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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.
- Do this finishers workout program for four weeks, then switch to another finishers workout program
- Don't be afraid to ask a question on my facebook page here:
www.facebook.com/workoutfinishers
- 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 www.gymboss.com. Or you can use an interval timer application on your smartphone.



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- Finish each workout with stretching for the tight muscle groups only if desired.
- Start every workout with this warm-up circuit.

Bodyweight Warm-up Circuit

- Go through the circuit TWICE.
- Rest 30 seconds between warm-up circuits.
- When lifting heavy, lift half of the desired weight for one set for your first two exercises before your workout.

Warm-up

Prisoner Squat (10)
Close-Grip Pushups (10)
Leg Swings (15/side)
Bird Dog (6/side)

Follow this workout for 4 weeks and then switch to another program.

Workout Schedule

Day 1 – Workout A

1A) DB Lunge (8/side)

1B) DB Chest Press (8)

Rest 1 minute and repeat 2 more times

2A) Seated Row (10)

2B) Plank (30 secs)

Rest 1 minute and repeat 2 more times

3A) Prisoner Good-Morning (15)

3B) Bird Dog (10/side)

Rest 1 minute and repeat 2 more times

Intervals – 1 minute “on” (8/10 intensity), 1 minute “off” (3/10 intensity)

Do this 6 times

Stretch as needed

Day 2 – Recovery and Light Exercise

Workout Schedule

Day 3 – Workout B

1A) Goblet Squat (8)
1B) Inverted Row (8) or DB Row (8/side)
Rest 1 minute and repeat 2 more times

2A) 1-Arm DB Incline Chest Press (10/side)
2B) Bodyweight Reverse Lunge (12/side)
Rest 1 minute and repeat 2 more times.

3A) DB Curl (8)
3B) Lying DB Tricep Extensions (8)
Rest 1 minute and repeat 2 more times

Finisher

Do the following circuit as many times as possible in 5 minutes, resting when needed:

4A) Bodyweight Swing Lunge (5/side)
4B) Pushups (10)
4C) Total Body Extensions (10)

Stretch as needed

Day 4 – Recovery Day and Light Exercise

Workout Schedule

Day 5 – Workout C

1A) Wide Grip Lat Pulldown (6)

1B) DB Chest Press (15)

Rest 1 minute and repeat 2 more times

2A) Lunge Jumps (6/side)

2B) Stability Ball Plank (30 secs)

Rest 1 minute and repeat 2 more times

3A) DB Rear Lateral Raise (12)

3B) Bodyweight Chops (15/side)

Rest 1 minute and repeat 2 more times

Intervals

2 minutes at a pace that you could only sustain for 8-10 minutes

2 minutes of recovery (easy pace)

Do the above:

3 times in week 1

4 times in week 2

5 times in weeks 3 and 4

Stretch as needed

Days 6 and 7 – Recovery and Light Exercise

Workout A	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
1A) DB Lunge (8/side)												
1B) DB Chest Press (8)												
2A) Seated Row (10)												
2B) Plank (30s)												
3A) Prisoner Good-Morning (15)												
3B) Bird Dog (10/side)												
Intervals												
Workout B	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
1A) Goblet Squat (8)												
1B) Inv Row (8) or DB Row (8/side)												
2A) 1-Arm Incline Press (10/side)												
2B) BW Reverse Lunge (12/side)												
3A) DB Curl (8)												
3B) Lying DB Tricep Ext (8)												
Finisher – 5 mins (amap)												
4A) BW Swing Lunge (5/side)												
4B) Pushups (10)												
4C) Total Body Extensions (10)												
Workout C	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
1A) WG Lat Pulldown (6)												
1B) DB Chest Press (15)												
2A) Lunge Jumps (6/side)												
2B) SB Plank (30s)												
3A) DB Rear Lat Raise (12)												
3B) BW Chops (15/side)												
Intervals												

Exercise Descriptions

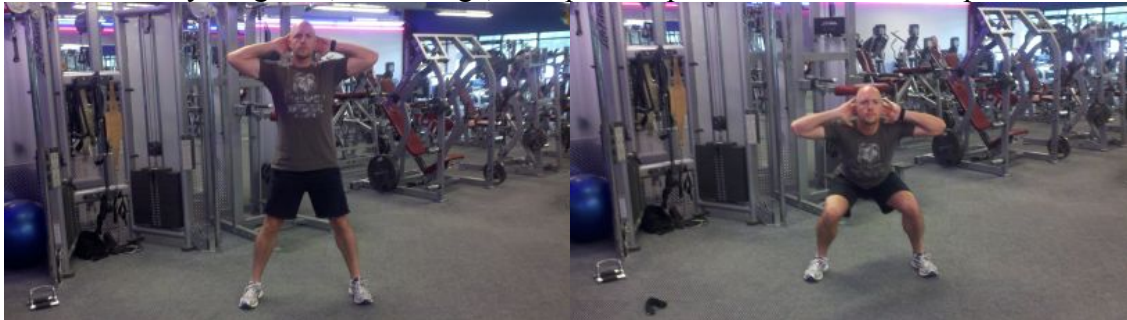
Warm-Up

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You must have a Certified Personal Trainer (CPT) or Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) provide you with instruction on correct form for all exercises.

Prisoner Squat

- Stand with your feet just greater than shoulder-width apart.
- Clasp your hands behind your head. Keep your elbows back and shoulder blades pulled together to work the upper back.
- Start the movement at the hip joint. Push your hips backward and “sit back into a chair”. Make your hips go back as far as possible.
- Squat as deep as possible, but keep your low back tensed in a neutral position.
- Do not round your lower back.
- Push with your glutes, hamstrings, and quadriceps to return to the start position.



