

# PENCIL THIN MUSTACHE

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CD: Songs You Know By Heart, Jimmy Buffet's Greatest Hits, Track 10 Artist: Jimmy Buffet  
Available as mp3 download from Amazon.Com or iTunes & Others.  
Rhythm: Two Step RAL Phase II + 1 (Slow Hover) Difficulty Level - Average  
Footwork: Opposite unless noted (Woman's footwork in parentheses) Speed: as downloaded  
Timing: Standard RAL 2 Step unless noted Time @ 45 RPM: 2:50 min  
Sequence: Intro-A-B-C-Int-C(1-8)-D-B-End Original Release Date: 8/21/11 Modified: 2/2/12

## Meas

### INTRODUCTION

- 1 - 4 **IN OP FCG POS WAIT 2;; APT, PT; TOG TO OP/LOD;**  
1 - 2 In OP FCG POS wait 2 meas;;  
3 - 4 Stp apt L, -, pt R twd ptr & LOD, -; Stp tog R, - tch L to R to fc LOD, -;

### Part A

- 1 - 4 **STRUT 4;; HITCH FWD AND BK;;**  
SSSS 1-2 [Strut 4] Fwd L,-, Fwd R,-; Fwd L,-, Fwd R,-;  
3-4 [Hitch Fwd & Bk] Fwd L, Cl R, Bk L,-; Bk R, Cl L, Fwd R,-;  
5 - 8 **FWD, LOCK, FWD 2X;; (FC) SIDE, DRAW, TCH L; SIDE, DRAW, TCH R;**  
5-6 [Fwd, Lk, Fwd 2X] Fwd L, Lock RIB of L, Fwd L,-; Fwd R, Lock LIB of R, Fwd R,-;  
7-8 [ Sd, Draw Tch L & R] Sd L, Draw R,-,-; Sd R, Draw L,-,-;  
9 - 9.5 **SD, CL, KNEE SWIVEL 4;;**  
9 - 9.5 [SD, CL, Knee Swivels] Sd L, Cl R to L, Knee Swivels L, R; L, R, to CP/Wall

### Part B

- 1 - 4 **SLOW HOVER;; HITCH FWD AND BK;;**  
SSSS 1-2 [Slow Hover 4] Fwd L,-, Fwd & Sd Rise,-; Rec L,-, Thru R,- to OP/LOD;  
3-4 [Hitch Fwd & Bk] Fwd L, Cl R, Bk L,-; Bk R, Cl L, Fwd R,-;  
5 - 8 **SLIDING DOOR 3; SLIDING DOOR 3; VINE APART AND TOGETHER;; (FACE)**  
QQS 5-6 [Sliding Door 3] Rk Sd L, Rec R, XLIF of R to tandem LOD M beh W-;  
QQS [Sliding Door 3] Rk Sd R, Rec L, XRIF of L,- to OP/LOD;  
7-8 [Vine Apt & Tog] Sd L, XRIB, Sd L, Tch R; Sd R, XLIB, Sd R, Tch L to CP/WALL;  
9 - 12 **TRAVELING BOX;;;;**  
9-10 [Start Traveling Box] Sd L, Cl R, Fwd L,-; Trng to Rev SCP Fwd R,-, Fwd L,- to Fc;  
11-12 [Finish Traveling Box] Sd R, Cl L, Bk R,-; SCP Wk Fwd L,-, Fwd R,- to Fc Wall;  
13 - 16 **SLOW HOVER;; BOX;;**  
13-14 Repeat B 1-2 (CP/WALL);;  
15-16 [Box] Sd L, Cl R, Fwd L,-; Sd R, Cl L, Bk R,- blend to BFLY;

### Part C

- 1 - 4 **STEP KICK 4;; VINE L + R;;**  
1 - 2 [Step Kick 4] Step in Pl L, Kick R Between W Legs, Step in Pl R, Kick L outside W legs,-  
(Step in Pl R, Kick L outside M legs, Step in Pl L, Kick R Between M legs,-); Repeat;  
3 - 4 [Vine L & R] Side L, XRIB, Side L, Tch R; Side R, XLIB, Side R, Tch L;  
5 - 8 **STEP KICK 4;; VINE L + R;;**  
5 - 6 Repeat Meas 1-2, Part C;;  
7 - 8 Repeat Meas 3-4, Part C to CP/WALL;;  
9 - 12 **SLOW HOVER;; HITCH FWD AND BK;;**  
9 - 10 Repeat Meas 1-2, Part B;;  
11-12 Repeat Meas 3-4, Part B to CP/Wall;;

## Interlude

### **1 - 4 BROKEN BOX;;;;**

1 - 4 [Broken Box] Sd L, Cl R, Fwd L,-; Rk Fwd R,-, Rec L,-; Sd R, Cl L, bk R,-; Rk bk L,-, Rec R,-;  
(NO HANDS)

