

Fun and simple yoga poses for babies and toddlers













Dear parents,

Thank you for choosing to explore yoga with your little one. Yoga has many benefits: it can improve strength, balance, and coordination, as well as promote confidence and mindfulness. The simple poses in this book are perfectly suited for children ages 1–3, and are based on positions that young children naturally get into when they play. To ensure your child practices safely, encourage them to keep their joints "soft," or bent. Avoid pushing "flexibility," since this can put stress on joints and muscles. You'll find variations of the poses within this book. Yoga for young children is not about being perfectly in position—it's about playing and having fun!

The order of the gentle poses has been designed to first engage, then energize, and finally relax your child. After sharing this book once, why not shake up the order of the poses and create different stories together based on the characters?

Turn the page to begin your child's first yoga journey.



Namaste, Colette

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Safety information

Every effort has been made to ensure the exercises in this book are suitable for young children.

Please consult a doctor beforehand if you are concerned your child has any condition that might be affected by doing the exercises in this book. The publisher does not accept any responsibility for any injury or damage arising from following any of the exercises or suggestions contained in this book.



Close your eyes.
Take five long,
deep breaths in
through your nose
and out through
your mouth.









This makes you feel strong.





Butterfly

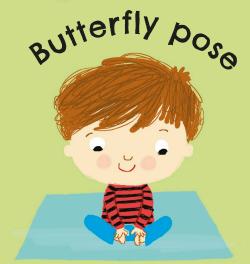
Can You sit like a beautiful butterfly? Flutter! Flutter!

Hold your feet together and sit up straight.

Then **bounce** your **knees** like wings **flapping**.







This relaxes your lower back and thighs.





Ribbit!
Ribbit! Frog Can you be a jumpy frog?



Bend your knees and crouch low with your hands in front of you.

Then jump up!



This pose strengthens your legs and tummy.

Cat

Get back, and tuck your chin in



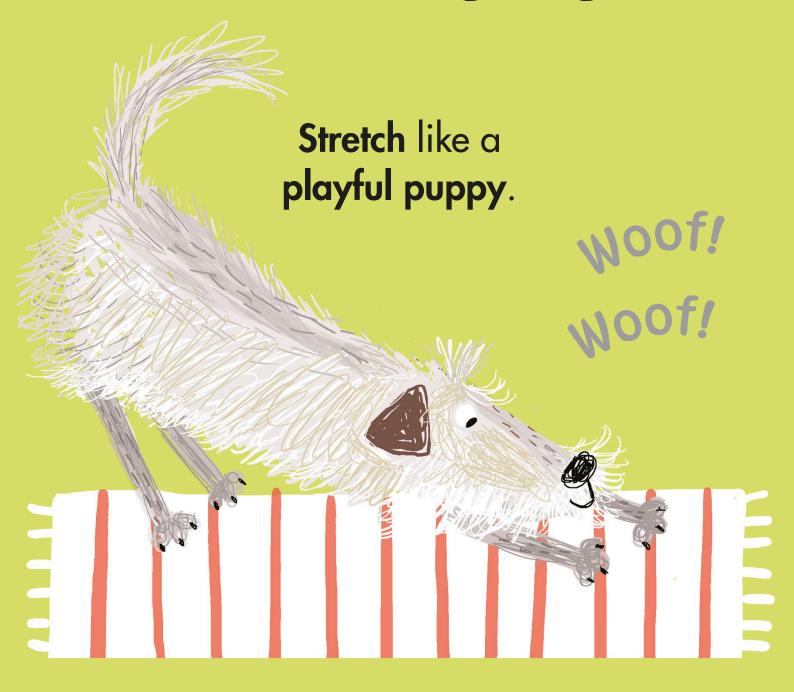
cat pose







Downward-facing dog



Put your **hands** and **feet** on the floor.



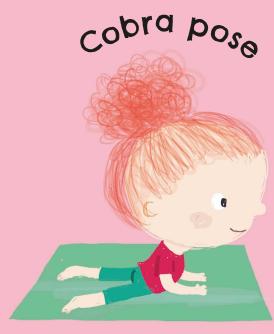
feel full of energy.

Cobra





Then press your hands
down into the ground
and lift up your
head and chest.



This strengthens your back.

Star



Can you sparkle like a star?



