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PART ONE: YOGA POSTURES (ASANAS)



Introduction: Prime of Life Yoga Posture Guidelines

The late professor Sri T Krishnamacharya is regarded as the father of modern Yoga. His students included: BKS Iyengar, K Pattabi Jois, Indra Devi, Srivatsa Ramaswami, AG Mohan and his son, my teacher, TKV Desikachar.

In the late 60's, early 70's, Krishnamacharya received his first middle aged Western male student, Dr. Albert Franklin. As he began working with Dr. Franklin, he started to modify his teachings. This approach was originally called *Viniyoga*, and I was a charter member of *Viniyoga America*.

The modifications for postures (or asana) that emerged from Viniyoga are expressed in most of the *Prime of Life Yoga* photographs that appear in this guide. They are especially helpful for men and women over 40.

For example, *POLY* modifications often include "soft or forgiving limbs" in many of the postures:



POLY modified



Ideal (straight legs)



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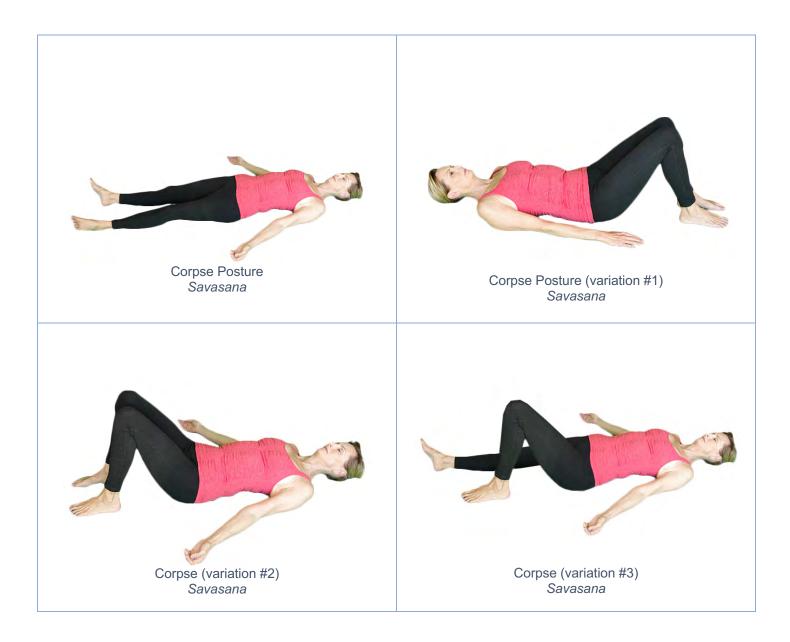


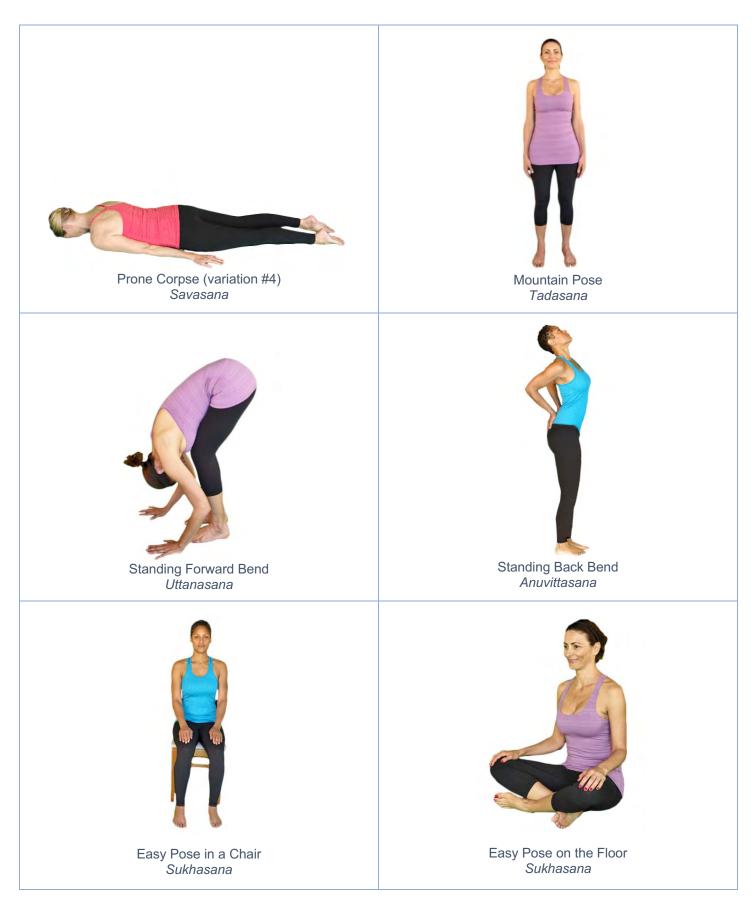
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Note: If you have the flexibility to do the ideal posture, then it may not be necessary to apply a modification.

