Papaoutai

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64 Count 1 Wall Intermediate Level Dance.
Choreographed by: Darren Bailey (UK) Nov 2026
Choreographed to: Papaoutai - Afro Soul by mikeeysmind, Chill77, Unjaps
Intro: 32 Counts. Start at approx 19 secs.

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Part A

SEC 1	**DOROTHY, DOROTHY, ⅛ ROCK, BACK, TOUCH, BACK, TOUCH**
1-2&	Step RF to R diagonal, lock LF behind RF, step RF to R side
3-4&	Step LF to L diagonal, lock RF behind LF, step LF to L side
5-6	⅛ Turn L rock forward onto RF, recover onto LF (10:30)
&7&8	Step back to R diagonal, touch LF next to RF, step back on L diagonal, touch RF next to LF
SEC 2	**⅛ BALL, CROSS, SIDE ROCK, CROSS SHUFFLE, SIDE ROCK CROSS, SIDE, CLOSE, KNEE POP**
&1-2&	⅛ Turn L step RF to R side, cross LF over RF, rock RF to R side, recover onto LF (9:00)
3&4	Cross RF over LF, step LF to L side, cross RF over LF
Arms	place both hands over mouth elbows out to side
5&6&	Rock LF to L side, recover onto RF, cross LF over RF, step RF to R side
7&8	Close LF next to RF, pop both knees forward, straight both knees weight onto LF
SEC 3	**SIDE SWITCHES, STEP, KNEE POP ¼, SIDE SWITCHES, PRESS, CHEST POP**
1&2&	Touch RF to R side, close RF next to LF, touch LF to L side, close LF next to RF
3&4	Step forward on RF, ¼ turn L pop both knees forward, straight both knees weight onto LF (6:00)
5&6&	Touch RF to R side, close RF next to LF, touch LF to L side, close LF next to RF
7-8&	Press RF forward, pop chest forward, recover chest back
SEC 4	**SWEEP, BACK, CLOSE, SWEEP, BACK, CLOSE, STEP, STEP, ½ PIVOT, TOUCH**
1-2&	Recover weight onto L sweep RF from front to back, step back on RF, step LF next to RF
3-4&	Step back on RF and sweep LF from front to back, step back on LF, close RF next to LF
5-6	Step forward on LF, step forward on RF
7-8	½ Turn L weight to L, touch RF next to LF (now facing (12:00)

Part B

SEC 1	**TWISTS, HANDS DOWN, HANDS UP, TWISTS, HANDS DOWN, HANDS UP**
1&2&	Twist R heel to R side, twist R heel to center, twist L heel to L side, twist L heel to center
Arms	1-2 push R hand down to R side, push L hand down to L side
3-4	Place hands in front on chest palms facing down, turn hands over palms up like reading a book
5&6&	Twist R heel to R side, twist R heel to center, twist L heel to L side, twist L heel to center
Arms	5-6 push R hand down to R side, push L hand down to L side
7-8	Place hands in front on chest palms facing down, turn hands over palms up like reading a book

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SEC 2	**TWISTS, HANDS DOWN, HANDS UP, STEP, TOUCH, BACK, TOUCH**
1&2&	Twist R heel to R side, twist R heel to center, twist L heel to L side, twist L heel to center
Arms	1-2 push R hand down to R side, push L hand down to L side
3-4	Place hands in front on chest palms facing down, turn hands over palms up like reading a book
5-6	Step forward on RF, touch LF next to RF
Arms	place elbows in to sides hands in fists at shoulder level, lower hands down keeping elbows in place
7-8	Step back on LF, close RF next to LF
Arms	raise hands back at shoulder height

Part C

SEC 1	**STEP, DROP, SHIMMY UP, SIDE, ¼ PUSH ARM UNDER, ARM WIGGLE**
1-2	Step RF forward, drop body bending knees
Arms	1 place L arm in front of you bending at the elbow
3&4&	Shimmy shoulders return to standing normal position
5-6	Step LF to L side, ¼ turn L push R hand under L arm (9:00)
7&8&	Pull R hand back wiggling arm starting from elbow

SEC 2	**STEP, BEHIND SWEEP, SAILOR ¼, STEP, ½ PIVOT, BOOGIE FORWARD**
1-2	Step RF to R diagonal, cross LF behind RF sweep RF from front to back
3&4	¼ Turn R step back on RF, close LF next to RF, step forward on RF (12:00)
5-6	Step forward on LF, ½ pivot R weight to R (6:00)
7&8	Step forward on LF, step forward on RF, step forward on LF

Ending

8 Counts of step touches to form a clump inn the middle of the dance floor, so people in the front move back, people in the back move forward, people on the side move in after we are all in a clump in the middle the floor, we will dance Part B, then finish with lifting both hand to the sky slowly in the reading book position