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.



Warm-Up

Leg Swings

- Stand with your feet hip width apart and hold on to something for balance.
- Take the inside leg and swing it back behind you and then swing it straight out in front of you.
- This will stretch your hamstring so do it gently.
- Continue to swing your leg faster and higher with each repetition.
- Do all reps for one side then switch.



Bird Dog

- Kneel on a mat and place your hands on the mat under your shoulders. You should be on “all fours”. Brace your abs.
- Raise your right hand and left leg simultaneously while keeping your abs braced.
- Point your right arm straight out from your shoulder and your left leg straight out from your hip. Your pelvis should not rotate (if someone placed a ball in the small of your back, it shouldn't have fallen off). Your back should be flat like a table.
- Hold for 3-5 seconds and then slowly lower without rotating your pelvis.



Workout A

DB Lunge

- Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart. Hold dumbbells in each hand if needed.
- Step forward with your right leg, taking a slightly larger than normal step.
- Keep your left toe on the ground and use it to help keep your balance. The left knee should also be bent.
- Lower your body until your right thigh is parallel to the ground.
- Keep your upper body upright and your lower back flat.
- Push with your right leg to return to the starting position.
- When you are strong enough, hold dumbbells in your hands to increase intensity.



DB Chest Press

- Hold the dumbbells above your chest with your palms turned toward your feet.
- Lower the dumbbells to chest level.
- Pause briefly and press the dumbbells straight up above the chest.
- Squeeze your chest muscles together as you press the dumbbells up.



Workout A

Seated Row

- Use a long bar and take a greater than shoulder-width overhand grip.
- Keep your arms and back straight, knees slightly bent.
- Row the handle back as far as possible bringing your shoulder blades together.



Plank

- Lie on your stomach on a mat.
- Raise your body in a straight line and rest your bodyweight on your elbows and toes so that your body hovers over the mat.
- Keep your back straight and your hips up. Hold (brace) your abs tight. Contract them as if someone was about to punch you in the stomach, but breath normally.
- Hold this position for the recommended amount of time.



Workout A

Prisoner Good-Morning

- Stand with your feet about shoulder width apart
- Put your hands behind your head, squeezing your shoulder blades together
- Keeping a slight bend in the knee, bend over until your upper body is almost parallel to the ground, while keeping your shoulders back
- Be sure not to round out your back
- This is very similar to the waiter's bow



Bird Dog – (see above)

Workout B

Goblet Squat

- Stand with your feet just greater than shoulder-width apart.
- Hold a dumbbell in a “cupped” position at chest height.
- Start the movement at the hip joint. Push your hips backward and “sit back into a chair”.
- Make your hips go back as far as possible.
- Squat as deep as possible, but keep your low back tensed in a neutral position.
- Don’t let your lower back become rounded.
- Push with your glutes, hamstrings, and quadriceps to return to the start position.



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.



Workout B

DB Row

- Rest the left hand flat bench or platform, lean over and keep the back flat.
- Hold the dumbbell in the right hand in full extension and slowly row it up to the lower abdomen.
- Keep the low back tensed in a neutral position and the elbow tight to the side.
- Do NOT round your lower back.



1-Arm DB Incline Chest Press

- Set an incline bench two notches above the lat position. Lie on the bench and hold one dumbbell at arms length above the chest. The other arm can hang free.
- Slowly lower the dumbbell to chest level and press it straight back up. Do all reps for one side and switch.



Workout B

Bodyweight Reverse Lunge

- Stand upright holding a pair of dumbbells (optional)
- Step back and squeeze your glute muscles, while keeping your upper body straight
- Lower yourself until your rear knee is a few inches off away from the ground
- Push back up with your lead leg to the starting position



DB Curl

- Stand and hold dumbbells at arm's length.
- Keep your knees slightly bent, chest up, and shoulders back.
- Curl the dumbbells up to shoulder height while maintaining a flat back.
- Slowly return to the start position.



Workout B

DB Lying Triceps Extension

- Lie on your back on a bench.
- Hold two dumbbells above your chest, with your palms facing each other.
- Slowly lower them beside your head. Extend your arms back up.



Bodyweight Swing Lunge

- Do a reverse lunge for your left leg by stepping back with your right leg.
- Then step forward with your right leg so that you do a forward lunge working the right leg.
- Continue for all reps moving one leg then switch.
- This can be done with dumbbells or just bodyweight



Workout B

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.
- 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.



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.**



Workout C

Wide Grip Lat Pulldown

- Using a wide overhand grip, grab a lat pulldown bar
- Bring it down to your chest, while squeezing your shoulder blades together
- Slowly return it to the top



DB Chest Press

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- Lower the dumbbells to chest level.
- Pause briefly and press the dumbbells straight up above the chest.
- Squeeze your chest muscles together as you press the dumbbells up.



Workout C

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



Stability Ball Plank

- Brace your abs. Put your elbows on the bench and rest your shins on the ball.
- With your arms straight and your back flat, your body should form a straight line from your shoulders to your ankles.
- Hold the plank position for the designated time.



Workout C

DB Rear Lateral Raise

- Contract your glutes, brace your abs and keep your spine in a neutral position.
- Stand with your knees bent slightly and your upper body bent parallel to floor.
- Perform a lateral raise, lifting the dumbbells up and out to the side.



Bodyweight Chops

- Start by holding your hands above your head and to the side.
- In a diagonal and chopping motion, bring your hands towards the opposite knee with a slight bend in both knees.
- Return to the starting position
- Do all reps on one side and repeat for the other side.