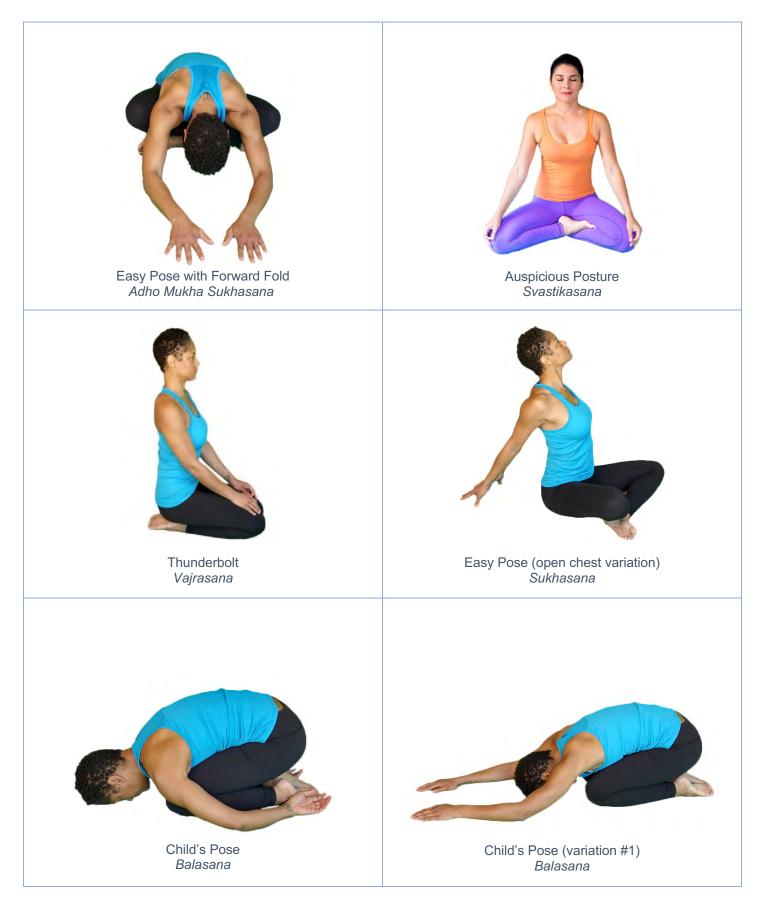
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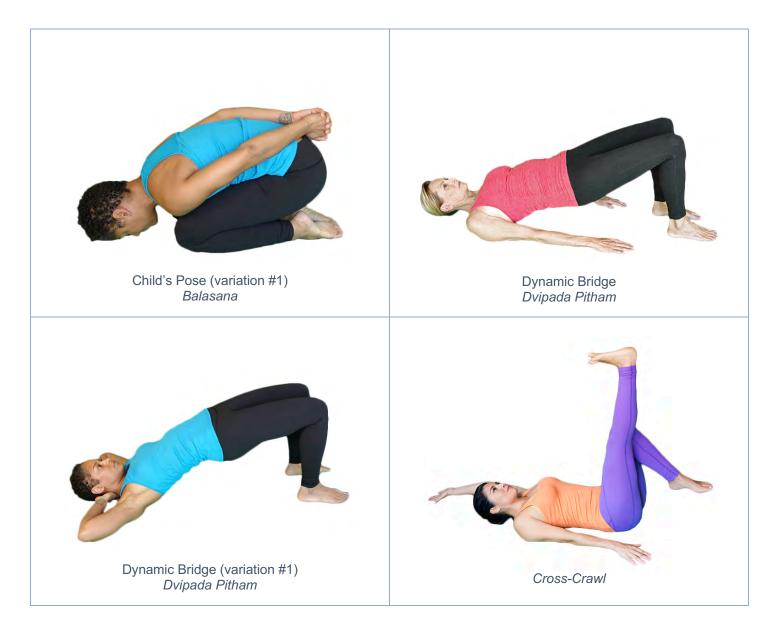




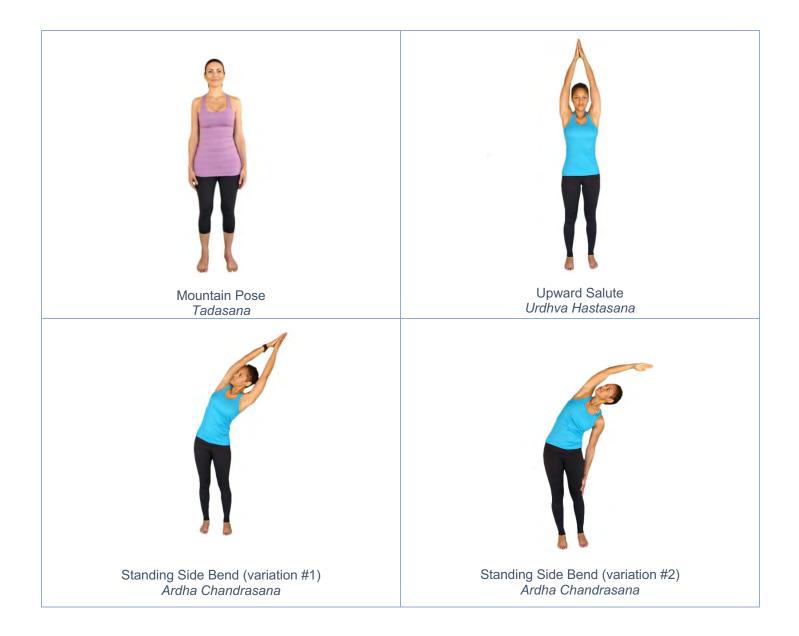
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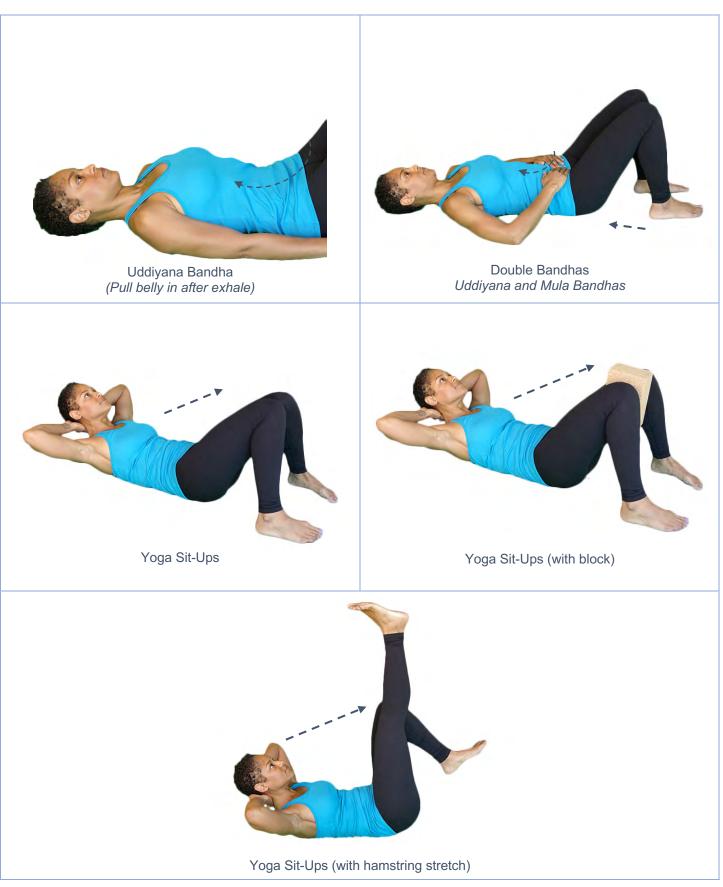


