

# teen yoga

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Namaste,

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# **BOAT POSE**



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# BENEFITS

Improves balance and digestion \* Strengthens spine and core \* Helps relieve stress

Option: place hands beside hips for support, or bring feet to the mat





# BOW POSE



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### BENEFITS

Full stretch of the front and back body Expands the chest to improve respiration Improves posture Increases energy Option: Use a strap to help reach feet



# BRIDGE POSE



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# BENEFITS

Reduces stress Stretches chest, neck, spine, and hips Calms brain and nervous system Improves circulation Option: Rest your hips on the ground or a block for support



# BUTTERFLY POSE

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### BENEFITS

Improves posture + Strengthens thighs, knees, and ankles + Stimulates circulation in low body + Option: Bring a blanket or block underneath tight hips



# CAMEL POSE



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### BENEFITS

Stretches the hip flexors, abdomen, torso, and throat Opens the chest and spine Strengthens back muscles Option: Keep hands at the low back for more support



# CAT POSE





### BENEFITS

# Strengthens the muscles in the spine

Improved focus and stability



# CHAIR POSE

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# BENEFITS

Strengthens the ankles, thighs, and spine stretches the shoulders and chest

Stimulates the abdominal organs, diaphragm, and heart

Option: Bring hands to heart center



# CHATURANGA/ LOW PUSH UP



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# BENEFITS

Strengthens arms, shoulders, and abdominal muscles Develops core stability Prepares body for more difficult poses Option: Bring knees down for more stability



# COBRA POSE



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### BENEFITS

Strengthens the spine + Opens the heart, lungs, and shoulders + Relieves stress and fatigue + Option: Stay lower to the mat for a gentler back stretch



# CHILD'S POSE



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# BENEFITS

Gently stretches the hips, thighs, and ankles Calms the mind to help relieve stress and fatigue Relieves pain and tension in the back Helps ground and bring awareness to breath



Option: Bring arms to sides



# COW POSE



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### BENEFITS

Improves focus, stability, and clarity Increases circulation through spine Improves spinal flexibility





# COW FACE POSE

### BENEFITS

Stretches hips, shoulders, and triceps • Strengthens spine and core • Relieves knee pain



# CROW POSE



# **CROW POSE**

### BENEFITS

Strengthens arms and core + Builds endurance + Improves and challenges balance



# DANCER POSE



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# BENEFITS

Strengthens the legs and spine Improves balance Increases concentration and focus

Option: Remain standing with foot in hand



# DOLPHIN POSE



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### BENEFITS

Strengthens the arms + Opens shoulders and upper back + Calms the mind and can help relieve stress and depression + Prepares the body for inversions



# FIRELOG POSE



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### BENEFITS

### Stretches hips and ankles \* Strengthens spine \* Calms brain and nervous system



# DOWNWARD FACING DOG POSE



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### BENEFITS

Increases blood flow to the upper body

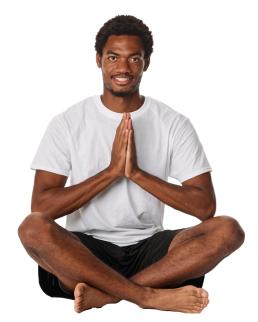
• Stretches the entire body

Strengthens arms, shoulders, hands, hamstrings, calves, and feet

Increases energy and improves digestion



### EASY POSE



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### BENEFITS

Calms the mind + Strengthens the core + Gently opens the hips + Increases breath awareness

# EAGLE POSE



### EAGLE POSE

### BENEFITS

Improves balance and concentration Increases flexibility Strengthens the core

Option: If shoulders are tight, reach for opposite shoulders instead of palms wrapped



