

Penguin Place

5m 20s

This session is categorised as: Learning (Science), Yoga, Calming, Emotional Regulation, & Small Space.

“Join us at Penguin Place to learn fun facts about penguins and what make them so unique. Penguin Place is an incredibly calm and emotionally regulating yoga session.”



Movement	Seated modifications	Other modifications	Progressions	Watch points
Turtle Swim	Do the turtle arms up in the air. Reach your arms up high. As you swim your arms down, squeeze your shoulder blades together to help keep your hands back as far as possible.	Keep both feet on the floor and just do Turtle Swim arms. Squeeze your shoulder blades together, to pull your shoulders back and down. Hold each squeeze for as long as you can. Keep breathing deeply.	Try the Turtle Swim with your eyes closed (to challenge your balance).	* Back straight * Squeezing shoulder blades down and back * Keeping arms lifted as high as possible * Slow, controlled arm movement * Good balance (body and legs staying still)



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Giraffe Reach	Reach your arms up in the air like a tall giraffe. Lift one or both heels off the floor if you can.	Lift one heel off the floor, then lower it and lift the other heel.	Try the Giraffe Reach: - With your eyes closed - On a wobbly surface (standing on a pillow or mattress on the floor) - With one foot lifted up off the floor	* Standing tall and straight * Squeezing abdominal muscles, to help with balance * Focusing your eyes on something still in front of you, to help with balance
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
Monkey Hug	Do Monkey Hug in your chair	Try Monkey Hug with one arm at a time	Try Monkey Hug while balancing on one foot	* Shoulders down and relaxed * Crossing arms across the body * Giving each arm a turn to be on top



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Bat Hang	Stretch your body out (towards the ceiling) and then bend over to touch your toes.		* In the Bat Hang position, hold your ankles and gently pull your body closer to your legs. * Start standing, with your left foot crossed over the right. Do the Bat Hang with your legs crossed like this.	* Knees straight
Snail Curl	Curl your upper body forwards like a snail hiding in its shell	Do the Snail Curl with... - Your arms by your side - Your head resting on your fists or a firm pillow, or - A folded towel or blanket on top of your feet	Move your knees wider apart to feel a deeper stretch in your hips	* Head down. If your head can't reach the floor, rest it on your fists or a firm pillow.