

Classical Mat Pilates for Posture

ONE: SWAN

- Lie on your stomach, legs open hip width distance, pressing tops of the feet into the mat.
- Place hands on mat underneath shoulders, elbows bent back toward your hips, in against your body.



 Inhale to press palms into the mat lifting your eyes, nose, and chest keeping your arms against your body gazing in front of you.



- Exhale to lower.
- Repeat twice more, sit back to rest position (child's pose with legs together).

TWO: ARMS REACHING

- Lie on your stomach, legs open hip width distance, pressing tops of the feet into the mat.
- Rest arms against your body reaching behind you, palms toward the ceiling.



 On an inhale reach back long with your fingertips as you lift your gaze and chest looking directly in front of you.



- Exhale to lower.
- Repeat twice more, sit back to rest position (child's pose with legs together).

THREE: BRIDGE

- Lie on your back, legs together, legs bent, feet pressed firmly into the mat.
- Place arms against your side, back of your arms and palms pressed into the mat.



 Bring your pubic bone toward your naval, draw naval to spine, scoop the abs to peel one vertebrae at a time off the mat.



- Come down the way you came up, rolling one bone at a time back onto the mat.
- Repeat twice more, then hug knees to chest.

FOUR: SAW

- Sit with legs apart, extended in front of you, sit up straight lifting from the waist.
- Bring arms out to the side, in line with your shoulders.



Take a slight bend in the knee if needed to sit up straight

- Lift taller out of the waist on an inhale.
- Twist on an exhale reaching one pinky toward the opposite foot, reaching back behind you with other hand.



- Inhale to unwind, exhale to switch sides.
- Repeat twice more.