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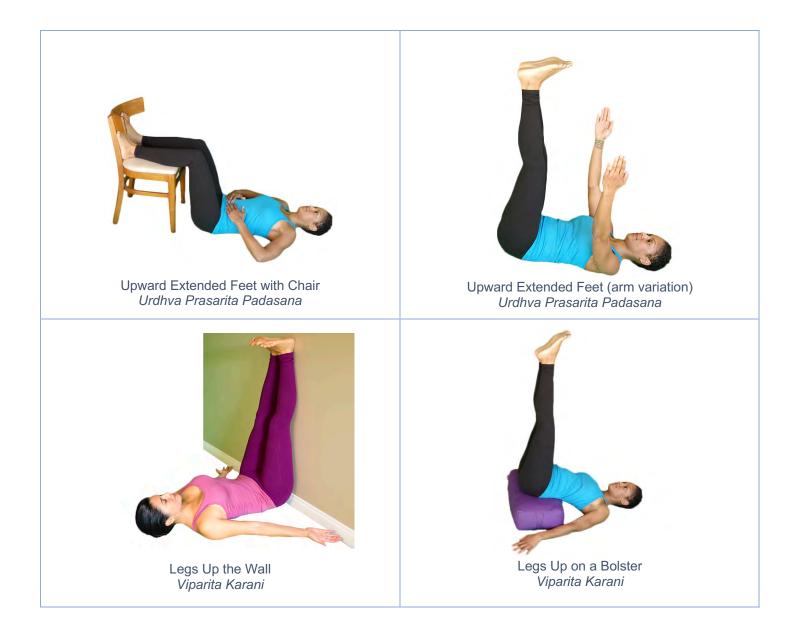


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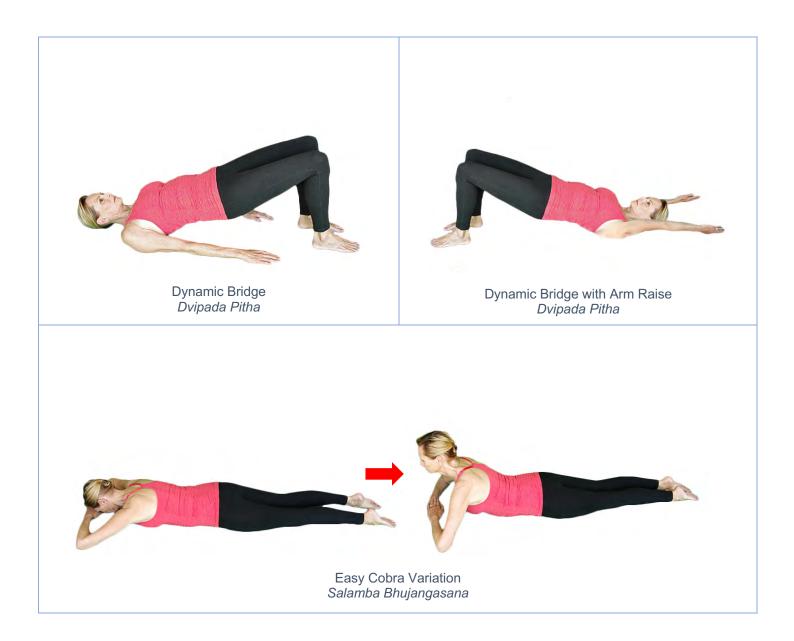
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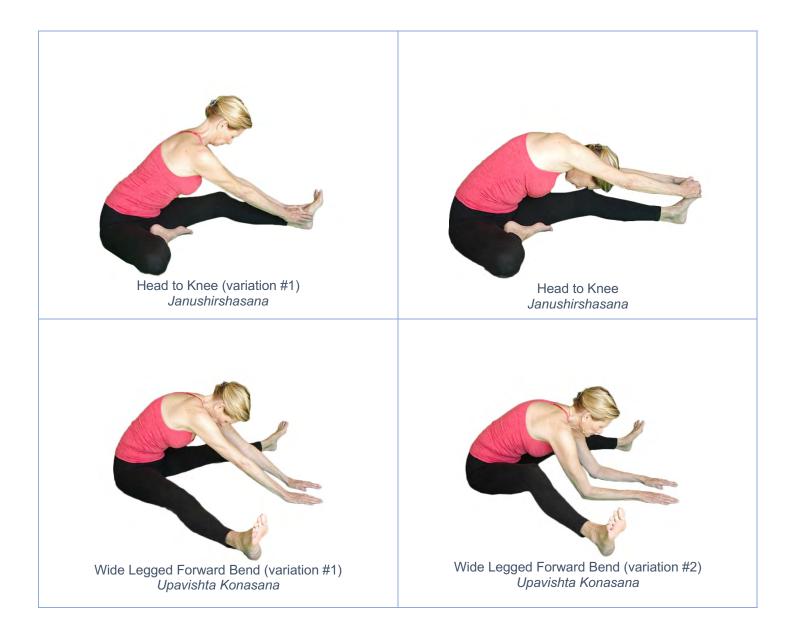
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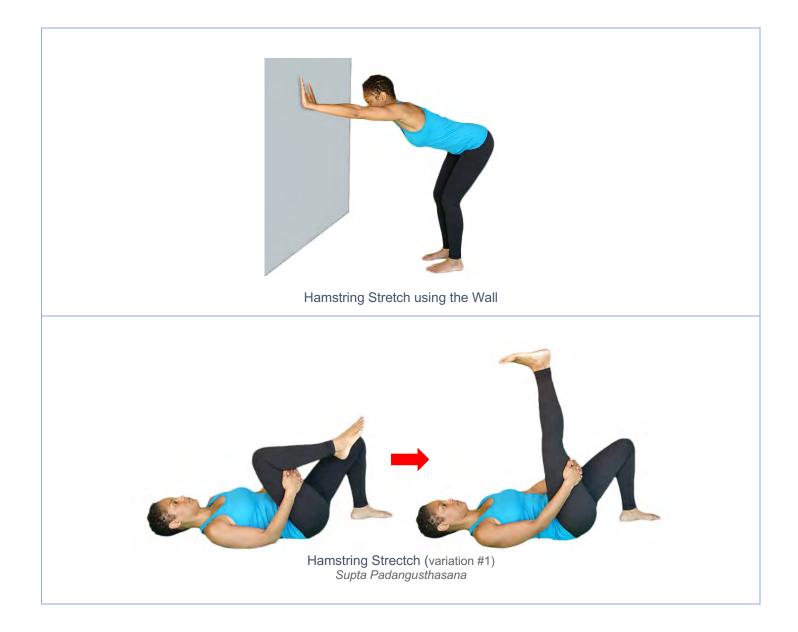
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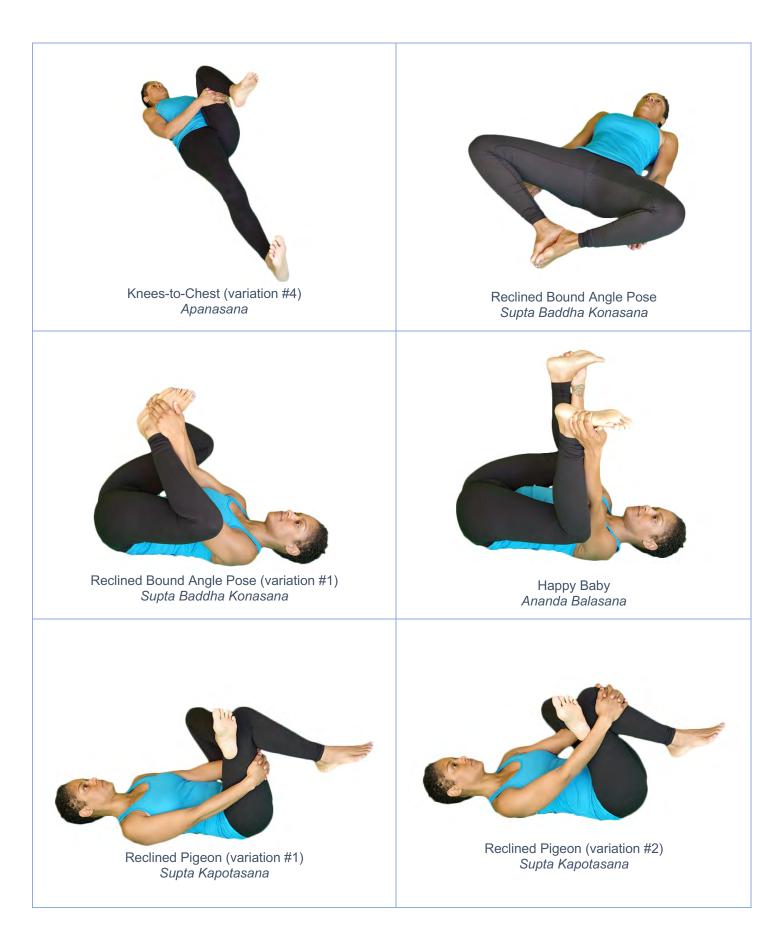




