



FUEL YOUR AMBITION

TRAINING & NUTRITION GUIDE

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Let's talk home fitness

It might feel like there's an overwhelming amount of information out there, but we've got the perfect formula for getting you closer to your goals.

We've split things up into nutrition, supplements, training, and helpful tips — so it's simple to see exactly how to get started. That way all your effort can go into the stuff that counts (like burpees).

Ready to feel stronger, fitter and healthier? Step right this way...

Fuel your progress

It's tempting to think that you can eat whatever you want if you train hard enough, but in reality, if you want to progress and see real changes, you ought to consider what fuel goes in the tank.

Eating the right foods — in the right amounts — can make all the difference to getting you closer to your goals, and will help to support your body through the physical demands of a consistent training schedule.

Sticking to a well-balanced meal plan mostly comes down to forward-thinking and preparation — slip ups are much more likely to happen when you find yourself faced with cupboards filled with snacks that are easy to eat too much of. If you don't put yourself in a position where high-calorie, low-nutrient snacks are the most convenient option, then you've already won half the battle.

While we can't actually be there to steer you away from the biscuit tin, or convince you to get off the sofa to start meal prepping, we can at least make it easier for you to begin by giving you the tools you need, along with a little inspiration. Let's face it, sometimes the hardest part of healthy eating is coming up with a plan for dinner that isn't just 'salad'.

We caught up with qualified nutritionist Jennifer Blow to get the lowdown on how to feed your body for sustainable, long-lasting results.

In this section we'll show you:

How to calculate how many calories your body needs to achieve your goal.

The major food groups and what percentage of your diet they should make up.

Super-simple recipes and a meal plan so your journey doesn't equal bland food or complicated kitchen routines.

Now get a calculator and a pen and paper handy for your personalised nutrition plan...

MAKE CALORIES COUNT



The amount you eat directly affects your body composition, so why do most of us use the generalised population guidelines (or none at all)?

In reality, calorie requirements are as unique as you are — your age, gender, body composition, physical activity all affect how many you need per day, AKA your ‘total daily energy expenditure’.

Let’s take a look at some general calorie recommendations...

AGE ↓	SEDENTARY You’re not doing much exercise — just daily living activities (kcal)		MODERATELY ACTIVE A couple of gym sessions or long walks per week (kcal)		ACTIVE 3+ gym sessions per week (kcal)	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
18	2,400	1,800	2,800	2,000	3,200	2,400
19-20	2,600	2,000	2,800	2,200	3,000	2,400
21-25	2,400	2,000	2,800	2,200	3,000	2,400
26-30	2,400	1,800	2,600	2,000	3,000	2,400
31-35	2,400	1,800	2,600	2,000	3,000	2,200
36-40	2,400	1,800	2,600	2,000	2,800	2,200
41-45	2,200	1,800	2,600	2,000	2,800	2,200
46-50	2,200	1,800	2,400	2,000	2,800	2,200
51-55	2,200	1,600	2,400	1,800	2,800	2,200
56-60	2,200	1,600	2,400	1,800	2,600	2,200
61-65	2,000	1,600	2,400	1,800	2,600	2,000
66-70	2,000	1,600	2,200	1,800	2,600	2,000
71-75	2,000	1,600	2,200	1,800	2,600	2,000
76+	2,000	1,600	2,200	1,800	2,400	2,000

Work out your calorie requirements: the science


Now it's time to get personal. Follow these steps to work out how many calories your body needs to maintain your current body composition. After that, you'll be able to work out how many calories you need to lose weight or build muscle.

STEP 1 ————— Work out your BMR

Your BMR is your 'basal metabolic rate'. It's the amount of energy (calories) your body burns if you do nothing but rest for 24 hours.

To calculate your BMR, you should know your weight in kilograms and your height in centimetres, and you should have a calculator.

Use one of the following equations to calculate your BMR:

	WOMEN	MEN
WEIGHT	10 X WEIGHT IN KG	10 X WEIGHT IN KG
	+	+
HEIGHT	6.25 X HEIGHT IN CM	6.25 X HEIGHT IN CM
	-	-
AGE	5 X AGE IN YEARS - 161	5 X AGE IN YEARS + 5
	=	=
BMR		

STEP 2

Work out your TDEE

Your 'TDEE' is your total daily energy expenditure. That's the amount of calories your body needs daily — including physical activity.

