## Postpartum Workshop Exercises

These exercises were taught in the morning workshop you attended and are derived from my comprehensive <u>Postnatal Rehab Package</u>. I am thrilled to offer you an exclusive 20% discount using the code ALIGNHER.

The Postnatal Rehab Package includes 12 progressive classes specifically designed to heal and prevent postnatal and pre-existing issues, standing routines, exercise libary, printable guides of each class and 1-1 support with me. The exercises on this printable guide are from Week 1 of the program, and as you progress through the weeks, you'll see these foundational movements evolve.

Guided by a certified Postnatal Exercise Specialist, this program equips you with invaluable knowledge and tools that you can carry with you for a lifetime. Thank you for prioritizing your health and well-being. Enjoy your journey!



EXERCISE	REPS	DESCRIPTION	DIAGRAM	
Pelvic Floor  • Improves pelvic floor and diaphragmatic connection, Strengthens a weak PF, and relaxes a tight PF.	• Breath cycles  3-5  • Rounds  2	<ul> <li>Lie down with your knees bent and a pillow between your legs.</li> <li>Keep your chin away from chest.</li> <li>Breathe gently and quietly.</li> <li>Inhale, long and relaxed, relaxing your pelvic floor muscles. Feeling a stretch-like effect on the PF.</li> <li>Exhale, lift your pelvic floor muscles with a 30% contraction and gently squeeze the pillow with your inner thighs.</li> <li>Inhale again, release the squeeze and relax your pelvic floor slowly.</li> </ul>		
Spinal Bridges	• Reps	<ul> <li>Repeat with each breath.</li> <li>Lie on your back with feet under knees and a pillow between your inner thighs.</li> <li>Inhale, relax your pelvic floor, and release the squeeze on the pillow.</li> <li>Exhale, gently lift your pelvic floor, squeeze the pillow and peel your spine off the ground, tucking your tailbone under until you reach your mid-back.</li> <li>Begin to reverse the movement, inhaling as you slowly lower your spine back</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Improves spinal mobility pelvic floor health and strengthens deep abdominals and legs.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>down.</li> <li>As your hips reach the mat, release the squeeze on the pillow and fully relax your pelvic floor.</li> <li>Repeat the sequence.</li> </ul>		

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Hamstring 90 90 Hold	• Time  30 sec	<ul> <li>Lie down with your legs raised at a 90-degree angle, feet flexed.</li> <li>Ensure your legs are at 90 degrees and in line with your hips before starting.</li> <li>Flex your feet, so toes face the ceilling. Press your heels down into a soft object.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Improved hamstring strength and overall alignment.</li> </ul>	• Rounds	<ul> <li>Exhale and roll your lower back to the mat by pressing down into your heels.</li> <li>Keep your tailbone light throughout</li> </ul>		
Diaphragmatic Breathing	• Breathe cycles	<ul> <li>out across each rib.</li> <li>Maintain a neutral pelvis and avoid crunching.</li> <li>Inhale softly, quietly, and slowly through your nose.</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Improved breathing and alignment.</li> </ul>	• Rounds	<ul> <li>Exhale as if your blowing up a ballon, allowing your ribs to close and move 360° down toward your pelvis, guided by gentle pressure from your hands. Maintain this new posistio of the ribs. Your abdominals will have switched on also keep this engagement.</li> <li>Hold your breath for 1-3 seconds before inhaling. I want you to feel your thumbs and side of body move.</li> <li>Repeat the cycle, inhaling in this new position and feeling your fingers expand outward 360°.</li> </ul>		

EXERCISE	REPS	DESCRIPTION	DIAGRAM	
Side Lying Pelvis Mobility  • Improves pelvis mobility and overall body functioning	• Reps  10  *Repeat on opposite side	<ul> <li>Lie on your side with knees bent at a 90-degree angle and a pillow between your knees for comfort.</li> <li>Use your top hand to push your top hip away from your ribcage, down towards the end of your mat.</li> <li>Feel the length through the top side of your body and the shortening on the opposite side.</li> <li>Press your top knee down into your into your pillow. Keep the squeeze as your slide the knee forwards and backwards slowley.</li> <li>Don't allow this to come from the mid back. Should be a small movement.</li> </ul>	12:12	
Supine Leg Marches  • Strengthens deep abdominals	• Reps 20 • Rounds	<ul> <li>Lie on your back with knees bent, feet under your knees, and head on a pillow.</li> <li>Keep your chin away from your chest and hands on the front of your body to maintain alignment.</li> <li>On an exhale, let your ribs sink down and gently press your lower back into the floor by pressing your feet into the mat.</li> <li>Stay in this position and march one leg to 90 degrees as you press into the opposite foot (heel and big toe knuckle) to stabilize your pelvis.</li> <li>Reverse and alternate legs.</li> <li>Ensure there's no movement under your hands as you lift each leg.</li> </ul>		