

A message from Mike Whitfield, CTT



Yes, that's me... I've lost 105 lbs. This is why I do what I do. If I can do this, anyone can.

Enjoy these metabolic workout finishers. But first, understand them. The elevator answer - it's a way to replace cardio and even intervals at the end of your workout to help you burn more fat in less time.

Basically, they are calorie-expensive movements using shorter recovery periods. The sets and reps are determined by experimentation and client feedback. Finishers will:

- Break a fat loss plateau
- Jump start your fat loss plan
- Improve your conditioning
- And most importantly get you addicted to working out (which leads to consistency... this is my favorite part about them)

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# Train SAFE!

- Don't do any exercises that you aren't sure how to do. Always get personal instruction from a certified trainer or ask for a substitute exercise.
- If it hurts, STOP! Don't be afraid to use alternative exercises. I don't believe in the "no pain, no gain" mentality.
- If you need extra recovery within the workout or between workouts, don't hesitate to take it. In other words, don't keep going if you're feeling dizzy!
- Use a spotter if you are training with heavy weights.
- Just because something looks easy on paper doesn't mean you dismiss it. On the other end – if something looks too difficult, then be safe and use an easier exercise and adjust recovery and rest periods.
- If you want to start this or any other program but think you have an injury, get medical attention FIRST and have a professional therapist rehabilitate your injury before starting any exercise program.
- If you decide to use running as your form of interval training (especially sprints), make sure you have good running shoes and always do an extra thorough warm-up.

And for the "timed" sets, I strongly encourage you to buy a gymboss interval timer. For one thing, they are awesome. Also, they are inexpensive for what you get. Check them out at <u>www.gymboss.com</u>. Or you can use an interval timer application on your smartphone.



- Use these finishers at the **END** of your main workout. These are designed to compliment your main workout, not replace it.
- Be conservative when you try a finisher for the first time. For example, if a finisher calls for 3 rounds, complete only 1-2 rounds the first time you do that finisher.
- Don't be afraid to substitute an easier exercise to fit your unique fitness level. For example, you can do regular pushups instead of Spiderman pushups.

# Things to Remember

A "superset" is 2 exercises back-to-back with no rest, but resting after both exercises are complete. For example, let's say you have a finisher that says:

1A) Body Squats (10)1B) Push-ups (10)Do the above superset 3 times with 30 secs of rest between supersets.

Here is what you do: one set of 10 reps of Body Squats, then immediately, with NO rest, 10 reps of push-ups, THEN rest 30 seconds. See? You would do this 2 more times for a total of 3 supersets.

A "circuit" is a series of 3 exercises or more that are done back-to-back with no rest between exercises. So, for example, let's say you have the following finisher:

1A) Body Squats (10)1B) Push-ups (10)1C) Inverted Row (8)Do the above circuit 4 times, resting for 1 minute between circuits

You would then do this:

10 Body Squats, immediately 10 Push-ups, immediately 8 Inverted Rows, and then rest for 1 minute. You would do this 4 times... then you're done!

# Finisher # 1 "The Decline of the Bulgarians"

Do the following superset, resting only when needed. In the first superset, you will perform 8 reps of each exercise. In the next superset, you will perform 7 reps of each. Continue in this fashion until you complete 1 rep of each exercise. Time yourself. The next time you perform this finisher, try to beat your previous time.

1A) Bulgarian Jump Squats (8/side, 7/side, ... down to 1/side)1B) Decline Pushups (8, 7, ... down to 1)

#### <mark>Make it Easier</mark>

Same as above, except with the following exercises. You can also reduce the starting number of reps (6 for example)

1A) Bulgarian Squats (8/side, 7/side, ... down to 1/side)1B) Pushups (8, 7, ... down to 1)

# Finisher # 2

# "The Burpee and Swing-Along"

Do the following circuit 4 times, resting for 20 seconds between circuits:

1A) Burpees (6)1B) DB/KB Swings (15)1C) Close-Grip Pushups (15)

#### <mark>Make it Easier</mark>

Do the following circuit 3 times, resting for 20 seconds between circuits:

1A) Total Body Extensions (10)1B) DB/KB Swings (15)1C) Pushups (15)

# Finisher # 3 "The Heart Thumper"

Do the following circuit one time, resting only when needed, executing each exercise with good form. Time yourself. The next time you perform this finisher, try to beat your previous time:

1A) DB Squat and Press (15) (use a weight that you can lift for 20 reps)

1B) Spiderman Climb (15/side)

1C) Chinups (10)

1D) Lunge Jumps (15/side)

1E) Renegade Pushups (20)

1F) Jumping Jacks (50)

#### Make it Easier

Same as above:

1A) DB Squat and Press (10) (use a weight that you can lift for 15 reps)

1B) Spiderman Climb (15/side)

1C) Inverted Row (or skip this exercise)

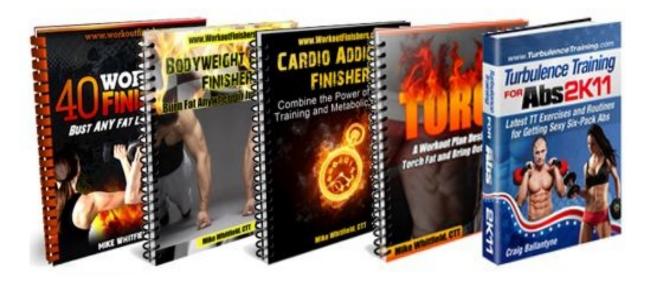
1D) Bodyweight Split Squat (15/side)

1E) Pushups (20)

1F) Jumping Jacks (50)

Photos and Descriptions of the Exercises are Below in this Manual

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These will be all the tools you need to burn more fat, without doing a minute of cardio (or even intervals for that matter).