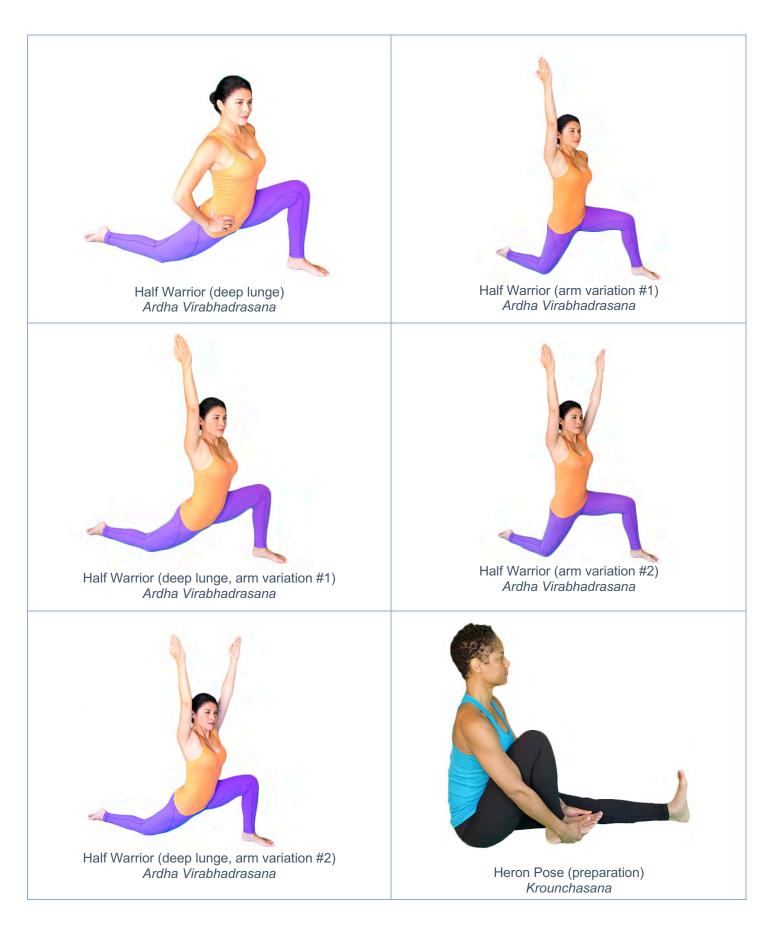
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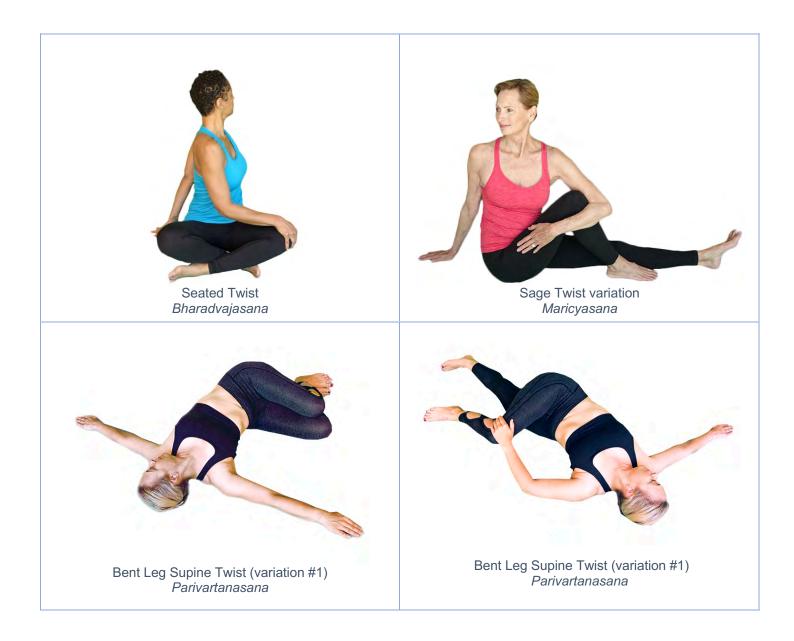