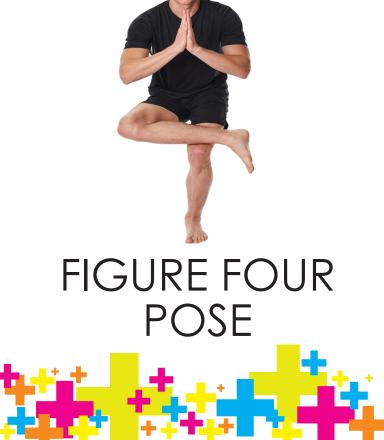
### EMBRYO POSE



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#### BENEFITS

Stretches hips, thighs, and ankles Calms the mind to help relieve stress and fatigue Aids in digestion Option: If hips are tight, set blanket under forehead or sit bones



#### BENEFITS

Challenges balance Stretches hips Improves focus and concentration Option: To deepen stretch, sit back and bend standing leg at knee



### FISH POSE



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### BENEFITS

Enhances energy levels Stretches and stimulates core muscles and the neck Strengthens the muscles of the upper back and neck Improves posture Option: For more support, set a rolled blanket under length of spine



### FOREARM PLANK



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### BENEFITS

Builds strength in whole body Improves posture Increases endurance Option: Bring knees to floor for more stability and support



### FORWARD FOLD POSE

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### BENEFITS

Stretches hips and hamstrings Maintains spinal flexibility Reduces stress, anxiety, depression, and fatigue

> Option: Use block underneath hands



### GARLAND POSE

#### BENEFITS

Stretches hip and groin Strengthens spine and core muscles Releases deep muscle tension Option: If hips feel tight, sit on block or rolled blanket





### GATE POSE

### BENEFITS

### Stretches side body and spine Reduces shoulder and neck pain +

#### Challenges balance

Option: Hand to mat and extend top leg



### GODDESS POSE

### BENEFITS

Strengthens the legs and core Promotes feelings of being centered and grounded Increases energy

Option: Hands at heart center





### GORILLA POSE



### **GORILLA POSE**

### BENEFITS

Stretches hamstrings and calves \* Stimulates digestive system \* Relieves mild stess and anxiety \* Option: Bring a deeper bend into knees

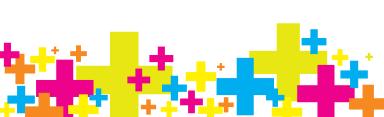


## HAPPY BABY POSE

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### BENEFITS

Releases low back tension Opens hips and groin Relieves stress and fatigue Option: Grab hamstrings or big toes for more or less intensity



### HANDSTAND



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### BENEFITS

Strengthens the upper body Lengthens the spine Increases energy and focus Promotes confidence Option: Use a wall for more stability



### HAND TO TOE POSE

### BENEFITS

Strengthens the legs + Improves balance + Strengthens the core + Option: Use a strap to assist with reaching toes



### HEADSTAND



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### BENEFITS

Strengthens the entire body Can reduce insomnia and improve respiratory function Relaxes the mind and can help relieve stress and mild depression Option: Use a wall for more stability



### HERO'S POSE



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### BENEFITS

Strengthens and stretches ankles, knees, thighs, and arches of the feet Improves digestion • Option: Use a block or blanket under seat for more support





### HIGH LUNGE

#### BENEFITS

Stretches and strengthens legs Improves balance Increases energy and endurance Option: Keep hands at heart for more stability



### HUMBLE WARRIOR POSE



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### BENEFITS

Improves flexibility and strength in the legs • Regulates anxiety and mild depression • Challenges balance • Option: Keep hands at the sides



## KING PIGEON POSE

#### BENEFITS

Stretches the legs

Opens the hips

Can help relieve lower back pain

Option: Can keep hands on ground for support



## LIZARD POSE



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#### **BENEFITS**

Opens hips and hamstrings + Strengthens inner thigh muscles + Calms mind and controls stress

Option: Stay up on hands if hips feel tight





## LOCUST POSE



### LOCUST POSE

#### BENEFITS

Strengthens the spine and backs of the arms and legs Improves posture Stimulates abdominal muscles Can help relieve stress Option: Use hands under shoulders for support