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# **Exercise Library** (Exercises are in order of appearance)

# <u>Bulgarian Jump Squats</u>

- Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart. Hold dumbells in each hand if needed.
- Place the instep of one foot on a bench. Step forward with the other foot, taking a slightly larger than normal step.
- Contract your glutes, brace your abs and keep your spine in a neutral position.
- Lower your body until your front thigh is parallel to the ground.
- Keep your upper body upright and your lower back flat.
- Jump using the front foot, and keeping the upright position. Stay in a split-squat stance.
- Land in the bottom of a Bulgarian squat and repeat
- Perform all reps for one leg and then switch.



#### Decline Pushup

- Keep the abs braced and body in a straight line from toes (knees) to shoulders.
- Place the hands on the floor slightly wider than shoulder-width apart.
- Elevate your feet onto stairs or a bench.
- Push through your chest, shoulders and triceps to return to the start position.
- Keep your body in a straight line at all times.



#### **Bulgarian Split Squat**

- Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart. Hold dumbells in each hand if needed.
- Place the instep of one foot on a bench. Step forward with the other foot, taking a slightly larger than normal step.
- Contract your glutes, brace your abs and keep your spine in a neutral position.
- Lower your body until your front thigh is parallel to the ground.
- Keep your upper body upright and your lower back flat.
- Push up to the upright position. Stay in a split-squat stance.
- Perform all reps for one leg and then switch.



#### Push-up

- Keep the abs braced and body in a straight line from toes/knees to shoulders.
- Place the hands on the floor slightly wider than shoulder-width apart.
- Slowly lower yourself down until you are an inch off the ground.
- Push through your chest, shoulders and triceps to return to the start position.
- Keep your body in a straight line at all times.



#### <u>Burpees</u>

- Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart.
- Drop down onto your hands and feet, then thrust your feet back so you are in a pushup position. Thrust your feet back in and then stand up.
- You can add a vertical jump at the end as well.



#### KB/DB Swings

- Stand with your feet wider than shoulder-width apart. Hold a single Kettlebell or dumbbell in both hands in front of your body at arm's length.
- Push your hips back and swing the Kettlebell or dumbbell between your legs.
- Drive back up to the start position and swing the Kettlebell or dumbbell up to chest height. Move at a quick pace.



#### Close-grip Pushup

- Keep the abs braced and body in a straight line from toes/knees to shoulders.
- Place the hands on the floor inside shoulder-width apart.
- Slowly lower yourself down until you are an inch off the ground.
- Tuck your elbows into your sides as you lower your body.
- Push through your chest, shoulders and triceps to return to the start position.
- Keep your body in a straight line at all times and elbows tucked in.



# **Total Body Extension**

- Start in the standing position as if you were going to do a bodyweight squat.
- Dip down quickly into a quarter squat and swing your arms behind you by your sides.
- Explode up and extend your body onto your toes, raising your arms overhead.
- Control the descent back and in one movement return to the dip before exploding back up again.
- This is a non-impact replacement for jumping.



KB/DB Swings (see above)

Pushups (see above)

#### Squat and Press

- Hold a pair of dumbbells at shoulder height and your feet just outside shoulder width apart.
- Squat to at least parallel, maintaining an upright torso.
- Return to the standing position
- Pressing the weight overhead.



# Spiderman Climb

- Brace your abs. Start in the top of the pushup position.
- Keep your abs braced, pick one foot up off the floor, and slowly bring your knee up outside of your shoulder and touch your foot to the ground.
- Keep your abs braced and slowly return your leg to the start position.
- Alternate sides until you complete all of the required repetitions.



#### Chin-ups

- Take underhand grip on the bar with the palms facing you.
- Pull your body up until the chest reaches bar level.
- Slowly lower yourself but do not let your body swing and do not use momentum



#### Lunge Jumps

- Start in the bottom of a split squat position. Your front thigh should be parallel to the floor, your torso upright, and your abs braced.
- Jump up explosively and switch leg positions in the air. Your back leg becomes the front leg, and vice versa. Absorb the landing with your muscles. Keep your abs braced and torso upright.
- Alternate sides without resting between sides



### **Renegade Pushups**

- Start in a push-up position as you grip a pair of dumbbells.
- Maintaining a straight line and your abs braced, perform a pushup by lowering your body
- Return to the starting position



# Jumping Jacks

- Stand on the balls of your feet with your feet shoulder width-apart and arms by side.
- Jump your feet out to your sides and raise your hands overhead at the same time.



#### DB Squat and Press (see above)

### Spiderman Climb (see above)

#### **Inverted Row**

- Set a bar at hip height in the smith machine or squat rack.
- Lie underneath the bar and grab it with an underhand grip an inch or two wider than shoulder-width apart. Row yourself up the top position with your upper back and lats.
- Keep the abs braced and body in a straight line from toes (knees) to shoulders.
- Slowly return to the start position.



# Split Squat

- Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart holding a pair of dumbbells (optional).
- Step forward with your one leg, taking a slightly larger than normal step.
- Press the front of your back foot into the ground and use it to help keep your balance. The back knee should also be bent.
- Contract your glutes, brace your abs and keep your spine in a neutral position.
- Lower your body until your front thigh is parallel to the ground.
- Keep your upper body upright and your lower back flat.
- Push up to the upright position, but don't step back. Stay in a split-squat stance.
- Perform all reps for one leg and then switch.



Pushups (see above)

Jumping Jacks (see above)

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