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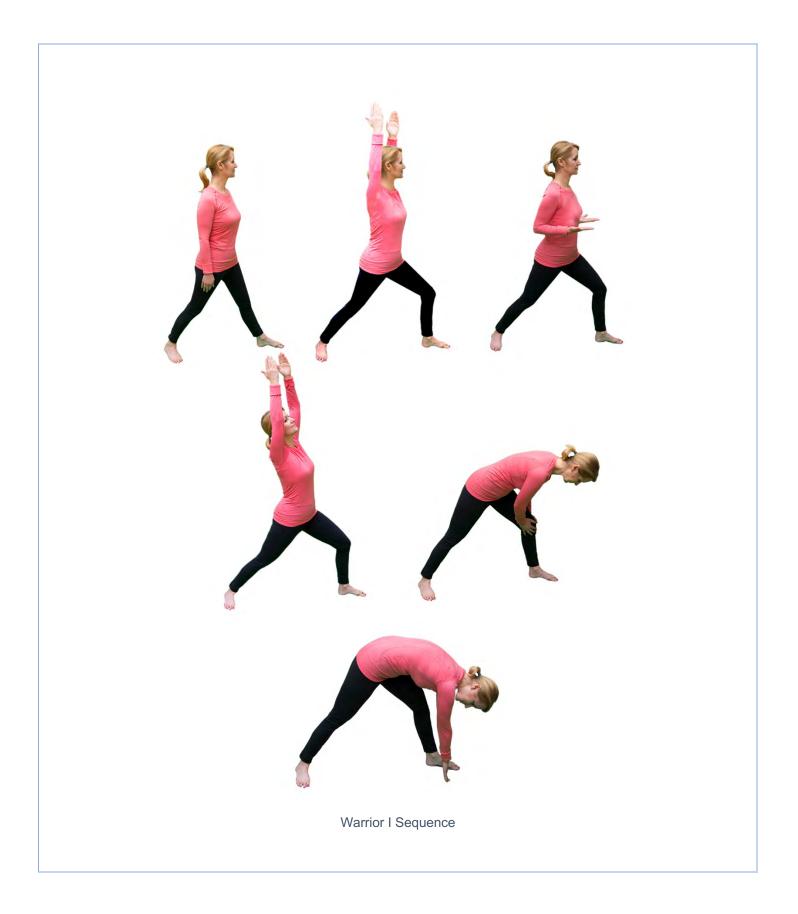


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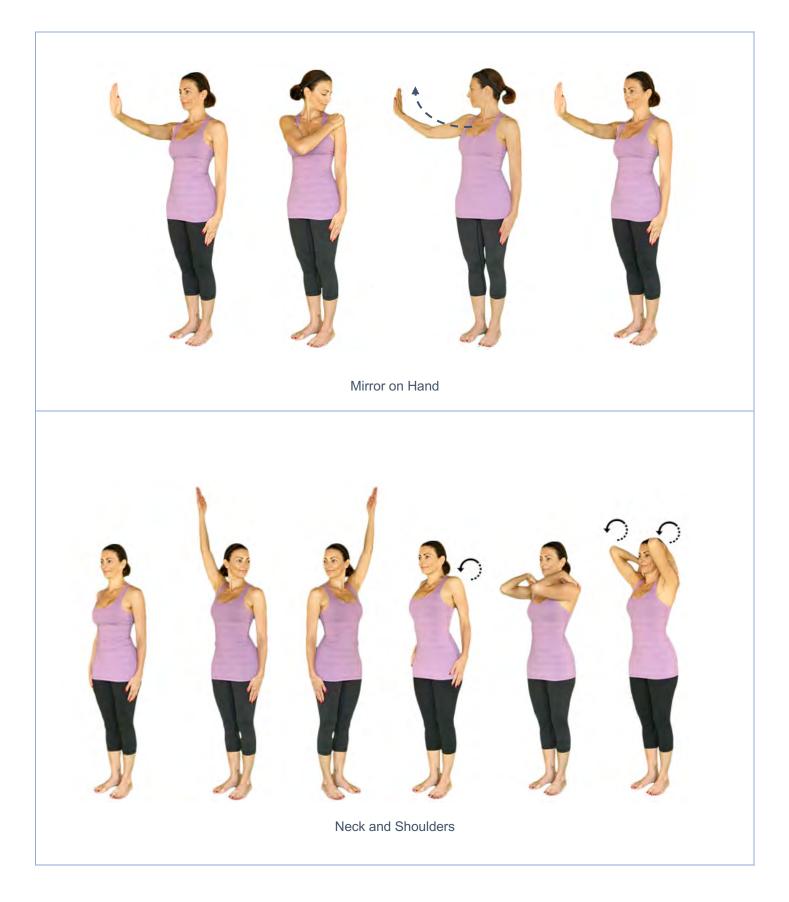


