

Counting Stars (partner)

Choreographer: Don Carleton & Dottie Censabella
Description: 40 count intermediate partner/circle dance
Music: **Counting Stars** by One Direction

Position: Open Promenade, man's right hand holding ladies left
Opposite footwork throughout, man's steps listed
Intro: 32 counts from first beat of music

Beats / Step Description

4 WALKS, JAZZ BOX

1,2,3,4 Walk right, left, right, left
5,6,7,8 Cross right over left, step left back, step right to right side, step left forward

1/8 TURN STEP, POINT, 1/4 TURN STEP, POINT, FULL TURN ROLLING VINE

1,2,3,4 Step forward on right turning 1/8 turn right (towards partner), point left, turn 1/4 turn left, point right
5,6 Turn 1/8 turn right (LOD) stepping on right, turn 1/2 turn right stepping back on left
7,8 Turn 1/2 turn right stepping forward on right, step left forward (LOD)
(easy option: for 6, 7, 8, walk forward 3 steps)

JAZZ BOX 1/4 TURN WITH BRUSH, CROSS, SIDE, SAILOR STEP

1,2 Cross right over left, stepping back on left turn 1/4 turn right
3,4 Step right to right side, brush left
5,6 Cross left over right, step right to right side
7&8 Step left behind right, rock right to right side, recover to left
(1st restart is here, do a sailor with 1/4 turn towards LOD & begin again")

STEP DIAG. FORWARD, STEP TOWARDS LOD, (CHANGING SIDES), SHUFFLE, (REPEAT)

1,2 Step diagonally forward right crossing behind partner, step diagonally forward on left
3&4 Turning toward LOD, shuffle forward, right, left, right
5,6 Stepping diagonally forward on left (crossing behind partner), step diagonally forward on right
7&8 Turning toward LOD, shuffle forward left, right, left
(2nd restart here)

STEP, LOCK, SHUFFLE, STEP, LOCK, SHUFFLE

1,2 Step right forward, lock left behind right,
3&4 Shuffle forward, right, left, right
5,6 Step left forward, lock right behind left
7&8 Shuffle forward, left, right, left

On the 9th repetition the music slows down and stops during the last 4 counts, dance with the music to the stop, hold until music resumes and start again.

Smile and Begin Again

1st restart: after count 24 of the 6th repetition (you can hear it in the music)
2nd restart: after count 32 on the 8th repetition (you can hear it in the music)

Optional Ending: The song ends at the end of the rolling vine in the second section. Replace that section with the following

5,6 Turn 1/4 turn right (OLOD) stepping on right, step left to left side
7&8 Step right behind (7), clap hands twice (&8) (if you're really good, clap hands with your partner)