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# HEART HEALTH PROGRAM



ARM CIRCLES



Stand with feet slightly apart and arms straight out to the sides. Swing arms in circular motions.

# flapping arms up and down.

RUNNING ON THE SPOT MUSCLES USED

WALL PUSH-UPS

**MUSCLES USED** 



Run on the spot as fast as you can till you feel warmed up or an increase heart rate.

**NEXT LEVEL** Count slowly for 30 - 60 seconds

Try running on the spot with high knees OR kick your bottom with your feet.



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stretch to be effective. told each stretch for 30 seconds to allow for

MUSCLES USED



YOU SHOULD FEEL
YOUR HEART RATE
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# ry small fast circles OR big fast circles OR



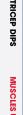
position and return to starting position.

### NEXT LEVEL

Half push up on floor. Start in push-up positions on your knees. Press down into ground, bending your elbows.

knees touching the ground. Hold this position

# **MUSCLES USED**







Face away from your bed, place hands behind you onto the bed. Place your legs out straight, push up straightening your arms and lower back down.

### Do 2 lot of 10 times

**NEXT LEVEL**Try same exercise but lift one leg off the ground.





Stand slightly back facing wall, place both hands on wall at shoulder level. Push into wall in push up

### Do 2 lots of 10 times

### HALF PLANK **MUSCLES USED**



Start in plank position on ground with elbow and

# Count slowly for 60 seconds

**NEXT LEVEL**Start in plank position with elbows and feet on the ground. Hold this position.

# CORE

# FLUTTER KICKS



Lie on your back with legs out straight, do small kicks up and down.

# Do 2 lots of 40 kicks

**NEXT LEVEL**Try kicking faster OR doing bigger kicks.

# RUSSIAN TWISTS MUSCLES USED



trunk around. Start in sitting with knees bent and feet flat on the ground. Twist arms from side to side bringing your

Do 2 lots of 10 times

NEXT LEVEL

Try the same exercise with feet off the floor.



Lie on back with knees bent, place hands on the front of your legs, slide hand up leg and 'crunch' stomach (This should be a small movement)

# Do 2 lots of 20 times

Complete the same exercise, however, place your legs vertically up to the sky.

# **LEGS**

# **MUSCLES USED** SIT TO STAND



push through your legs to stand up. slightly forward. Bring your nose over toes and Start seated, knees in line with toes and feet

### Do 2 lots of 10 times NEXT LEVEL

Try the same exercise with arms out in front OR from a lower seat OR try double leg squat.

### SLOW BURPEES **MUSCLES USED**



Start standing up, lower to ground into push up position, come back up and rise onto toes with arms up. Do not jump.

### Do 1 lot of 10 times

**NEXT LEVEL**Try the same exercise with a jump instead of itse on to toes.

### **CALF RAISES MUSCLES USED**



rise up onto toes and lower. Stand facing wall with feet shoulder width apart,

# Do 2 lots of 10 times

NEXT LEVEL

Try the same exercise on one leg or with a bent knee as this works deep call muscles.

# **MUSCLES USED** WALKING ON THE SPOT MUSCLES USED



Walk around to loosen your muscles after exercising. Walk on spot until heart rate starts to drop (2-5mins)

This will help prevent injuries after using muscles you may not have used in a while.

# STRETCHES STRETCHES



Hold and count to 30 seconds once on each side

**NEXT LEVEL**Hold each stretch for 30 seconds to allow for stretch to be effective.

### MINDFULNESS **MUSCLES USED**



Lie on your bed, close your eyes and block out your surroundings. Take a moment to yourself.

This is good for mental health to stop and participate in mindfulness. are relaxed (2-5 mins) Do this until you have cleared your mind and you

# COOL-DOWN

Do all exercises by working

3 exercises per column) down each column (total of Do one exercise in each group

**INSTRUCTIONS** Pick one:

(total of 5 exercises) by following arrows across

IS GOOD MEDICINE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY Reduce stress and anxiety Helps manage blood pressure Helps you think more clearly Boosts your energy

Leads to a healthy heart

### REMEMBER

- Drink water and stay hydrated
- Keep your exercise towel handy Time your exercise prior to showers
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- Change into comfy clothes











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# **HEALTH PROGRAM** Level 2





the air by straightening one arm and atternate arms Stand up tall with feet shoulder width apart, punch

Do 30 punches

ry completing 5 air punches followed by a high nee then alternate

# STAR JUMPS



Stand with feet together and arms by your side. Jump upwards and straighten arms and legs outwards

Do 1 lot of 20 times.

# ncorporate a double leg squat after each star jumps



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# **ARMS**

TRICEP DIPS

# **AIR PUNCHES MUSCLES USED**

# **MUSCLES USED**



opposite shoulder repeat altemating legs.

# NEXT LEVEL

Try same exercise bringing bent knee outwards, similar to 'window wiper'.

# **PUSH UPS MUSCLES USED**

ground and bend elbows. Focus on keeping your Start in push up position. Lower body to the

Complete push-up, but now incorporate a clap when you rise up onto a straight arm.

cycling legs

Try the same exercise with increased twist OR try

Do 2 lots of 15 times NEXT LEVEL

# CORE

# **MUSCLES USED** SITUP

Face away from your bed, place hands behind you onto the bed. Place your legs out straight and push up straightening your arms. Lower back down and repeat.

Do 3 lots of 10 times

NEXT LEVEL

Try the same exercise but raise one foot off the ground.

# MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS MUSCLES USED



Start in push up position, bring knee towards the

### Do 2 lots of 20 times

# Do 2 lots of 15 times. **NEXT LEVEL**

back straight and bottom down

# **MUSCLES USED**

Start lying down with knees bent and feet on the ground. Bring body up into sitting position. Repeat.

### Do 2 lots of 20 times

Now when lying down bring hands above head And when sitting up again place hands above head. NEXT LEVEL

# **V-SNAPS MUSCLE GROUP**



Start lying on the ground, with legs straight in the air. Bring arms into a 'V' shape, rise through body to touch toes.

### Do 2 lots of 10 times NEXT LEVEL

Try same exercise but lower both legs and arms each repetition.

**RUSSIAN TWISTS** 

**MUSCLES USED** 

# FEET OFF THE FLOOR

trunk around.

Start in sitting with knees bent and feet off of the ground. Twist arms from side to side bringing your

# **LEGS**

squat position and lower into a squat Start in standing, jump up into the air, land in a

Do 2 jots of 10 times

NEXT LEVEL

Try the same exercise, however, now bring your arms straight above head when you jump into the air.

### WALL SITS **MUSCLES USED**



position and hold. Start against the wall in a squat position with feet shoulder width apart. Lower down into sitting

### NEXT LEVEL Try same exercise lower to ground. Count slowly to 60



Stand in standing, lower to ground into push up position, come back up and jump into the air with arms up. Repeat.

# Do 2 lots of 10 times

**NEXT LEVEL**Try the same exercise but incorporate push during the lower to the ground compo

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