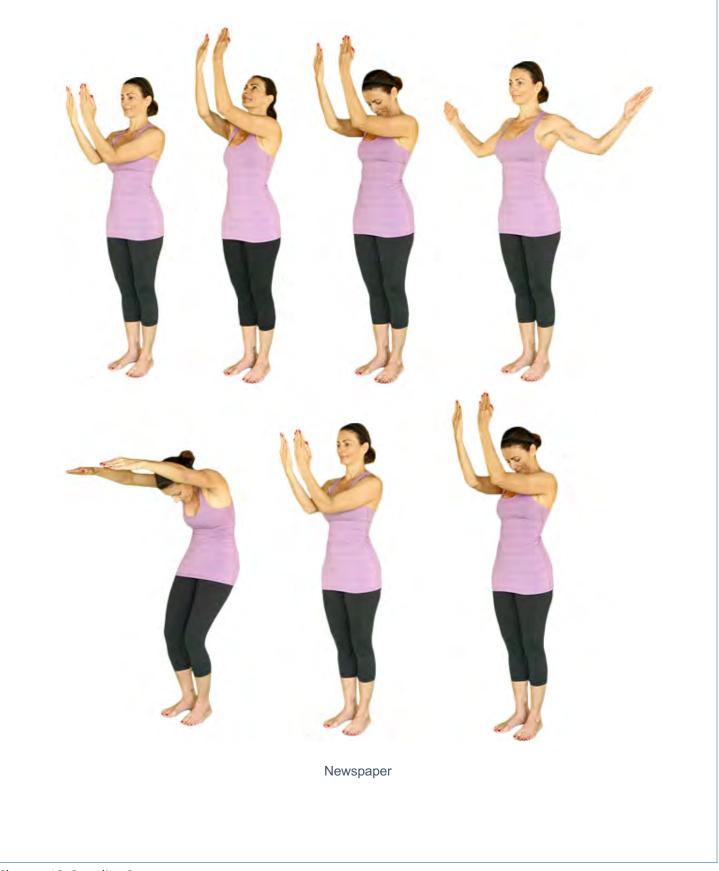
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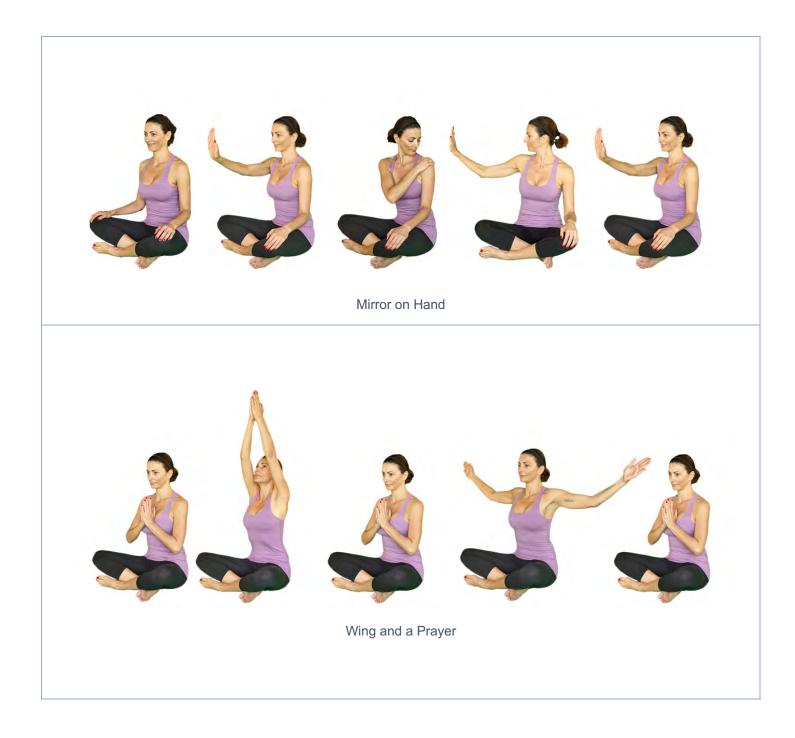


