



# Posture Improvement Challenge



## CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to the **Posture Improvement Challenge**! For the next two weeks, dedicate just 5 minutes a day to strengthening exercises and stretches designed to improve alignment and reduce back pain. Let's work together to stand taller, feel stronger, and move with ease.

### Why Focus on Posture?

Good posture isn't just about looking confident; it reduces strain on your muscles and joints, preventing pain and long-term issues. Poor posture can lead to tension headaches, neck discomfort, and even digestive issues. By committing to this challenge, you'll feel the benefits of better alignment in your daily life. All you need is a small space, a sturdy chair, or a wall to get started.

## THE CHALLENGE

1. Commit to 5 minutes of posture-focused exercises daily for 14 days.
2. Follow the daily exercises below, which target core strength, flexibility, and alignment.
3. Pay attention to your posture throughout the day—small adjustments can make a big difference.

### Bonus Tips!

- **Set Reminders:** Use your phone or sticky notes to remind yourself to check your posture during the day.
- **Mirror Check:** Practice exercises in front of a mirror to ensure proper alignment.
- **Celebrate Progress:** Snap a before-and-after photo of your posture to see the improvement.

# DAILY EXERCISES

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**Wall Angels:** Stand with your back against a wall, feet a few inches away. Slowly raise and lower your arms like a snow angel, keeping them in contact with the wall.

- **Sets:** 2
- **Reps:** 10 (move arms up and down slowly for each rep)

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**Seated Shoulder Rolls:** Sit tall in a chair. Roll your shoulders backward in slow, controlled circles to release tension.

- **Sets:** 2
- **Reps:** 10 backward rolls

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**Cat-Cow Stretch:** On hands and knees, alternate between arching your back (Cow) and rounding it (Cat). This yoga-inspired move promotes spine flexibility.

- **Sets:** 2
- **Reps:** 10 (alternate between Cat and Cow for each rep)

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**Chin Tucks:** Sit or stand tall. Gently pull your chin straight back, aligning your ears over your shoulders. Hold for a few seconds and repeat.

- **Sets:** 2
- **Reps:** 10 (hold each tuck for 5 seconds)

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**Standing Forward Fold:** Bend forward at the hips, letting your head and arms hang. This stretch releases tension in the lower back and hamstrings.

- **Sets:** 1
- **Reps:** Hold for 5 deep breaths, then slowly roll up

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**Reverse Plank Bridge:** Sit on the floor with legs straight. Place hands behind you, lift your hips, and hold to engage your core and open your chest.

- **Sets:** 2
- **Reps:** Hold for 15 seconds, rest, and repeat

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**Check-in and Adjust:** Spend 5 minutes checking your posture while sitting and standing. Make adjustments to align your head, shoulders, and hips.

- Spend 5 minutes observing and correcting your posture while sitting and standing

# DAILY EXERCISE

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**Shoulder Blade Squeeze:** Sit or stand. Pull your shoulder blades together as if squeezing a pencil between them. Hold and release.

- **Sets:** 2
- **Reps:** 10 (hold each squeeze for 5 seconds)

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**Doorway Stretch:** Stand in a doorway, arms bent at 90 degrees. Step forward to gently stretch your chest and shoulders.

- **Sets:** 2
- **Reps:** Hold each stretch for 20 seconds

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**Core Activation:** Lie on your back with knees bent. Engage your core as you press your lower back into the floor and hold.

- **Sets:** 2
- **Reps:** Hold for 10 seconds, relax, and repeat

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**Side Stretches:** Stand tall and reach one arm overhead, leaning to the opposite side. Repeat on both sides for a gentle stretch.

- **Sets:** 2
- **Reps:** 5 stretches per side (hold each stretch for 5 seconds)

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**Glute Bridges:** Lie on your back, knees bent. Lift your hips, squeezing your glutes to strengthen your core and back.

- **Sets:** 2
- **Reps:** 10 (hold each bridge at the top for 5 seconds)

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**Spinal Twist:** Sit cross-legged. Place one hand on your opposite knee and twist gently, repeating on both sides.

- **Sets:** 2
- **Reps:** Hold each twist for 15 seconds per side

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**Reflect and Relax:** Take a moment to notice how your posture has improved. Sit or stand tall and feel the difference in your alignment.

# DAILY EXERCISE

## CHALLENGE COMPLETE!

Take a moment to notice the difference after two weeks. Do you feel stronger, stand taller, or experience less tension? By improving your posture, you're investing in your long-term health and well-being. Just a few minutes a day of posture exercises can lead to lasting changes. Keep standing tall - you've earned it!



# Congratulations on completing the **Posture Improvement Challenge**

The journey of wellness is ongoing, and each step, no matter how small, is a victory to be celebrated. Keep pushing forward, embracing each day as an opportunity to live your best life.

