Yoga Warm up with yoga



This standing warm up will mobilise joints, and warm up muscles to prepare your body and mind for a workout. Try it before your gym session to help you tune in, focus, and prevent injury.



Stretch and Sigh

Start with knees bent and arms down.

Breathe in reaching up.

Sigh out lowering arms.

Do 5 times.



Hip Circles

Bend knees and circle hips.

Keep circling as you breathe in and out 5 times.

Change direction.



Shoulder Circles

Circle the elbows 5 times backwards.

Repeat 5 times forward.

Move with your breath.



Side stretch

Breathe in, raise left arm.

Breathe out, sideways bend to the left. Hold for 5 breaths.

Repeat on other side or alternate left and right side.



Eagle

Cross forearms.

Lift to shoulder height.

5 slow steady breaths.

Change sides.



Warrior 1

Hips face foward.

Bend front leg. Keep body upright.

5 breaths, change sides.

Cautions

- Listen to your body. Modify or miss out poses that may cause injury or pain.
- Protect your knees in postures 6, 7, and 8. Keep your bent knee above or behind the ankle.
- For posture 9 and 10, if you have high or low blood pressure, return to standing slowly.

(Please turn over)

Tips

- Practice on a non-slip surface. Clear the space around you.
- In each posture notice your feet and feel the strong connection to the ground beneath you.
- Repeat postures 1 to 3 between any of the others to gradually mobilise and ease any stiffness.



Stretched Flank

Rest forearm on thigh.

Extend other arm overhead.

Do this for 5 breaths on right and then left side.



Side Lunge

Wide stance, hips face forward. Bend right knee, move left toes.

Stay for up to 5 breaths.

Repeat both sides.



Shoulder Stretch

Clasp hands behind back.

Let head hang loose.

Lift arms away.

Stay for 5 breaths.



Rag doll

Relaxed forward bend.

5 slow steady breaths.

Bend knees.



Stork

Stand tall, weight on left leg.

Lift right leg, hold foot.

Raise right arm when steady.

Hold for 5 breaths each side.



Mountain

Return to standing.

Relax face.

Notice how you feel.

5 slow steady breaths.

"Yoga means union of heart, mind, body, and spirit. It unites us and the people around us."

Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Yoga Guru and Spiritual Leader