

Tango Mixer

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Formation: Couples in Closed Promenade Position, in a large circle, all facing LOD.

This very easy tango mixer is designed to be taught on-the-fly at a party, perhaps a wedding or informal dance party, possibly by non-dancers. A good rule of thumb is that if you're teaching a dance at a party, it should take less than five minutes, and if the party includes non-dancers, simple walking steps are best.

Pattern

Meas

2 Introduction (8 quick counts)

1-2 Dramatically dance in Closed Promenade Position forward LOD, 4 slow steps. On 4th step, the Follow turns halfway CCW (the Lead does not turn) into Right Side Position (R hip to R hip).

3-4 The Follow walks backward in Right Side Position. Slightly dip on the 4th step.

5-6 Keeping Right Side Position, both walk forward in a full circle around each other for 4 steps. The Follow ends in the outside lane facing back against LOD.

7-8 Release the handhold and everyone progresses forward 3 slow steps to the next partner in the circle. Catch new partner in closed dance position on the 3rd step. The Follow turns halfway CW to face LOD in Closed Promenade Position as both step back onto rear foot (Lead's R, Follow's L) on the final step.

Repeat the dance with new partner.