

## Beginner's Hatha Practice 1

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(1) Hands in prayer



(2) Lift arms up



(3) Fold Forwards



(4) Step left leg back



Keep breathing!- smooth and even breaths as you move through this practice

Stay in Savasana, Makrasana (relaxations) and Dandasana longer if you have time

Stay tuned in to the sensation of each inhalation and exhalation you take Do whatever is appropriate for you- be sensitive of how you feel from day to day

It takes a little time to get the sun salutations to flow, so be patient Try and remain in each of the postures below at least half a minute

Enjoy being on your yoga mat every time you do this yoga practice

(5) Downward Facing Dog Exhale and Inhale



(6) Lower down and keep hips lifting



(7) Cobra- lift chest Inhale



(8) Downward Facing Dog Exhale



(9) Step left leg forwards Inhale



(10) Fold Forwards Exhale



(11) Lift arms up Inhale



(12) Hands in prayer Exhale

## **Supine Postures**



Savasana Completely relax



Supta Hasta Parivartanasana Side twist posture Both sides- knees drift down to left first



Uttanpadasana preparation Each leg in turn, left first Point the toes upwards



Uttanpadasana Extended leg posture Both legs lift together

### **Prone Postures**



Shalabhasana preparation..... Locust posture Legs lift up in turn



Both legs lift together Point the toes



Lift the chest, let the head follow Face relaxed- steady breathing



Shalabhasana Locust posture Full posture



Makarasana Crocodile posture Completely relax

### **Seated Postures**



Dandasana Sitting posture Option to bend knees



Ardha Matsyendrasana Half spinal twist posture Both sides- turn left first



Supta Kurmasana Sleeping tortoise Round the back

# Standing Postures



Trikonasana Triangle posture **Both sides** 



Virabhadrasana II Warrior II posture **Both sides** 



Vrksasana Tree posture **Both sides** 

#### Relaxation



Option to put some warmer clothes on and use a blanket to cover yourself Stay here at least 5 minutes; let go and completely relax the body Try and keep your mind quiet, to match the stillness of the physical form