

Dance of the Sugar Skulls

Hey guys, this is the full write up for Sugar Skulls. I haven't put up a video because I wasn't sure how helpful it would be because a lot of this dance is moving around. I've scanned all of the formations however, so please have a look and try to get an idea of where on the stage you will be. I know this will be super hard to practice by yourselves but please give it your best shot! If you have any questions feel free to ask me at any time!

Girls, if when you're practicing with your skirts if you come up with any fun movements please let me know, and boys if there are any moves you want to do let me know too. There's a chunk at the end that isn't fully choreographed yet, so if you have ideas please record them or write them down for me! Hope to see you all soon, happy practicing!

0:00 - Lachy and Laura enter from opposite sides of the stage. Two steps, then hand flourish x4 to meet in the middle.

0:10 - Circle each other looking over R shoulder at each other. Alternating dress swooshes. Swap direction and do the same thing in the opposite direction.

0:18 - Everybody else enters and does the same thing as 0:00. End in Formation 1
- Lachy spins in the circle, Laura cuttlefish to the audience.
- Laura spins in circle with cuttlefish, Lachy tappy gallop on spot.

0:26 - All repeat 0:10. Boys to end on the outside (Formation 2)

0:33 - First Hat Riff

Box step around partner, all facing the front - girls with cuttlefish arms.

Girls - R, forward/backwards, L then turn to face partner

Boys - L, forward/backwards, R, then turn to face partner.

0:40 - Second Hat Riff

Finish the box step, girls with alternating arms.

Finish with girls on the outside, boys to begin forming a single line in center (Formation 3)

0:48 - Third Hat Riff

Girls - hectic cuttlefish towards audience, with little kicks

Boys finish forming the single line.

Boys face OP, gallop forward bent over. Then kick step their ways backwards with straight backs. Gallop on spot the face the front.

0:55 - Fourth Hat Riff

Move into Formation 4. Laura and Lachy will be the centre by the end.

1:01 - (Full UV)

Lachy and Laura - Lachy hold hat in R hand. Flourish hat as you spin in a circle watching Laura. Laura twirl around Lachy. Then do your own thing.

Girls - Face front. Swing in the center with skirt to clap, then swing with skirt out from center to clap x4

Boys - Face girls. Scuff kick with R leg out, clap R, clap L x4

1:10 - All start moving into formation 5 while Lachy and Laura do their thing.

1:16 - Fifth Hat Riff

Girls - Canon of spinning (in sets of 2) holding skirt low. At end clap up to R.

Boys - stomp x3, then double clap (R first). End clapping to the L

1:24 - Sixth Hat Riff

Girls hold both ends of skirt in L hand, boys take girls R hand and spin them out towards OP. Girls begin to walk to Formation 6 with skirt flourish. Boys don't follow girls, girls pause to look back, then they all move into Formation 6 by the end of the riff.

1:31 - Slow bit.

Girls - waltz in, out, in, out (x4 waltz with dress), boys waltz step around them. Move into Formation 7: boys flicky legs backwards. Girls L hand to hip, swish R in front.

Go back to Formation 6 - repeat this again, but instead of going into Formation 7 begin to go to Formation 8.

1:56 - Move into Formation 8 then move into Formation 9. Boys, usual gallop, girls swishing. By 2:21 (with music) girls ruffle skirts, boys heel shuffle.

2:14 - Seventh Hat Riff (in circles)

Girls: Outside arm up, walk in circle. Swish outside arm. Bring arms up into middle of the circle, then back out.

Boys: Leaning forward, gallop into the centre. Then with straight backs kick backwards out. Take hats off heads, hold them into the centre then walk in circle

2:20 - Eighth Hat Riff

Same as the 7th, but in the opposite direction

2:27 - Peel from circle into Formation 10. During the quiet bit:

Boys: start with hat in R hand low and swish hat in front of them until it is above their heads.

Girls: Start with low cuttlefish, raising arms slowly until they are above their heads

Move back into Position 1 for final bit. Boys put their hats on the floor, do the kick thing. Same as end in actual hat dance.