

The Optimist

Count: 32

Wall: 2

Level: Easy Intermediate

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Music: Rose-Colored Boy - Paramore



2 Restarts

2 Tags

Intro: 32 Counts, immediately after the second time "Low-key, no pressure, just hang with me and my weather" is said.

[1-8] R Wizard, L Wizard, Press R, Hitch, Triple Back R

- 1-2& Step R at a diagonal(1), Step L at a diagonal and lock behind R(2), Step R diagonal forward(&)
- 3-4& Step L at a diagonal(3), Step R at a diagonal and lock behind L(4), Step L diagonal forward(&)
- 5-6 Press R forward(5), Hitch R(6)
- 7&8 Step back on R(7), Step L next to R(&), Step back on R(8)

[9-16] L Coaster Step, R Point, L Point, R Heel, L Heel, R Stomp, L Stomp

- 1&2 Step back on L(1), Step Back on R to meet L(&), Step forward on L(2)
- 3&4& Point R to R side(3), Close R next to L(&), Point L to L side(4), Close L next to R(&)
- 5&6& Tap R heel forward(5), Close R next to L(&), Tap L Heel forward(6), Close L next to R(&)
- 7-8 Stomp R to R(7), Stomp L to L(8)

Restart: Wall 4, facing 6:00

[17-24] Charleston x2, Half Turn (L), Full Turn (L)

- 1-2 Swing R around to the front touching forward(1), Swing R around to the back stepping back(2)
- 3-4 Swing L around to the back touching back(3), Swing L around to the front stepping forward(4)

Restart: Wall 9, facing 6:00

- 5-6 Step R forward(5), pivot 1/2 turn over L shoulder(6) (Facing 6:00)
- 7-8 Step R forward while making 1/2 turn over L shoulder(7), make 1/2 turn over L shoulder stepping L forward(8)

[25-32] Rocking Chair, Scuff Touch Unwind

- 1-2 Rock R forward(1), Recover on L(2)
- 3-4 Rock R back(3), Recover on L(4)
- 5&6 Scuff kick R forward(5), Step R forward(&), Touch L behind R(6)
- 7-8 Full turn unwind over L shoulder, ending with weight on L(7-8)

Alternate Styling for 5-8

- 5-6 Step R forward(5), pivot 1/2 over L shoulder(6) (Facing 12:00)
- 7-8 Step R forward(7), pivot 1/2 over L shoulder(8) (Facing 6:00)

Tag 1: 8 Counts

[1-8] V-Step, Hop Out, Hop Cross, Full Turn Unwind

- 1-2 Step R to R diagonal(1), Step L to L diagonal(2)
- 3-4 Step R in & back(3), Step L in & next to R(4)
- 5-6 Hop in place with both L & R out(5), Hop crossing R over L(6)
- 7-8 Full turn over L shoulder, ending with weight on L(7-8)

Tag 1 happens once after Wall 2, facing 12:00

Tag 2: 4 Counts

[1-4] V-Step

1-2 Step R to R diagonal(1), Step L to L diagonal(2)
3-4 Step R in & back(3), Step L in & next to R(4)
Tag 2 happens once after Wall 6, facing 6:00