### **5 - 8 SOLO LEFT TURNING BOX;;;;**

5 - 8 [Solo Lft Trng Box] Sd L, Cl R, Fwd L Turn ¼ LF,-; Sd R, Cl L, Bk R Turn ¼ LF,-; Sd L, Cl R, Fwd  
L Turn ¼ LF,-; Sd R, Cl L, Bk R Turn ¼ LF,- ;

**Repeat**            **C Meas 1 - 8**

## Part D

### **1 - 4 BOX;; LACE X; FWD 2 STP;\***

1 - 2 Repeat Meas15-16, Part B;;

3 - 4 [Lace X] Passing Beh W w/Lead Hands Joined Moving Diagonally Across LOD Fwd L, Cl R, Fwd L,-;  
[Fwd 2 Stp] Fwd R, Cl L to LOP LOD Fwd R,-;

### **5 - 8 LACE X; FWD 2 STP; STRUT 4;;**

5 - 6 [Lace X] Passing Beh W w/Trailing Hands Joined Fwd L, Cl R, Fwd L,-; [Fwd 2 Stp] Fwd R, Cl L,  
Fwd R,-;

7 - 8 Repeat Meas 1-2, Part A to CP/WALL;;

**Repeat**            **B (Release Hndhold)**

## End

### **1 - 4 BRUSH HAIR ; ; OP STRUT 3 PT ON 4; ;**

SSSS 1 - 2 Brush Hair L Hand,-, Then R Hand,-; L hand,-, R hand,-;

SSSS 3 - 4 Blend to OP Fwd L,-, Fwd R,-; Fwd L,-, Pt fwd LOD R,-;

\* Meas 3 - 6 of Part D may be cued as "Lace Up".

"Pencil Thin Mustache," originally released as "Pencil Thin Moustache,"<sup>[1]</sup> is a song written and performed by [American](#) popular music [singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett](#). It was released as a [single](#) (b/w "Brand New Country Star") on [Dunhill](#) D-15011 in August 1974.

It was first released on his [1974](#) album [Living & Dying in ¾ Time](#). It "[bubbled under](#)" the [Billboard Hot 100](#) at #101 and reached #44 on the [Easy Listening](#) chart.

The song narrative is a nostalgic look by Buffett back at the popular culture of his childhood. The title refers to the type of mustache worn by a movie character, [Boston Blackie](#). Buffett refers to a number of other persons, characters, and products of the period including [Ricky Ricardo](#), [Andy Devine](#), [Sky \(King\)](#)'s niece Penny, [\(American\) Bandstand](#), [Disneyland](#), [Ramar of the Jungle](#), [Bwana](#), [flat top](#), [dirty bop](#), [Errol Flynn](#), the [Sheik of Araby](#), and [Brylcreem](#). It also mentioned that, in those days, only [jazz musicians](#) smoked [marijuana](#).

Buffett states that, "the thing about writing a song like this is that the older you get, the more people there are who need an explanation of the characters in the song. I shudder to think how old Sky King's niece Penny is today. It all started with that two-toned Ricky Ricardo jacket. I can't wait for them to come back."<sup>[3]</sup>

## Quick Cues

### Pencil Thin Mustache

- Intro** Op Fcng LOD Wait 2;; Apt, Pt; Tog Tch to OP/LOD;
- A** Strut 4;; Hitch Dbl;;  
Fwd, Lk, Fwd 2X to Fc;; Sd, Draw Tch L & R to CP/Wall;;  
Qk Sd, Cl, Knee Swivel 4,;
- B** Slow Hover 4;; Hitch Dbl to OP;;  
Sliding Doors (QQS) 2X;; Vine Apt & Tog to Fc;;  
Traveling Box to CP;;;  
Slow Hover 4 to Fc;; Box to BFLY;;
- C** Stp Kick 4X;; Vine L & R;;  
Stp Kick 4X;; Vine L & R;;  
Slow Hover 4 Semi;; Hitch Dbl to CP/Wall;;
- Int** Broken Box to No Hnds;;;  
Solo Lft Trng Box to BFLY;;;
- C** Stp Kick 4X;; Vine L & R;;  
Stp Kick 4X;; Vine L & R to CP;;
- D** Box;; Lace Up;;; Strut 4 to CP/Wall;;
- B** Slow Hover 4;; Hitch Dbl to OP;;  
Sliding Doors (QQS) 2X;; Vine Apt & Tog to Fc;;  
Traveling Box to CP;;;  
Slow Hover 4 to Fc;; Box;;
- End** Fc & Brush Hair 4 Times (L, R, L, R);; Op Strut 3 & Pt;;