## LOW LUNGE



### LOW LUNGE

#### **BENEFITS**

Releases hip tension Stretches legs Builds focus and mindfulness

> Option: Keep hands on knee for support



## MONKEY POSE



### MONKEY POSE

#### BENEFITS

Stretches hips and groin Improves posture Increases confidence and <u>challenges end</u>urance



Option: Start in low lunge and progress to Monkey Pose gradually



### **MOUNTAIN POSE**

#### BENEFITS

Improves posture + Strengthens thighs, knees, and ankles + Builds confidence





## PIGEON POSE

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#### BENEFITS

Stretches the legs Opens the hips Can help relieve lower back pain Increases sense of calm and presence Option: Place blanket or block under hip for more support



# PLANK POSE



## PLANK POSE

#### BENEFITS

Strengthens the core, arms, and wrists Improves posture and endurance + Option: For more support, bring knees to ground



## PLOW POSE



### PLOW POSE

#### BENEFITS

Calms the mind and help relieve stress and fatigue

Stimulates the abdominal organs and the thyroid gland

Stretches the shoulders and the spine

Great for backache and headache

Option: Practice shoulderstand instead



## PYRAMID POSE



### PYRAMID POSE

#### BENEFITS

## Stretches hamstrings and hips Builds balance and concentration Calming for the mind Option: Bend the front knee for more support



## PUPPY POSE



### PUPPY POSE

#### BENEFITS

Stretches abdominal muscles and shoulders Lengthens spine and improves posture Option: Bring block or blanket under forehead



## RESTING POSE



### RESTING POSE

#### BENEFITS

Calms the mind and can help relieve stress and mild depression Relaxes the entire body Can help reduce headache, fatigue, and insomnia Helps to lower blood pressure



## REVERSE PLANK POSE



### REVERSE PLANK POSE

#### BENEFITS

Stretches shoulders and chest Builds strength in the back body Option: Bend the knees for more support



## **REVERSE WARRIOR POSE**

#### BENEFITS

Improves spinal flexibility and balance Increases circulation and endurance Option: Use back hand for support on thigh

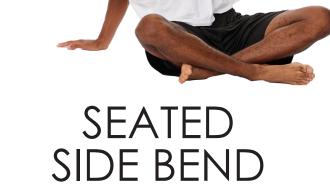


## SEATED FORWARD FOLD POSE

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#### BENEFITS

Calms the mind to help reduce stress and mild depression Improves digestion Soothes headaches and anxiety Reduces fatigue Option: Keep knees gently bent





## SEATED SIDE BEND

#### BENEFITS

#### Stretches the side body and spine H Improves sense of calm and presence H Encourages doop brogths

Encourages deep breaths



## SEATED TWIST POSE



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#### BENEFITS

Stretches the spine and abdomen Improves digestion and circulation



## SPHINX POSE



### SPHINX POSE

#### BENEFITS

Strengthens shoulders and back Stretches abdomen Creates space in chest



# Shoulder Stand Pose

## SHOULDER STAND POSE

#### BENEFITS

Calms the mind to help relieve stress and mild depression • Stretches the shoulders and neck • Improves circulation • Option: Use a block under hips for support



## SIDE ANGLE POSE

#### BENEFITS

Strengthens and stretches the legs, knees, and ankles Stretches the spine, hips, chest, and shoulders Increases stamina Option: Keep top hand at hip



## SIDE CROW POSE



## SIDE CROW POSE

#### BENEFITS

Strengthens arms, wrists, shoulders, stretches spine Improves focus and endurance Challenges the mind

> Option: Practice Crow Pose and progress to Side Crow Pose gradually





## SIDE PLANK POSE



### SIDE PLANK POSE

#### BENEFITS

Strengthens the arms, core, and legs Stretches and strengthens the wrists Stretches the back of the legs Improves balance Option: Bring bottom knee down for support

