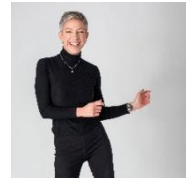


HARD WAY HOME

Count: 32 **Wall:** 4 **Level:** Improver

Choreographer: Liz Atkinson, August 2026

Music: Hard Way Home by Brandi Carlile



24 count intro, approx. 17 seconds in, begin with lyrics

No Restarts, 3 tags (all the same)

Begin with weight on Left Foot (LF)

S1: STEP-SCUFF, STEP-SCUFF, MAMBO STEP, BACK-LOCK-BACK, BACK-HOOK-STEP

- 1 & 2 & Step RF fwd, scuff LF, step LF fwd, scuff RF
- 3 & 4 Rock RF fwd, recover LF, step RF beside LF
- 5 & 6 Step LF back, lock RF over LF, step LF back
- 7 & 8 Step RF back, hook RF over L shin, step LF fwd

S2: 1/4L SCISSOR, SCISSOR STEP, CHASSÉ R, 1/2L CHASSÉ L

- 1 & 2 Turning 1/4L (9:00) step RF to R side, step LF beside RF, cross RF over LF
- 3 & 4 Step LF to L side, step RF beside LF, cross LF over RF
- 5 & 6 Step RF to R side, step LF beside RF, step RF to R side
- & 7 & 8 Hitching L knee turn 1/2L (3:00), step LF to L side, step RF beside LF, step LF to L side

S3: CROSS MAMBO, CROSS MAMBO, 360° BOX*

- 1 & 2 Cross rock RF over LF, recover LF, step RF to R side
- 3 & 4 Cross rock LF over RF, recover RF, step LF to L side
- 5 & 6 & 1/4R (6:00) step RF fwd, tch LF beside RF, 1/4R (9:00) step LF back, tch RF beside LF
- 7 & 8 & 1/4R (12:00) step RF fwd, tch LF beside RF, 1/4R (3:00) step LF back, tch RF beside LF

***Non-turning option: Reverse rumba box for counts 5-8**

S4: WIZARD (DORTHY) STEPS X2, STEP, 1/2L HITCH, COASTER STEP

- 1, 2 & Step RF fwd/diag, lock LF behind RF, step RF fwd/diag
- 3, 4 & Step LF fwd/diag, lock RF behind LF, step LF fwd/diag
- 5, 6 Turning 1/4L (12:00) step RF to R side, turning 1/4L (9:00) hitch L knee
- 7 & 8 Step LF back, RF together, step LF fwd

TAG: FAST K-STEP At the end of walls 2, 4, and 6 (6:00, 12:00, 6:00)

- 1 & 2 & Step RF fwd/diag, tch LF beside RF, step LF back/diag, tch RF beside LF
- 3 & 4 & Step RF back/diag, tch LF beside RF, step LF fwd/diag, tch RF beside LF