

Cowboy Charleston

(a.k.a. Charleston Touch, Charleston Cha-Cha, Charleston Cowboy)

Choreographed by Jeanette Hall & Tonya Miller

Description: 16 count, 4 wall, line dance

Music: **New York, New York** by Frank Sinatra [111 bpm / [CD Single](#) / Available on iTunes]

(This Thing Called) Wantin' And Havin' It All by Sawyer Brown [221 bpm / CD: Nashville Collection V.2]

Sold by John Michael Montgomery [120 bpm / [John Michael Montgomery](#) / [Greatest Hits](#) / CD: Country Fun /]

Jambalaya (On The Bayou) by Eddy Raven & Jo-El Sonnier [125 bpm / CD: Line Dance Fever 8 / [Cookin'](#)

[Cajun](#)] **Rompin' Stompin'** by Scooter Lee [192 bpm / [High Test Love](#) / Available on]

Any fairly fast western swing music

This dance adapts the fun Roaring Twenties Flapper Dance, the Charleston, into a great Country and Western Line Dance. It is fairly unique in that it can be done to music which is fairly fast

It is sometimes done with a straight step forward and back pattern. However, the most fun way to do it is with the real Charleston foot pattern and arm movements as it is done in the Carolinas where the Charleston originated, and where it is widely done

The classic Charleston step includes moving the right foot forward and out and around in a 1/2 circle to touch forward on Count 1. At the same time, the arms are moved first to the right to compensate for the movement of the right foot out around to the front and back in to touch forward. When done fast, the arm movements are almost unavoidable

On the “& Count”, one swings the right foot back out to the right and to the back, shifting weight to the right foot on Count 2, with the arms now going to left

On the next “& Count”, begin swinging the left out around and to the back to touch on Count 3, with arms again going right

On the final “& Count”, one swings the left foot forward out to the left and forward, shifting weight to the left foot on Count 4, with the arms now going to left

The Straight version given below makes a great beginner's dance. The 4-wall Charleston-style version makes a great showpiece dance. Both can be picked up by experienced line dancers by just walking up and trying it. Try it both ways. Both foot work styles are included below

CHARLESTON STEPS

Charleston Style

1 Swing right around to touch forward

2 Swing right back around and step right together

3 Swing left around to touch to back

4 Swing left around and step left together

5 Swing right around to touch forward

6 Swing right back around and step right together

7 Swing left around to touch to back

8 Swing left around and step left together

Option: Straight Style

1 Touch right forward

2 Step right back

3 Touch left toe back

4 Step left forward

5-8 Repeat 1-4

TWO RIGHT TOE TOUCHS TO RIGHT SIDE, SAILOR STEP

9-10Touch right to side, touch right to side

11&12Right sailor step

TWO LEFT TOE TOUCHES TO LEFT SIDE, SYNCOPATED VINE RIGHT AND ¼ TURN RIGHT

13-14Touch left to side, touch left to side

15&16Cross left behind right, turn ¼ right and step right forward, step left together

Charleston Touch version: Modified Sailor Step

15&16Cross left behind right, step right to side, turn ¼ right and step left together

REPEAT