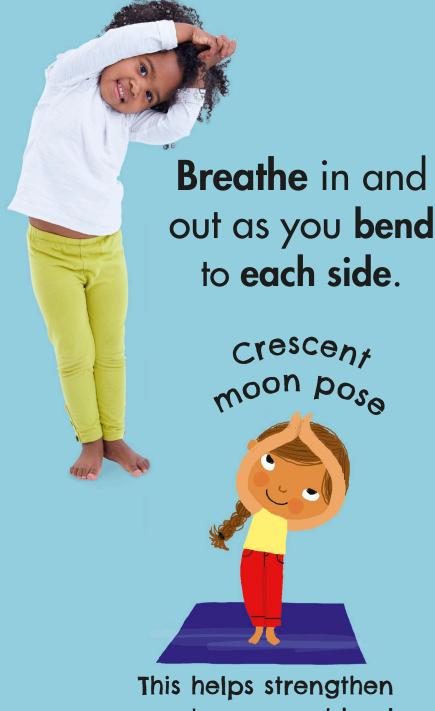


Crescent moon



Reach your arms up high and lace your fingers together.





your tummy and back.



Bend your **knees** and **slowly** roll down.



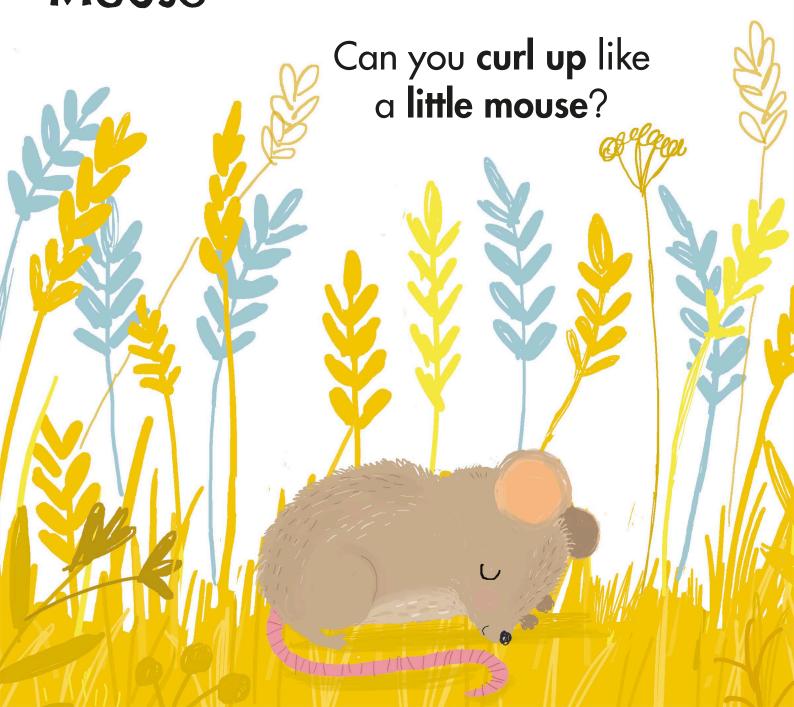
Swing your arms in front of you.





This pose calms your body.

Mouse



Start on your hands and knees.



Then lay forward and snuggle.



snuggle! snuggle! Mouse pose

This pose relaxes you.

Cloud



Let's lie on a fluffy cloud.



Hold onto your feet or ankles.



Gently rock from side to side.

Cloud pose



This soothes your back.







Place a hand on your tummy, and gently breathe in and out.

Sloth pose



This pose helps you rest.



Let's flow

Learn the sequence of poses.

The first part makes your brain and body feel strong.







Tree



The middle section helps you feel energized.



Lion's breath



Frog (Squat)



Cat







Downwardfacing dog



Cobra

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Star



Crescent



The final part calms you down and leaves you feeling relaxed.





Rag doll (Forward bend)



Mouse (Child's pose)



Cloud (Happy baby)



Sloth (Savasana)











Easy yoga poses for little ones

Discover the joys of yoga with your baby or toddler in this perfect first book of yoga. Stretch, breathe, and giggle your way through carefully selected positions, designed to engage, energize, and then relax your child.

- Develops strength, coordination, and balance
- Promotes early reading skills by introducing and broadening vocabulary
- Teaches young children the importance of relaxation



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