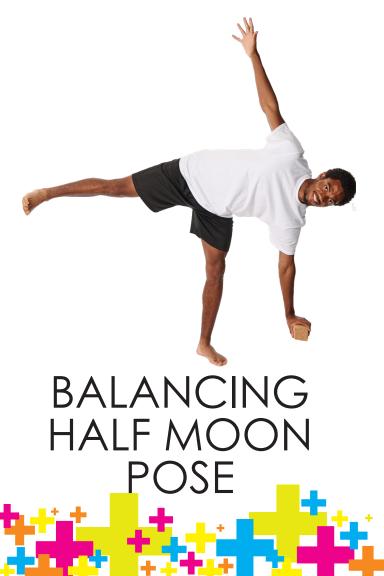




## STANDING SPLITS POSE

#### BENEFITS

Stretches back body and hamstrings Challenges and improves balance Option: Use a block under hand for more support



### BALANCING HALF MOON POSE

#### BENEFITS

Improves balance and concentration

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Increases flexibility

Strengthens the core

Opens the chest and shoulders

Option: Use a block beneath you, or keep the top arm by your hip for more stability



## STAR POSE

#### BENEFITS

#### Stretches front body + Increases circulation and opens chest for full breaths



## SUPINE TWIST POSE



## SUPINE TWIST POSE

#### BENEFITS

Stretches spine and hips Improves digestion Increases circulation and energy Option: Twist with one knee at a time



## TABLE TOP POSE



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#### BENEFITS

#### Prepares body for future poses + Strengthens wrists + Gently strengthens shoulders and core



## THREAD THE NEEDLE POSE



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#### BENEFITS

Opens upper back Stimulates digestion Stretches shoulders Option: Take stabilizing hand behind back for a deeper stretch



### TREE POSE

#### BENEFITS

Strengthens thighs, calves, ankles, and spine +

## Stretches inner thighs, chest and shoulders

#### Improves balance

Option: Use foot as a kickstand for more support



## TRIANGLE POSE

#### BENEFITS

Stretches the lower body and spine Strengthens the side body Helps relieve back pain

Can reduce stress

Option: Use a block

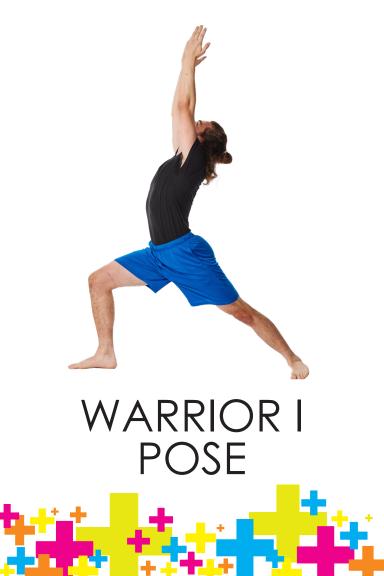
## UPWARD FACING DOG POSE



### UPWARD FACING DOG POSE

#### BENEFITS

Improves posture Strengthens the spine, arms, and wrists Stretches the chest, shoulders, and abdomen Can help relieve mild depression, fatigue, and sciatica Option: Keep thighs on the floor and gently bend elbows



## WARRIOR I POSE

#### BENEFITS



Option: Keep hands at heart center for more stability



### WARRIOR II POSE

#### BENEFITS





## WARRIOR III POSE



### WARRIOR III POSE

#### BENEFITS

Strengthens the ankles and legs Strengthens the shoulders and muscles of the back Tones the core Improves balance and posture Option: Keep back foot down on the ground for balance



## WHEEL POSE



## WHEEL POSE

#### BENEFITS

Stretches chest and lungs + Reduces stress and tension + Strengthens the back and increases spinal flexibility



# WILD THING/ FLIP DOG POSE

### WILD THING/FLIP DOG POSE

#### BENEFITS

Stretches spine, chest, shoulders, and throat Opens hips Energizes body and mind

> Option: Practice reverse table top instead



## WIDE LEGGED FORWARD FOLD POSE

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#### BENEFITS

Tones the core \* Stretches the hamstrings and the back Calms the mind Relieves mild stress \* Option: Place hands on a block for more support