The Shim Sham can be danced to any swing song with 32 bar structure. In many areas the Shim Sham is danced to the song by The Bill Elliot Swing Orchestra called “The Shim Sham.” His song was orchestrated to fit the dance. Other commons songs include “Tuxedo Junction” and “One O’Clock Jump.”

The Shim Sham was originally a Tap Dance choreographed by Leonard Reed called The Shim Sham Shimmy. Swing Dancers got a hold of it and took out the taps. Swing Dancers everywhere know the Shim Sham as taught by Frankie Manning and his students. I learned this version of the Shim Sham directly from Frankie Manning. There are other variations of the Shim Sham including the most popular, Dean Collin’s Shim Sham.

**STOMP OFFS**

STOMP STEP STOMP TOUCH STOMP STEP

R  R  L  L  R  R  R  R
B 1  2  3  4  5  6  7

STOMP STEP STOMP TOUCH STOMP STEP

L  R  R  L  R  L  L  L
B 1  2  3  4  5  6  7

STOMP TOUCH STOMP STOMP STEP

R  R  L  L  R  R  R  R
B 1  2  3  4  5  6  7

**FULL BREAK**

STEP TAP(BEHIND) STEP TAP(BEHIND) STEP STEP STEP STEP

R  L  +  L  R  L  R  L
8  1  +  2  +  3  +  4

**CROSS OVERS**

PUSH STEP PUSH STEP KICK CROSS(STEP) STEP

R  R  L  R  L  L  R  R
B 1  2  3  4  5  6  7

PUSH STEP PUSH STEP KICK CROSS(STEP) STEP

L  R  L  R  L  R  +  L
B 1  2  3  4  5  6  7

PUSH STEP PUSH STEP KICK CROSS(STEP) STEP

R  R  L  R  L  R  +  L
B 1  2  3  4  5  6  7

STEP KICK CROSS(STEP) STEP KICK CROSS(STEP) STEP

L  R  L  R  L  R  R
B 1  2  3  4  5  6  7

**TACKY ANNEYS**

HOP STEP TAP STEP TAP STEP STEP(STEP) STEP

R  L  R  R  L  L  R  R
B 1  2  3  4  5  6  7

STEP TAP STEP TAP STEP TAP STEP(STEP) STEP

R  R  L  R  R  L  +  L
B 1  2  3  4  5  6  7

STEP TAP STEP TAP STEP TAP STEP(STEP) STEP

L  R  R  L  R  L  +  L
B 1  2  3  4  5  6  7

**FULL BREAK**

STEP TAP(BEHIND) STEP TAP(BEHIND) STEP STEP STEP STEP

R  L  L  R  R  L  R  R
B 1  2  3  4  5  6  7

**HALF BREAK**

STEP(JUMP FORWARD) STEP(JUMP BACK) KICK STEP

R  L  R  L
B 1  2  +  3

STEP(JUMP FORWARD) STEP(JUMP BACK) KICK STEP

R  L  R  L
B 1  2  +  3

**FULL BREAK**

STEP TAP(BEHIND) STEP TAP(BEHIND) STEP STEP STEP STEP

R  L  R  L  R  R  L  L
B 1  2  3  4  5  6  7

**FULL BREAK**

KICK(CLAP) STEP KICK(CLAP) STEP KICK STEP

R  R  L  R  L
B 8  +  1  2  +  3

**BOOGIE BACK**

STEP TAP(BEHIND) STEP KICK STEP KICK STEP

R  R  L  R  L
B 8  +  1  2  +  3

**BOOGIE FORWARD**

KICK STEP KICK STEP KICK STEP KICK STEP

R  R  L  R  L
B 8  1  2  3  4  5  6  7

**SHORTY GEORGE**

(BEND KNEES TOWARDS WEIGHT CHANGE)

KICK STEP KICK STEP KICK STEP KICK STEP

R  R  L  R  L
B 8  +  1  2  +  3

**HALF BREAK**

STEP(JUMP FORWARD) STEP(JUMP BACK) KICK STEP

R  L  R  L
B 1  2  +  3

STEP(JUMP FORWARD) STEP(JUMP BACK) KICK STEP

R  L  R  L
B 1  2  +  3

**FULL BREAK**

STEP TAP(BEHIND) STEP TAP(BEHIND) STEP STEP STEP STEP

R  L  R  L  R  R  L  L
B 1  2  3  4  5  6  7

**FULL BREAK**

FREEZE ON COUNT 8

CROSS OVERS

TACKY ANNEYS

FULL BREAK

HALF BREAK

FULL BREAK

FULL BREAK

FREEZE ON COUNT 8

BOOGIE BACK

BOOGIE FORWARD

BOOGIE BACK

BOOGIE BACK

BOOGIE BACK

SHORTY GEORGE

SHORTY GEORGE

DANCE!!!!!!