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Working out and eating healthy aren't the only parts of a fitness journey. One of the most underrated, but key, aspects of a healthy lifestyle is stress management. So, whether you're trying to shed a few pounds, or just clear your head, let's get your stress levels in check. Enter: breathwork! Intentional breathwork aims to regulate your nervous system, and can even aid in relieving the symptoms of anxiety and depression. Below, I've listed my top 3 breathing exercises for beginners. Try them out and let me know how you feel!

Belly Breathing

- Find a comfortable seat.
- Place one hand on your chest, and one hand on your low belly.
- Start by taking some regular breaths. Most likely, if you're stressed, you'll notice your chest rising first as you inhale.
- Now, see if you can reverse it! This time, take deeper breaths so that your belly is what rises first with every inhale.
- Practice breathing like this for one minute.
- Bringing the breath to the low belly helps you access your parasympathetic nervous system (the opposite of fight or flight) for an overall feeling of calm.





Box Breathing

- Take your hand out in front of you and inhale as you draw a square or box in the air.
- Exhale as you draw it again.
- Your breath will be longer the larger and more slowly you draw your box!
- This technique is great for folks that like a visual representation to go along with their breath work.



4-7-8 Breathing

- Breathe in deeply for four counts.
- · Hold your breath for seven counts.
- Exhale slowly for 8 counts.
- Repeat for 3-5 rounds!
- This is a great technique to try after you've fostered a little more breath control. This technique is not recommended for people that are pregnant.





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