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**2 Float**



Keeping the back flat and in the water, float for 10 seconds.

**3 Relax & Repeat**



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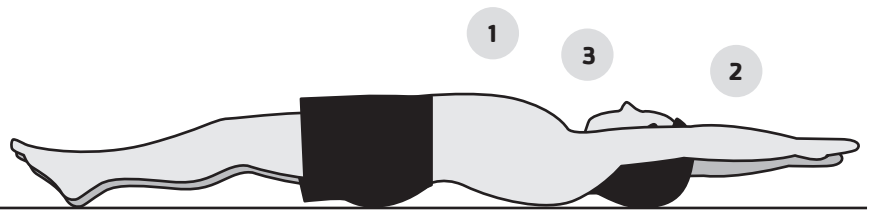
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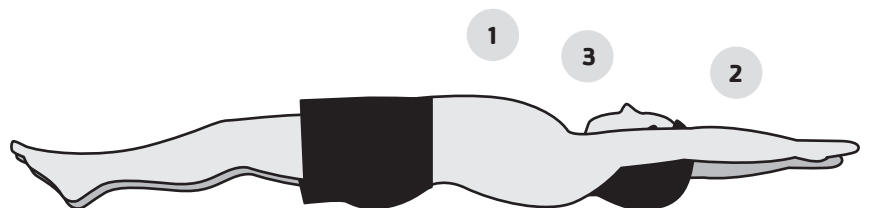
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#### 2 Hold



Keeping the back on the floor, lift legs and arms a couple of inches off the ground and hold for 10 seconds.

#### 3 Relax & Repeat



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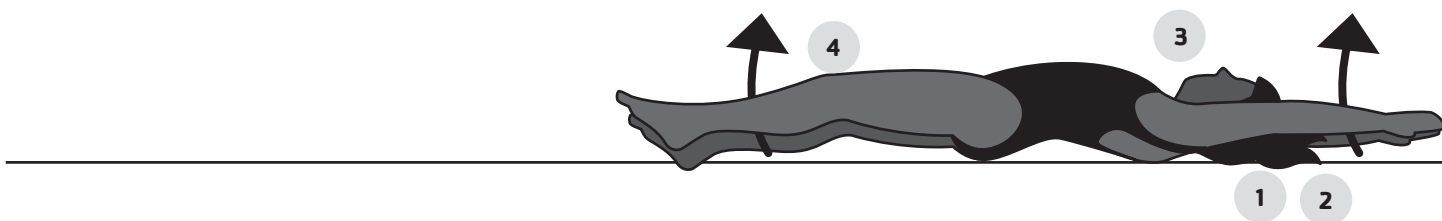
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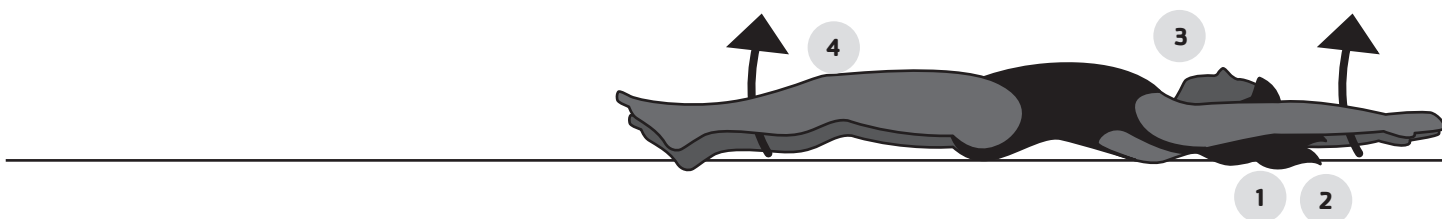
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#### 2 Kick Leg



From the hip, lift one leg up without bending the knee. Keep feet pointed but slightly relaxed.

#### 3 Alternate



Kick the second leg up as you bring the first leg down. Both legs should make the same movement. Continue to alternate legs for 30 seconds. Do this activity two to three times throughout the course of the swim lessons session.

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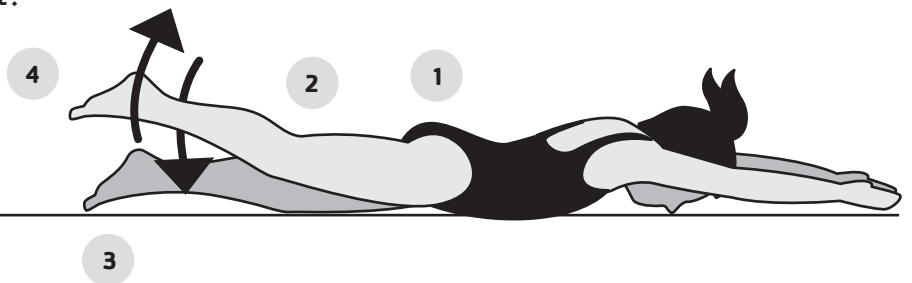
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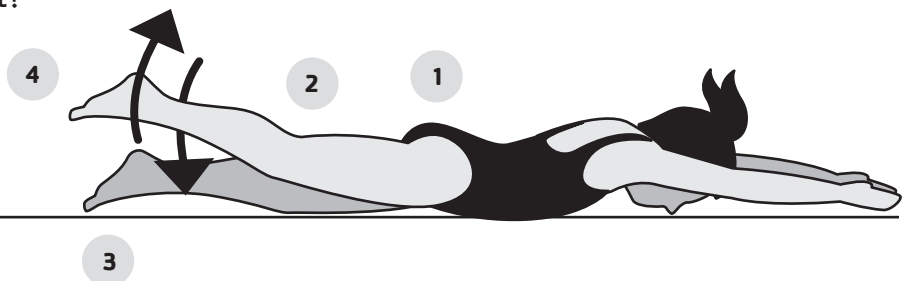
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**2 Float**