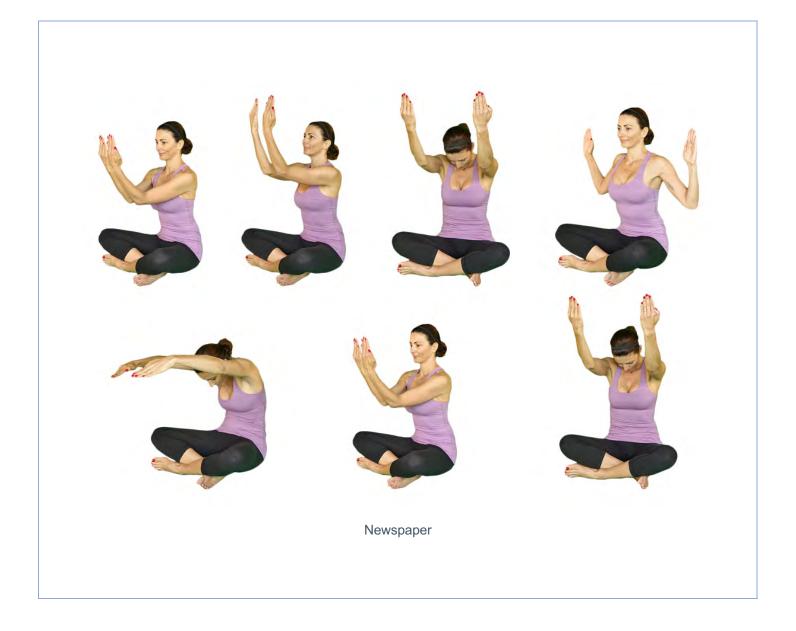




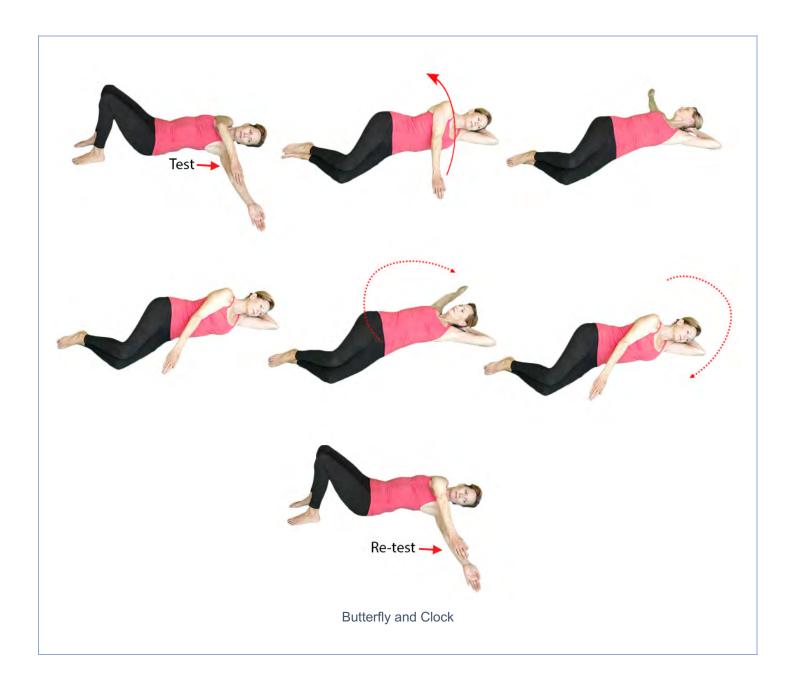


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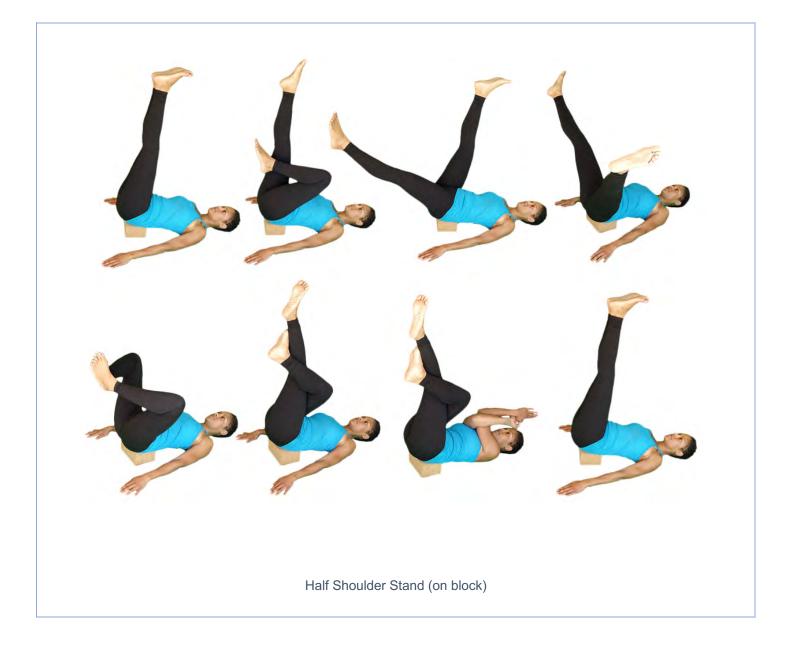




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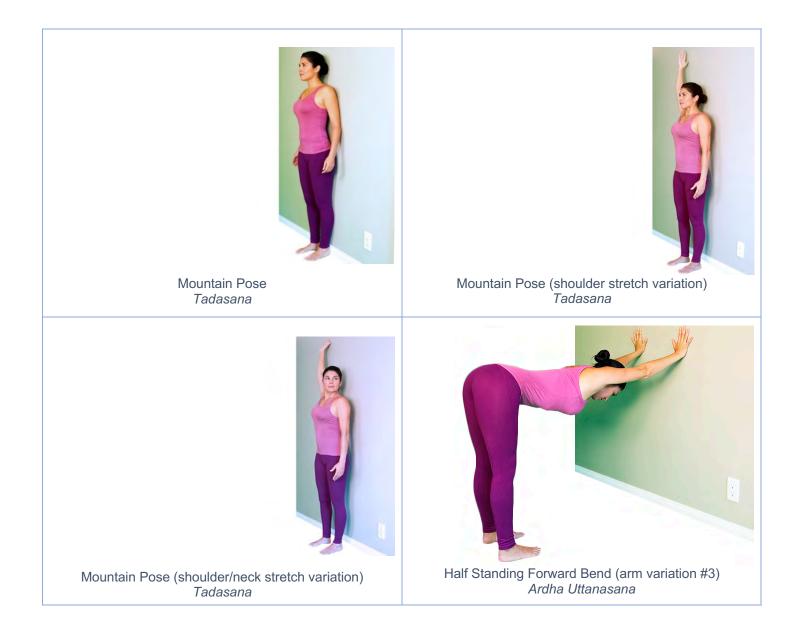
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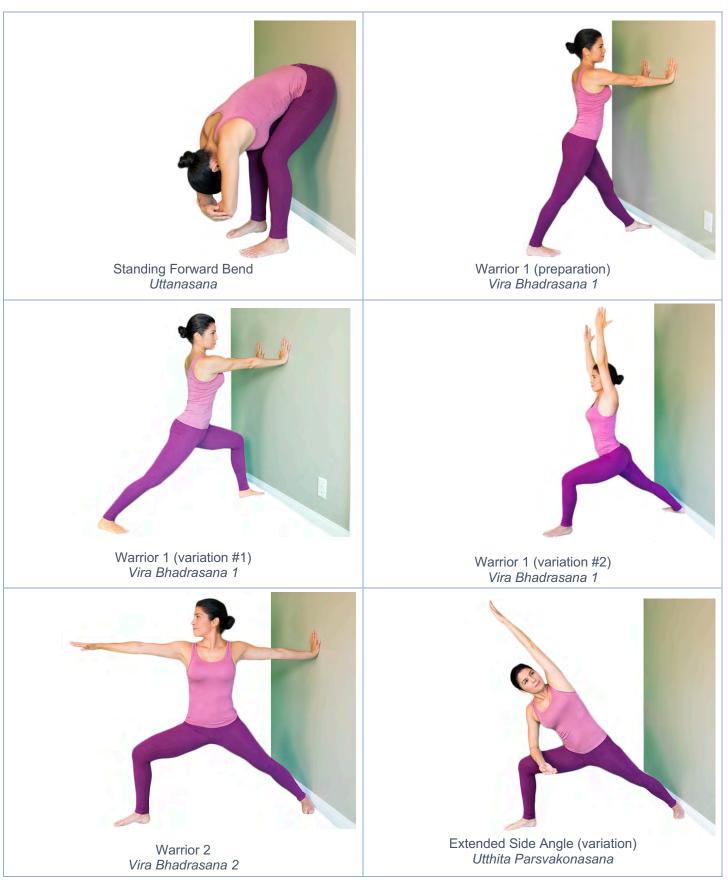


