

Cajun Jitterbug

This newer version of the "Cajun Jitterbug" became popular in the 80s.

Position: Double hand-hold, Le with palms up

Count Basic

Start on either foot

- 1 Step on ball of foot moving whole body up
- & Step on other full foot moving body down

Repeat switching feet at any time

Count Switch Feet (here L to R)

- 1 Step on ball of L foot moving whole body up
- & Step on ball of R foot keeping body up
- 2 Hold on balls of feet keeping body up
- & Step on full L foot moving body down

Travel

While in double hand-hold, Le and Fo rotate to face same direction without releasing hands. Fo ends on the right side of Le. Do basic step traveling fwd or bkwd.

Arm Figures

Speed of execution varies as the dancers wish.

Walk Around

- 1 In double hand-hold, face opp directions with right sides together, Le's R hand in front of Fo, Fo's R hand in front of Le. Circle CW for a while.
- 2 Le releases Fo's R hand. Le raises R hand up and Fo goes under arch and turns to L while Le turns to R until facing opposite directions with left sides together, Le's L hand in front of Fo, Fo's L hand in front of Le. Circle CCW for a while.
- 3 Le releases Fo's L hand. Le raises L hand up and Fo goes under arch and turns to R while Le turns to L until facing each other. Rejoin hands.

Wrap

- 1 In double hand-hold, Le lowers L hand and moves R hand in front of face and over Fo's head, while Fo turns R half way to face same direction as Le on Le's L side. Circle, go fwd or bkwd for a while.
- 2 Le lifts R hand while Fo turns L to unwrap. Le lowers R hand and moves L hand in front of face and over Fo's head, while Fo turns L half way around to face same direction as Le on Le's R side. Circle, go fwd or bkwd. To unwrap, Le lifts L hand while Fo turns R.

Drag

- 1 In double hand-hold, raise both hands, both move left, lift hands up and over partner's head, so that right sides are together. Release hands and slide right arms apart.
- 2 Join right hands, Le lifts R hand-hold over Fo's head while Fo turns left, Le goes past Fo and turns to left, Le switches Fo's R hand to Le's L hand behind his back, Le continues turn to L to face partner.

Pretzel

Start facing in double hand-hold, keeping hands held for entire figure

- 1 Le raises L hand over Fo's head while Fo turns R in place, ending facing opp directions with Le's R hand behind Fo's back and Le's L hand in front of face.
- 2 Le lifts L hand up and goes under arch sliding to right ending with Le and Fo back to back.
- 3 Le lifts R hand up, slides to the right under arch behind R arm, and brings R hand down ending facing opp directions with Le's L hand behind Fo's back and Le's R hand in front of face.
- 4 Fo turns right while Le raises R hand and guides Fo around, ending facing each other