

12 Days of Handstands

Apr 2021: Pike up Too

| Day | | Original Challenge | | | | | Level 1 | | | | | Level 2 | | | | Level 3 |
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| Day 1 | 1 min | Cumulative Freestanding Handstands | | " | х 3 | 30 sec | Belly to the Ground | | S | х | 20 sec | Belly to the Ground | Warm Up | m | x 5 sec | Belly to the Ground |
| Day 2 | 2 min | Cumulative Freestanding Handstands | | | x 1 | 10 sec | Wall Tightness Drill | Warm Up | | х | 15 sec | Wall Tightness Drill | | Sets | x 5 sec | Wall Tightness Drill |
| Day 3 | 3 min | Cumulative Freestanding Handstands | | n | x 1 | 15 sec | Belly to the Wall w Stretching | | 4 | x | 30 sec | Belly to the Wall w Stretching | | 9 | x 1 min | Belly to the Wall w Stretching |
| Day 4 | 4 min | Cumulative Freestanding Handstands | Day 1 to 3 | 3 Sets | x 1 | 1 min | Dolphin | Day 1 to 3 | | х | 15 sec | Dolphin on the Wall | Day 1 to 3 | | x 15 sec | Dolphin on the Wall |
| Day 5 | 5 min | Cumulative Freestanding Handstands | | | x 1 | 15 sec | Dolphin on the Wall | | | х | 3 | Wall Scissor (Level 1) | | (D) | x 3 | Wall Scissor (Level 1) |
| Day 6 | 6 min | Cumulative Freestanding Handstands | | | x 2 | 2 | Supine Tuck Ups | | | х | 5 | Kneeling to Pike Jump (Level 1 Only) | | | x 3 | Kneeling to Pike Jump (Level 1 + 2 Only) |
| Day 7 | 7 min | Cumulative Freestanding Handstands | | | x 5 | 5 | Kneeling to Pike Jump (Level 1 Only) | | | х | 1 | Pike Ups with Blocks | | | x 3 | Pike Ups with Blocks |
| Day 8 | 8 min | Cumulative Freestanding Handstands | | | x 1 | 1 min | Dolphin | Day 4 to 6 | | х | 15 sec | Single Leg Tuck on Wall | Day 4 to 6 | | x 20 sec | Single Leg Tuck on Wall |
| Day 9 | 9 min | Cumulative Freestanding Handstands | | Sets | x 1 | 15 sec | L-Handstand on the Wall | | S X | Х | 3 | Wall Scissor (Level 1 + 2) | | Sets | x 3 | Wall Scissor (Level 1 + 2) |
| Day 10 | 10 min | Cumulative Freestanding Handstands | | 8 | x 4 | 1 | Wall Scissor (Level 1) | | | х | 15 sec | <u>Headstand</u> | | 8 | x 1 min | Headstand |
| Day 11 | 11 min | Cumulative Freestanding Handstands | | | x 5 | 5 | Supine Pike Ups | | | х | 4 | Tuck Ups with Blocks | | | x 5 | Pike Ups with Blocks |
| Day 12 | 12 min | Cumulative Freestanding Handstands | Day 7 to 9 | | x 1 | 15 sec | Dolphin on Wall | Day 7 to 9 | | х | 15 sec | Tuck Hold on Wall | Day 7 to 9 | | x 30 sec | Tuck Hold on Wall |
| Daily | 5 min | Meditation | | Sets | x 1 | 10 sec | Forearm Balance Near Wall | | Sets | Х | 3 | Wall Scissor (Level 2 + 3) | | Sets | x 3 | Wall Scissor (Level 1 + 2 + 3) |
| Finish | 3 111111 | Weditation | | ω ω | x 2 | 2 | Wall Scissor (Level 1) | | 8 | х | 15 sec | Forearm Balance | | က | x 1 min | Forearm Balance |
| | | | | | х З | 3 | Kneeling to Pike Jump (Level 1 Only) | | | х | 3 | Pike Ups with Blocks | | | x 5 | Pike Ups with Blocks |
| | | | Day 10 to 12 | | x 1 | 15 sec | L-Handstand on the Wall | | S | х | 3 attempts | 1st Position Hold on Wall | | S | x 15 sec | 1st Position Hold on Wall |
| | | | | | x 2 | 2 | Wall Scissor (Level 1 + 2) | Day 10 to 12 | 0, | х | 3 | Wall Scissor (Level 3) | Day 10 to 12 | Sets | x 3 | Wall Scissor (Level 3) |
| | | | | 4 | x 1 | 1 | Pike Ups with Blocks | | n | х | 2 | Pike Ups with Blocks | | n | x 5 | Pike Ups with Blocks |
| | | | Plus | 3 | x * | ** | Freestanding HS near wall | Plus | 3 | x 3 | Shape Changing Drills of Your Choice | | 3 | x 3 | Shape Changing Drills of Your Choice | |
| | | | rius | | 5 | min | Meditation | | 3 x | х | *** | Freestanding HS | Plus | 5 | X *** | Freestanding HS |
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ADDITIONAL NOTES

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's Focus on FORM above anything else. If your ribs or hips come off alignment - on any of the wall drills - stop. Come down and reassess. This month is about teaching our body what if feels to engage our entire core to find a straight line. Video yourself. Start with short holds, observe the video and

Warm Up Use the Belly to the Wall Video. Alternate between Belly to the Grorund, the Wall Tightness Drill and Belly to the Wall following the suggested time. Follow the stretching and warm-up as listed. You will

have to move fast! Or simply pause the video between transitions.

Tuck | Pike:

Read this as 1x tuck, 1x pike jump. Then repeat this sequence to finish your set. Focus on quick entrances, finding full extension and the core engagement as soon as possible. Avoid stopping mid handstand to catch your balance. Even if this means you don't make it to your straight line. Hold it for

1 sec, then slowly exit.

Stretch + Warm Up Add wrist, shoulder, neck, arm range of motion and harmstring stretches to your practice. It is a good idea to spend around 5 to 15 minutes warming up your neck, wrists and shoulders before your first handstand. Add stretches in between sets and finish with a nice long stretch. Your future body will

thank you!

Forearm Balance and Headstands

Attempt entering and exiting through a pike up. Focus on finding a straight body position. Since you will be shifting your weight around to find straight, you may want to practice near a wall. Just to make sure you don't compromise your form due to the fear of falling.

Freestanding Handstands ***

Determine your own goal. Let's say 30 second handstand. Then do as many handstands as you need to until you reach 3 handstands at your goal's lenght. Give yourself 10 minutes to reach this goal. No more. If you didn't reach your goal in 10 minutes, readjust the goal, or trying on the next day.

Modify Your Practice

Modify the length of the training or the drills as much as you need. Refer to our Handstand Training Library for more options

https://yogaslackers.com/explore/handstands/

Too Tired?

Feel free to take a rest day or step down a level for a day or two. We removed rest days, as you can rest in between training days and extend the training from 12 days to an entire montn if you would like.

Share Your Practice

Having a good time?

Program

Please let us know. It will keep us motivated to continue posting monthly challenge. If you can't load images or videos each day, do not worry. Do come by and say 'I'm practicing with you! We will appreciate it!

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