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Outward Movement

Slow, smooth continuous

Make your movements continuous, like water flowing in a river.

Resistance

Imagine you're moving against a gentle resistance - like moving in water.

Body Structure

Posture

Golden Thread holds your head to the sky, your knees slightly bent, your chin tucked in, and your pelvis tucked under. Your ear, shoulder, hip should align.

Weight transference

When transferring your weight, be be aware of each part of the movement. This is important for improving mobility, coordination, and stability.

Internal Movement

Song (relax open)

Relax open your joints, gently stretching them from within. Think of internally expanding each joint.

Jing (focus)

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