# WARM UP Side-to-Side Trunk Stretch

Where you feel it: Core

- G Sit with your feet flat on floor.
- 1 Sit up straight in your chair and place one of your hands on your seat for stabilization.
- Raise your other arm over your head and reach to the opposite side, keeping your buttocks on your chair.
- 3 Breathe deeply and hold the stretch 5 seconds. Follow the same steps with your other arm.
- 4 TRY THIS!
  For a more thorough stretch, hold the stretch for 10 seconds on each side!



## **Core Stretch**

Where you feel it: Core

- **G** Sit with your feet flat on the floor.
- 1 Sit up straight in your chair and twist your core to one side, stabilizing by grasping your armrest or seat with both hands.
- 2 Keep your head in line with your spine and breathe deeply and hold for 10 seconds.
- 3 Repeat the same steps on your opposite side.
- 4 REMINDER!
  Inhale and exhale at a
  comfortable rate while you
  perform this exercise.





## **Arm Circles**

### Where you feel it: Shoulders

- G Slowly pedal with your elliptical on low resistance (Level 1-2).
- 1 Keep your shoulders down and your elbows straight, and raise both arms to the side so they are parallel to the ground.
- 2 In small rotations, circle your arms backwards. Repeat 10-15 times.
- 3 Switch the direction of your arm circles and repeat 10-15 times.
- 4 TRY THIS!

  If you like a challenge, double the size of your arm circles!

## **Ankle Alphabet**

Where you feel it: Ankles

- G Sit with your feet flat on the floor.
- 1 Lift one of your legs off the ground so that your knee is straight.
- 2 Keep your hips and knees still, then use your foot to "write" all of the letters "A" through "M" of the alphabet. Movement should only occur at your ankle.
- 3 Use your opposite foot to "write" letters "N" through "Z".



If you like a challenge, try "writing" letters "A" through "Z" with one foot and then repeat with your opposite foot!



## LOWER BODY STRENGTH

## **Seated Knee Extension**

Where you feel it: Thighs

- G Sit with your feet flat on the floor.
- Extend one of your legs fully so that your knee is straight.
- 2 Next, bend your knee and lower your foot back down to the floor. Repeat 10-15 times.
- 3 Switch legs and repeat 10-15 times.
- 4 TRY THIS!

Try holding your extended leg up straight for three seconds to increase resistance!

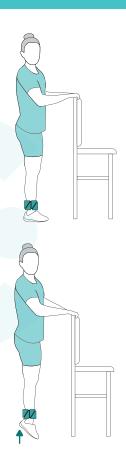


# **Standing Heel Raises**

Where you feel it: Calves

- Stand behind your chair with your feet shoulder width apart.
- 1 Place your hands on the back of your chair for balance.
- 2 Keep your shoulders back and your spine straight, then balance on your toes as you lift your heels off the ground.
- 3 Next, lower your heels back down to the ground. Repeat 10-15 times. This is one set.
- 4 TRY THIS!

When you lift your heels off the ground, hold the position for 3 seconds to increase tension!



# **Standing Knee Flexion**

Where you feel it: Hamstrings

- Stand behind your chair with your feet shoulder width apart.
- 1 Keep your shoulders and your spine straight. Then lift one of your legs, bending at the knee.
- 2 Slowly raise your heel up towards your buttocks, then lower your foot back down to the floor.
- 3 Repeat 10-15 times. This is one set. Switch legs and complete one more set.
- 4 TRY THIS!
  Pulse your heel up in a short range of motion 10 times to strengthen your balance.



### **LOWER BODY STRENGTH**

## **Backwards Leg Lift**

Where you feel it: Hamstrings

- Stand behind your chair with your feet shoulder width apart.
- 1 Keep your shoulders and your spine straight. Then, carefully lift one of your legs 2-3 inches off the ground, keeping your knee straight.
- Next, bring your leg backwards raising it 6-8 inches off the ground. Bring your leg back down to starting position. Repeat 10 times.
- 3 Switch legs and repeat 10 times.
- 4 TRY THIS!

  If you like a challenge,
  try holding your leg
  extended for 3-5 seconds!



### **LOWER BODY STRENGTH**

## **Cross Jab**

Where you feel it: Arms

- Slowly pedal with your elliptical on a light resistance (Levels 1-2).
- 1 Close each of your hands so they form a fist. Then, bend your elbows and bring them toward your chest so your fists are under your chin.
- 2 Extend one of your arms forward and diagonally in a punching motion. Return to starting position.
- 3 Continue the same motion with your other arm and repeat 10-15 times.
- 4 REMINDER!
  Inhale and exhale at a
  comfortable rate while you
  perform this exercise.



#### **UPPER BODY STRENGTH**

## **Forearm Circles**

Where you feel it: Arms

- Slowly pedal with your elliptical on a light resistance (Levels 1-2).
- 1 Squeeze both hands into fists and bend your arms at a 90 degree angle. Raise your arms so your forearms overlap but are not touching.
- 2 Next, carefully raise one of your fists up and around your other fist in a circular motion.
- 3 Continue the same motion with your other arm and repeat 10-15 rotations.
- 4 TRY THIS!

  After you complete one set,
  reverse the direction of the roll
  for the next set!



#### **UPPER BODY STRENGTH**

## **Forward Jab**

Where you feel it: Arms

- Slowly pedal with your elliptical on a light resistance (Levels 1-2).
- 1 Form a fist with both hands and bend your elbows. Bring your fists toward your chest.
- 2 Fully extend one of your arms forward in a punching motion. Then, pull your arm back towards your chest.
- 3 Continue the same motion with your other arm and repeat 10-15 times.
- 4 REMINDER!
  Inhale and exhale at a comfortable rate while you perform this exercise.



#### **UPPER BODY STRENGTH**

# **Forward Fly**

Where you feel it: Shoulders

- Slowly pedal with your elliptical on a light resistance (Levels 1-2).
- 1 Start with your elbows bent at a 90 degree angle and raise your arms out in front of you so they are level with your shoulders.
- Open your arms outward until they are at your sides and then bring them back to starting position.
- 3 Repeat 10-15 times.
- 4 REMINDER!
  Inhale and exhale at a comfortable rate while you perform this exercise.



# **Full Body Breathing**

Where you feel it: Torso

- G Slowly pedal with your elliptical on light resistance (Level 1 or 2).
- 1 Inhale for a count of 5, sitting up tall and letting your breath lift your ribcage.
- 2 Exhale for a count of 5, relaxing the shoulders.
- 3 TRY THIS!

Repeat 3-5 times, and if you'd like -add in the arms! Lift your arms as you inhale, and lower them as you exhale.



