

Five Tibetan Exercises to Unleash Your Energy

These simple little exercises are great for everyone, as they rejuvenate the hormonal system and every organ and gland in the body. Likewise they increase muscle, carve curves, can reduce or eliminate double chins, bulging midriff and stomach and slack upper arm muscles. They also enhance and boost your metabolism.

For beginners, it is suggested to start with 3 repetitions of each exercise for the first week and to increase the number of repetitions of each exercise by 2 per day every week until you reach the full 21 repetitions. Do the full number of repetitions of each exercise before moving on to the next. They can be performed anytime and many clients do them twice a day, in the morning and late afternoon. Although it isn't necessary to do the rites more than 21 times unless you are truly motivated to do so.

Exercise #1

Standing with arms out, turn towards your right hand. Start by making 3 complete revolutions and work up to 21. Go very slow at first, being sure to stop if you feel a bit dizzy, pick a spot on the wall and look at it until you feel clear-headed.

Exercise #2

First lie flat on the floor, face up. Fully extend your arms along your sides and place the palms of your hands against the floor, keeping the fingers close together. Then raise your head off the floor, tucking the chin against the chest.

As you do this, lift your legs, knees straight, into a vertical position. If possible, let the legs extend back over the body, toward the head. But do not let the knees bend. Then slowly lower both, the head and the legs, knees straight to the floor. Allow all the muscles to relax, continue breathing in the same rhythm. Breathe in deeply as you lift your legs and breathe out as you lower you legs.

Exercise #3

Kneel on the floor with the body erect. The hands should be placed against the thigh muscles. Incline the head and neck forward, tucking the chin against the chest. Then throw the head and neck backward, arching the spine. As you arch, you will brace your arms and hands against the thighs for support. After the arching, return to the original position, and start the rite all over again. Breathe in deeply as you arch the spine. Breathe out as you return to an erect position.

Exercise #4

Sit down on the floor with your legs straight out in front of you and your feet about 12 inches apart. With the trunk of the body erect, place the palms of your hands on the floor alongside the buttocks. Then tuck the chin forward against the chest. Now drop the head backward as far as it will go. At the same time, raise your body so that the knees bend while the arms remain straight.

The trunk of the body will be in a straight line with the upper legs, horizontal to the floor. Then tense every muscle in the body. Finally relax your muscles as you return to the original sitting position and rest before repeating the procedure. Breathe in as you raise up, hold your breath as you tense the muscles, breathe out completely as you come down. Continue breathing in the same rhythm as long as you rest between repetitions.

Exercise#5

When you perform the fifth rite, your body will be face down to the floor. It will be supported by the hands, palms down against the floor and the toes in a flexed position. Throughout this rite, the hands and feet should be kept straight. Start with your arms perpendicular to the floor, and the spine arched so that the body is in a sagging position. Now throw the head back as far as possible. Then, bending at the hips, bring the body up into an inverted 'V', at the same time, bring the chin forward, tucking it against the chest. Breathe in deeply as you raise the body, breathe out fully as you lower it.

Within 3 months of daily practice, the Tibetans can make you look pounds lighter in 10-15 easy minutes a day. They are easiest to do on an empty stomach in the morning and late afternoon.