



HARBOUR BRIDGE HIGH BALANCE

5m 55s



Develop your balancing skills, on an adventurous mission climbing to the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge!

Movement	Seated modifications	Other modifications	Progressions	Watch points
Floss	Do the Floss in your chair	Slow it down	Speed it up	* Hips moving in the opposite direction than arms
Penguin Waddle	Lift the toes of one foot or both feet together. Hold for as long as you can. Squeeze a cushion or ball between your knees.	Lift the toes of one foot at a time. Hold for as long as you can, then switch feet.	* Try closing your eyes while doing the Penguin Waddle. * Place a ball or cushion between your knees and squeeze your knees together to hold it. Walk slowly around the room on your heels (without dropping the ball).	* Standing tall and straight * Squeezing tummy muscles and buttocks to help you balance * Eyes focused on something still to help you balance



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Lion Lunge	Lift one leg off your chair, hold for 3 seconds, then lower. Switch legs and keep repeating.	Step forward and then back again, without lunging down. Focus on your balance and keeping your hips level.	Try walking lunges around the room	* Bending both knees (to achieve right angles in both knees) * Hips facing straight ahead * Body upright (not bending forward) * Feet hip-width apart * Front knee behind the front toes. To achieve this: take a large step forward, and keep your weight balanced on both the front and back foot.
Starfish Superstar	Lift your arms up straight out to your sides (like a 'star' or wings). Lean your body slowly over to one side, keeping your back long and tummy strong. When you lean to the left you will feel the muscles on the right side of your tummy switch on. Lean for as long as you can, then change sides.	Do the Starfish Superstar with your knees bent and your bottom knee on the floor. Standing: Stand side-on to a wall. Place your closest hand at shoulder-height on the wall. Take a large step away from the wall until your arm is straight and your feet are further away from the wall than your shoulders. Lift your furthest arm and leg to make a 'star'.	Try the Starfish Superstar balancing on your hand (with your arm straight) instead of on your elbow	* Lower elbow directly under the shoulders * Abdominal muscles squeezed * Whole body kept in the same plane of movement * Normal breathing (avoid holding your breath)



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Eagle Twist	Just do the upper body part of the Eagle Twist	Raise your left arm out in front of you. Use your right forearm to gently pull your left arm across your body and towards your chest. Hold for 5 deep breaths, then switch sides. Do the Eagle Twist standing on two feet (instead of lifting one foot).	Try the Eagle Twist with your: - Eyes closed, to challenge your balance, or - Foot lifted higher off the floor and twisted around the opposite leg	* Standing tall (chest upright) * Shoulders down and neck relaxed * Focusing on something still (at eye height in front of you) * Breathing deeply
Pigeon Pose	Same as the standard Pigeon Pose		Try Pigeon Pose on the floor: 1. Step your right foot back and lunge down to kneel on your right knee 2. Slide your left foot to the right, and place your hands on the floor in front of you 3. Slide your right leg back as far as you can 4. Lower your left knee and hips towards the floor	* The front leg ideally parallel with the pelvis (hip bones) * Pelvis (hip bones) facing straight forwards * Back leg in a straight line behind you