

Cucaracha

(a.k.a. Original Cucaracha, Kookaracha, Cucaracha Cha)

Choreographed by Hank & Mary Dahl

Description: 32 count, 4 wall, beginner line dance

Musique: **Right Now** by Mary Chapin Carpenter [158 bpm /

Big Mexican Dinner by The Kentucky Headhunters [132 bpm]

Start dancing on lyrics

ROCK AND HOLD

1-4 Rock right side, recover to left, step right together, hold

5-8 Rock left side, recover to right, step left together, hold

SWIVEL WALK (IMAGINE WALKING A TIGHTROPE)

Steps are forward on the ball of the foot, swiveling both heels to the left for steps with the right foot and vice versa

1-4 Step right forward, step left forward, step right forward, hold

5-8 Step left forward, step right forward, step left forward, hold

WALK BACK AND HITCH, STEP-SLIDE, turn ¼ left

17-20 Step right back, step left back, step right back, hitch left

21-24 Step left forward, lock right behind, turn ¼ left and step left forward, brush right forward

GRAPEVINE RIGHT, GRAPEVINE LEFT

25-28 Vine right, brush left forward

29-33 Vine left, brush right forward

REPEAT

This dance continues to be popular and can be done to practically anything with a solid 4-count beat or anything Rhumba-feeling. It can also be done as "Cucaracha Cha" to a Cha-Cha rhythm by doing any 3-4 or 7-8 count as a Cha-Cha step instead (3&4 or 7&8)