Spooning, scissoring, and sideways sex can be challenging for those of us with shapely butts and thicker thighs, or with a partner who has a larger stomach.

However, for all of its possible angles and poses, sex sideways can also be one of the most versatile. Manipulating angles can give both partners the opportunity to see each other better, as well as relish a handful of hip or a bouncing breast. After checking out these nine sideways-inspired positions (or while you’re test-driving them), think about ways you can improve upon them for the comfort and thrill of your unique body and that of your partner’s.

Spooning and sideways positions can get hot and dirty but they also can be about building connection and closeness. If you want to get super intimate and close, sideways sex can get deep quick when you’re skin-to-skin against your lover and moving in rhythm together. Your bodies feel snug and more conjoined than ever.

Another reason that the sideways situations are terrific is that this is an angle that the vagina doesn’t always get to feel. You may find that inserting a penis or dildo at certain sideways or scissoring angles stimulates a part of the vaginal canal you never knew could feel so good!

As if the benefits of these positions couldn’t get any better, the following poses also ensure one or both of your hands are free to massage a scalp, rub a pussy, play with a breast, or grip all the parts you adore on your lover. So go forth and spoon!

**Flower Bud**

Begin by spooning, with the receiver as the little spoon. The receiver wraps her top leg around the giver’s thigh as the giver props himself up with his lower elbow and enters. He can use his top hand to stimulate her vulva, clitoris, or nipple to coax her flower to bloom.

**You Are Not Your Body**

If your partner wasn’t turned on by you they wouldn’t be having sex with you. That’s just a fact. A lot of curvy girls can feel self-conscious, uncomfortably vulnerable, or just plain scared to engage in a position like the Flower Bud where their tummy is so exposed. This is a good time to re-train your mind away from the self-effacing or worrisome thoughts that might be coming up for you. A great way to do this is to not beat yourself up for feeling or thinking the way you do. Instead, notice you’re having the thought, acknowledge it in your mind, and then replace that thought by focusing on the pleasure you’re receiving and giving.

Use all your senses. Listen to your partner’s breathing (or moaning) and see if you can determine his/her level of pleasure by its changing patterns. Hone in on body language and movements and how they communicate arousal. Concentrate on what it feels like where all the parts of your skin connect. Ask yourself what feels good, what’s just okay, and what is incredibly arousing. Stop the negative thoughts by focusing on what’s happening in the moment and on what kind of pleasure you can or are giving your partner, then revel in your ability to be present and in your pleasure at the same time as your partner—that’s no small feat!