

4 Chair Yoga Poses For Seniors



Resist the urge to hunch up your shoulders. Keep them soft, relaxed and away from the ears.

Steps to do this pose:

- 1. Sit tall with a straight spine.
- 2. Keep your heels under your knees, your knees in line with your hips, your rib cage lifted and the center of your head reaching up.
- 3. Roll your shoulders up, then relax them back and down.
- 4. Hold for several breaths.



Large circular motions from the midsection can help alleviate tightness & tension in the lower back.

Steps to do this pose:

- 1. Come back to Mountain Pose. From Mountain Pose, place your hands on your hips, then move your torso (ribcage) in a circle, slowly leaning forward to the right, then to the back, to the left and to the forward.
- 2. Do three circles, then reverse the direction.



This move improves circulation and strengthens your shoulders, arms, legs and abdomen.

Steps to do this pose:

- 1. Step right foot out towards right; left foot should be at a slight angle, relax the left knee in toward the chair and place your hands on your hips.
- 2. Gently turn your torso (ribcage) to the right as you raise your arms straight up from shoulders. Palms should be facing each other.
- 3. Press your shoulders down to relax them. For proper alignment, look forward and slightly up.
- 4. If you have shoulder pain, perform this pose keeping your arms at your side. Repeat on the other side.



This pose is a good way to strengthen your midsection and gently stretch your spine.

Steps to do this pose:

- 1. Come back to Mountain Pose, place your left hand on your left hip and lift your right arm up by your ear, keeping your shoulders down.
- 2. Lean toward the left until you feel a stretch down your right side.
- 3. Hold for one breath, then switch sides. Repeat two times on each side.
- 4. To modify for shoulder issues, place your top hand on your hip as you reach the opposite hand towards the floor.