POCKET ROUTINE GUIDE

Exercise To Heal: Full Body Shape-Up

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ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR BEFORE BEGINNING ANY NEW EXERCISE PROGRAM

EXERCISE GUIDELINES

Congratulations! You're about to experience new levels of health, energy, and relaxation! This routine involves gentle flowing movements drawn from Qi Gong, Yoga, Tai Chi, and traditional strength training practices. While it's a safe, low-stress routine, not all exercises are suitable for everyone. To get the most out of your routine, we suggest the following:

- ➤ Before doing the *Age-Defying* routine(s), watch the entire DVD all the way through. Karen has broken down each routine step-by-step for you.
- Wear comfortable, loose clothing that allows you to move freely.
- ➤ Don't exercise on a full stomach; wait at least 30 minutes after eating before doing this routine.
- ➤ There should never be any pain or discomfort during the routine. If any of the movements hurt or are uncomfortable, STOP. Remember, this isn't a competition. Listen to your body!
- ➤ Feel free to take a break at any time during the routine; you will still experience benefits from the exercises.

Full Body Shape-Up: Sequence of Movements

Creative Tai Chi

1. Deep Abdominal Breathing

Releases tension and stress. Prepares the muscles for exercise and strengthening.

2. Lung Qi Gong

Infuses the lungs and organs with energy and vitality.

3. Foot- and Ankle-Circles

Improves circulation and flexibility in the feet, ankles, and ankle joints.

4. Knee-Circles

Improves circulation and flexibility in the knees, ankles, feet, and legs.

5. Hip-Circles

Warms up the low back, hips, knees, ankles, feet, and core.

6. Shoulder-Circles

Warms up the upper spine.

7. Squat with Spinal Rotation (Alternating)

Improves flexibility in the upper body.

8. Arm-Spirals with Side-to-Side Knee-Bends

Stretches the arms, shoulders, and spine.

9. Wu Qi Arms Up/Arms Down

Brings energy and power to the body.

10. Twist Side-to-Side

Improves upper body flexibility.

11. Side-to-Side with Hands Up and Cloudy Hands

Gathers in positive energy and intention. Clears negative energy and limitations.

12. Qi Ball

Focuses the life-force energy in your mind and body.

13. Palms Together, Arms Up, Then Circle Out

Focuses and gathers life-force energy to the heart center.

Aerobics (Repeat each exercise 4 to 8 times and entire sequence 3 times)

Helps to improve cardiovascular health. Builds and tones key muscle groups vital to balance and flexibility.

- 1. March in Place for 8 Steps then do 4 Heel-Lifts
- 2. March 8 Steps Forward and 8 Steps Backward
- **3.** March 3 Steps Forward / 3 Steps Backward with Toe-Taps Strengthens core muscles and improves coordination.
- 4. March 3 Steps Forward / 3 Steps Backward with Knee-Lifts
- 5. March 3 Steps Forward / Backward with Knee-Lifts and Punches
- Step Side-to-Side with Toe-Taps
 Lateral movements improve hip flexibility and balance.
- Step Side-to-Side with Toe-Taps and Arm-Circles Arm-circles increase the heart-rate.
- **8. Step Side-to-Side with Hamstring-Curls** Strengthens the back of the legs.
- **9.** Alternating Heel-Taps to Front Stretches the calves.
- 10. Alternating Toe-Taps to Front
- 11. Alternating Toe-Taps Side-to-Side with Arm-Extensions
- 12. Alternating Toe-Taps to the Rear with Arm-Extensions
- 13. Toe-Taps Front, Side, Back, Together Alternating Sides
- **14. Toe-Taps Front, Side, Back, Together Add Arms** Keeps feet, legs, hips, arms, and shoulders strong and flexible.

Full Body Shape-Up: Sequence of Movements

Strengthen & Stretch

- **1. Squats**Strengthens the lower back, thigh, gluteal, and hamstring muscles.
- 2. Rows Add Squat
 Strengthens the back, thigh, gluteal, and hamstring muscles.
- 3. Dead Lifts Stretches and strengthens the backs of the legs.
- 4. Chest-Press, Squeeze Arms Together Strengthens the pectorals.
- 5. Chest-Press with Pulse Strengthens the pectorals.
- **6.** Lunges Hands on Hips Left Leg then Right Leg
 Stretches the hip flexors and strengthens the thighs and gluteals.
- 7. Bicep-Curls Builds strength in the biceps.
- 8. Tricep-Kickbacks Builds strength in the triceps.
- Shoulder-Press Improves strength and flexibility in the shoulders.
- **10. Forward Bend with Arm-Circles**Stretches and relaxes the arms, shoulders, and back.
- 11. External Press Arm-Rotation Strengthens rotator cuff muscles.
- **12. Internal Press Arm-Rotation -** Strengthens rotator cuff muscles.
- **13. Forward Bend with Arm-Circles**Releases tension in the arms, shoulders, and back.
- 14. Half Sun-Salutation Stretch-Flow Stretches the spine, arms, and legs.
- **15. Forward Bend, Chest, Shoulder, and Bicep-Stretches with Variations** Opens the chest, lengthens the upper arm muscles, and stretches the hamstrings.
- **16. Side- and Tricep-Stretch Sequence: Right Side then Left Side** Stretches the side, upper back, shoulders, and triceps.
- 17. Modified Warrior One Calf-Stretch: Right Side then Left Side Stretches the calf muscles and achilles tendons.
- **18.** Centering Collects and focuses life-force energy.
- **19. Bamboo in the Wind** Grounds, centers, and connects mind and body.