACK SLIDES, WITH KNEE POPS, STEP $\frac{1}{4}$ TURN RIGHT

- 9 Touch right toe forward
- 10 Slide right foot back (taking weight) and pop left knee
- 11 Slide left foot back (taking weight) and pop right knee
- 12 Slide right foot back (taking weight) and pop left knee
- 13 Slide left foot back (taking weight) and pop right knee
- 14 Step forward on right
- 15-16 Step forward left, pivot $\frac{1}{4}$ turn right

RATTLESNAKE TURNS, TRAVELING FORWARD DIAGONALLY LEFT

- 17-18 Step forward on right pivot $\frac{1}{4}$ left swinging hips right
- 19-20 Step forward on left pivot $\frac{1}{4}$ right swinging hips left
- 21-22 Step forward on right pivot $\frac{1}{4}$ left swinging hips right
- 23-24 Step forward on left pivot $\frac{1}{4}$ right swinging hips left

LATIN WIGGLE TRAVELING RIGHT

- 25-26 Step right to right side at the same time hitching left leg (angle body right), step left in place (angle left)

- 27-28** Step right to right side at the same time hitching left leg (angle body right), step left in place (angle left)
- 29-30** Step right to right side at the same time hitching left leg (angle body right), step left in place (angle left)
- 31-32** Step right to right side at the same time hitching left leg (angle body right), touch left beside right (facing front)

WEAVING LEFT, MODIFIED MONTEREY TURN, SIDE ROCK

- 33-34** Step left to left side, cross right behind left
- 35-36** Step left to left side, cross right in front of left
- 37-38** Touch left toe to left side, pivot $\frac{1}{2}$ turn left
- 39-40** Rock right, rock left

MODIFIED MONTEREY TURN, STEP CROSS, UNWIND $\frac{1}{2}$ LEFT

- 41-42** Cross right in front of left, step left to left side
- 43-44** Cross right in front of left, touch left toe to left side
- 45-46** Pivot $\frac{1}{2}$ turn left, step right to right side
- 47-48** Cross left behind right, unwind $\frac{1}{2}$ left (taking weight onto left)

REPEAT