Submerge face, relax body, and float for a few seconds. If hesitant to submerge face, submerge chin or blow bubbles.

**3 Relax & Repeat**



Move into a sitting position. Rest for a few seconds, then repeat the complete activity three times. Do this activity two to three times throughout the course of the swim lessons session.

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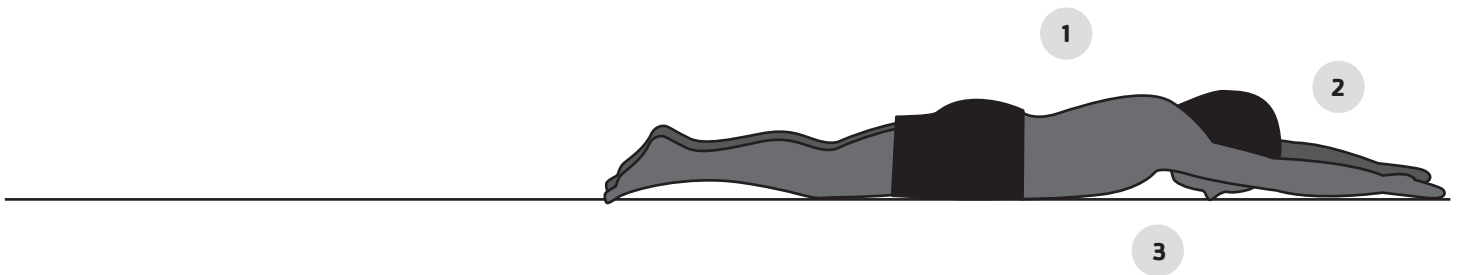
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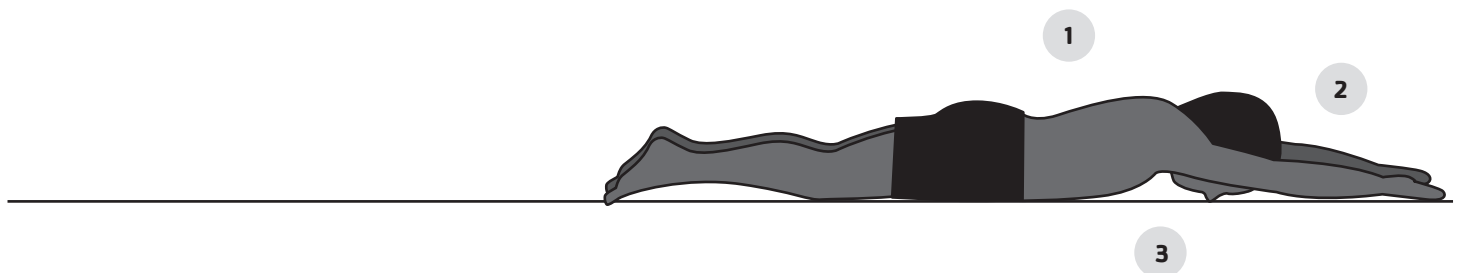
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#### 2 Hold



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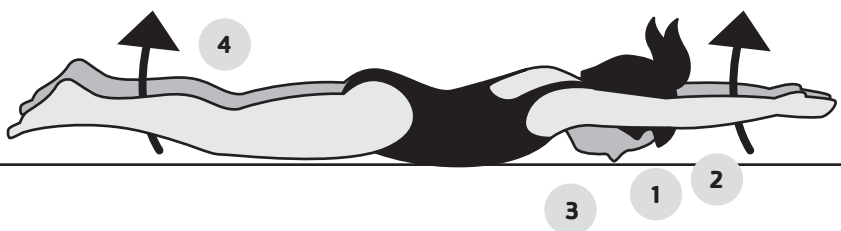
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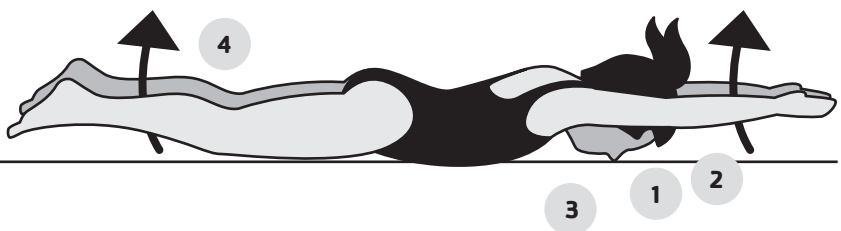
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#### 2 Submerge Face

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#### 3 Repeat

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