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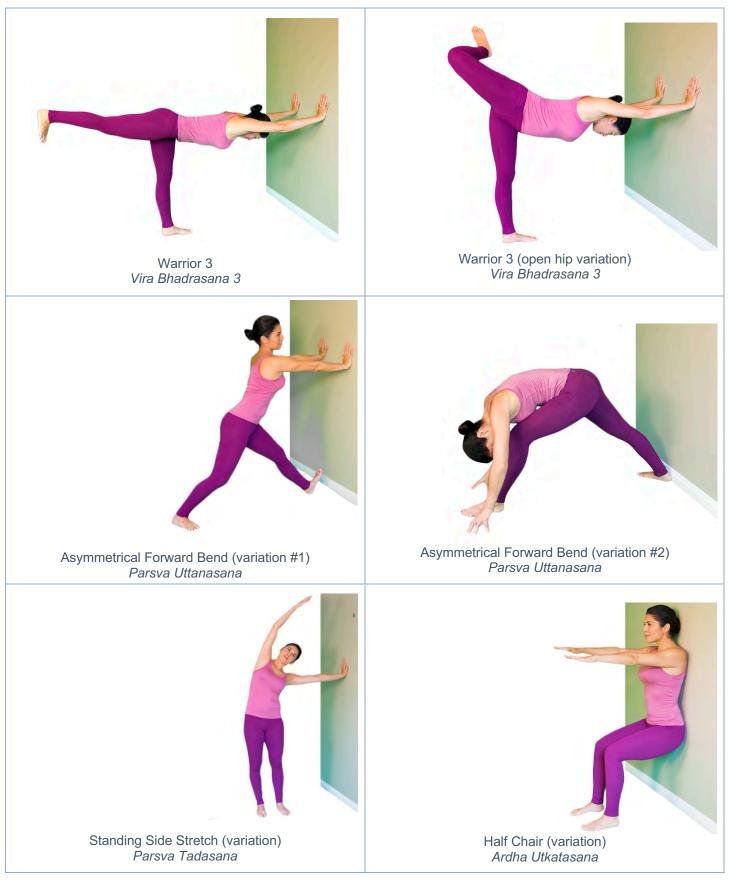


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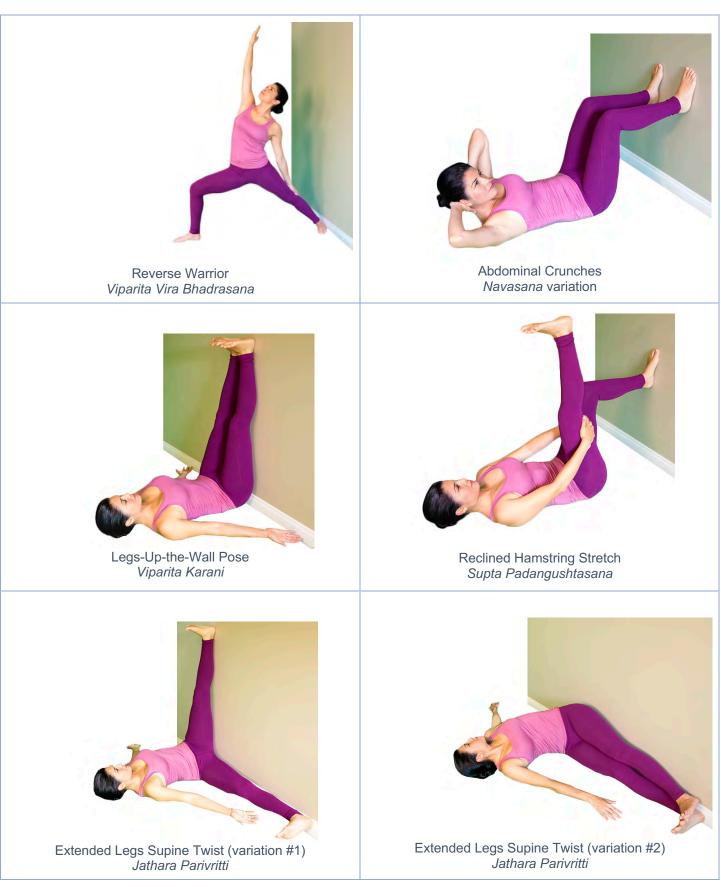


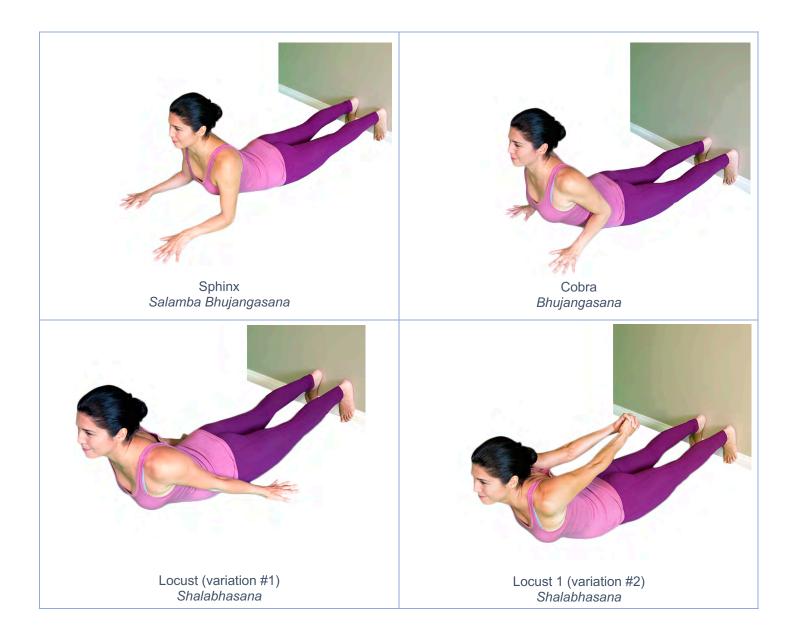


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