My Tango Checklist

Self-assessment form courtesy of Maral & Mariano



Level	Material**	Taught ✓	Understood ✓	Can do ✓	Mastered 🗸
1	Parallel weight change				
1*	Tango walk basics (caminata)				
1*	Embrace basics (el abrazo)				
1	Travel w' fward & side steps				
1	Stopping in a connected way				
2	Changing systems				
2	Pivot basics at 90°				
2*	Feeling partners axis				
2	Basic isolations				
2*	Single & double time				
2*	The standard cross				
2	Ochos				
2	Ocho cortado				
2	Paradas and sandwich				
2	Simple barridas				
2	Simple turns (giros)				
2	Simple chain steps				
2	Intro to different rhythms				
2*	Line of dance awareness				
3	Fluid sequencing of L2 mat.				
3*	Pivot subtleties + angles				
3*	Change of weight uses				
3	Walking with projection				
3*	Free leg use awareness				
3*	Controlling angles				
3*	Controlling speed				
3	Application of circularity				
3*	Changing the embrace				
3*	Intro to uncommon crosses				
3	Barridas				
3	Simple sacadas				
3	Simple ganchos				
3	Giros & simple enrosques				
3*	Calesitas				
3*	Intro to low voleos				
3*	Intro to syncopation				
3*	Melodic awareness				
3*	Applying combinations with line of				
	dance awareness				
3	Intro to style/music appropriate				
- 4	dancing				
3*	Different decorations (L & F)				

1= Absolute beginner, 2 = Beginner, 3 = Improver. Upper levels (4-7) are not included.

^{*} Some elements have several levels of mastery and can be considered as works in progress for a long time.

^{**}The list above is not exhaustive but a good representation of the structural, vocabulary and expressive elements you need to master to 'graduate' to the next level.