

Slapping Leather

Choreographed by Gayle Brandon

Description: 40 count, 4 wall, beginner line dance

Musik: Tulsa Time by Don Williams
Swingin' by John Anderson
Backroads by Ricky Van Shelton

This step description is the exact wording of the original step sheet, as signed and distributed by the original Choreographed by. Notes at the end were added to cover variations that have crept in since it was choreographed in 1978.

HEEL SPLITS

- 1 Rise up on your toes and turn them in towards one another
- 2 Feet back center
- 3 Rise up on your toes and turn them in towards one another
- 4 Feet back center

SIDE STEPS

- 1 Point your right toe to the right side
- 2 Feet together
- 3 Point your left toe to the left side
- 4 Feet together
- 5 Point your right toe to the right side
- 6 Feet together
- 7 Point your left to to the left side
- 8 Feet together

FLOOR TAPS

- 1 Touch right heel to the floor directly out in front
- 2 Touch right heel to the floor directly out in front (heel, heel)
- 3 Touch right toe to the floor directly behind you
- 4 Touch right toe to the floor directly behind you (toe, toe)

SLAPPING LEATHER

- 1 Point right toe to the front (12:00)
- 2 Point right toe to the right side (3:00)
- 3 Cross right leg behind the left knee and hit your boot (9:00)
- 4 Point right toe to the right side (3:00)
- 5 Cross right leg behind the left knee and hit your boot (9:00)
- 6 Point right toe to the right side (3:00)
- 7 Cross right leg in front of your left knee as you turn $\frac{1}{4}$ to the left and slap your boot on the inside of the foot
- 8 Slap your boot on the outside of the boot

Picturing the face of a clock, count would be 12, 3, 9, 3, 9, 3, 9 with $\frac{1}{4}$ left turn, 12

GRAPEVINES (BUCK AND WING)

- 1 Step to the right on your right foot
- 2 Cross your left foot behind the right
- 3 Step to the right on your right foot
- 4 Hop on your right (left heel up beside your right knee)
- 5 Step to the left on the left foot
- 6 Cross your right behind the left foot
- 7 Step to the left on your left foot
- 8 Hop on your left (your right heel up beside your left knee)

WALK BACKWARDS, HOP, STEP FORWARDS, STOMP

- 1 Step backwards on your right
- 2 Step backwards on your left
- 3 Step back on your right
- 4 Hop on your right (left heel to your right knee)

- 5 Step forward on your left
- 6 Step forward on your right
- 7 Step forward on your left
- 8 Stomp your right foot beside the left

REPEAT

CHICAGO VARIATION:

Dance begins on beat 5, with a foot pattern of RRLL instead of RLRL, and putting beats 1-4 at the end of the dance. Also, replace the steps done on beats 19-24 with just three steps, which happen to be the steps shown above in beats 19, 24, and 23, in that order. To make the dance come out even, the hop on beat 36 is done twice instead of once.

SHORTER VERSIONS:

In some places, the dance is shortened to 38 counts by leaving out counts 20-21. In some places, the dance is shortened to 36 counts by leaving out counts 19-22.

OTHER VARIATIONS:

In fact, this dance has seen more local variations than probably any other dance. Other variations that have taken hold over the years in various places include toe taps instead of heel taps, touches to the front instead of the side, putting the $\frac{1}{4}$ turn in at a different place, and starting at various places in the dance. If you travel to different places throughout the world, expect to see this dance done several different ways.