To work out how many calories you need per day, use a calculator to multiply your BMR (you've just worked this out in step 1) by your physical activity level or 'PAL', which is represented by the numbers below:

SEDENTARY

1.4

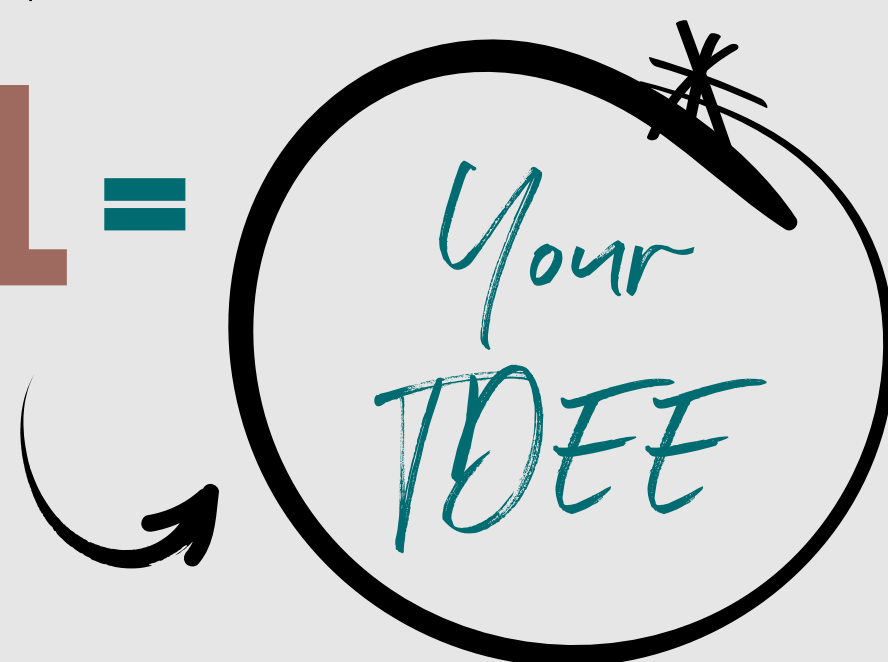
**MODERATELY
ACTIVE**

1.6

**HIGHLY
ACTIVE**

1.8

YOUR BMR X YOUR PAL =



STEP 3

Work out your 'goal TDEE'

The amount of calories you'll need per day depends on your goal — whether you'd like to lose fat as well as gaining muscle, or just gain muscle without losing any fat.

To lose fat while gaining muscle mass, subtract approximately 500kcal from your TDEE — your body will use up the remaining calories from your energy stores. This energy can be taken from both fat and muscle tissue. To minimise muscle tissue loss and to keep your BMR high, it's important to keep on top of weight training and eat enough protein (we'll get to this later).

If you'd only like to gain muscle, studies suggest you should add around 500kcal to your TDEE. Take body measurements every few weeks. You can either increase your intake in increments of around 250kcal if you're not gaining muscle, or if you find you're gaining too much weight in the wrong places, decrease your intake slightly.

Recalculate your calorie requirements every few weeks to make sure you're eating the right amount for your changing weight.

Lose fat and gain muscle mass:

YOUR TDEE - 500KCAL =

Gain muscle mass only:

YOUR TDEE + 500KCAL =



MASTER MACROS

It's important to work out your macronutrient requirements, which means how much protein, carbohydrates, and fat your body needs. Follow these steps to work out what you need — grab a pen and paper and write the numbers down as you go.

Follow these steps

STEP 1

How much protein?

Calculate your protein requirements first, and the rest (carbohydrates and fat) should be taken from your remaining calorie requirements.

Protein is the body's bricks and mortar for rebuilding muscle, replicating DNA, and catalysing metabolic reactions. High amounts are found in meat, fish, animal products, and also plant-based sources like legumes, nuts and seeds. Eating enough of the stuff combined with weight training promotes muscle growth (AKA muscle protein synthesis) and maintenance.

Research spanning the last 30 years recommends that to gain muscle

mass, you'll need approximately 1.6g of protein per kilogram of bodyweight per day.

Simply multiply your weight in kg by 1.6 to work out how many grams of protein you need every day.

Once you've worked out how many grams of protein you need per day, multiply the amount of grams by 4 to get the amount of calories it represents. Subtract this from your goal TDEE, and you'll have your remaining calories to work out your fat and carbohydrates. Write down these numbers.

WEIGHT IN KG X 1.6 = DAILY GRAMS PROTEIN

DAILY GRAMS PROTEIN X 4 = CALORIES

YOUR GOAL TDEE - CALORIES =

Your remaining calories

STEP 2

How much fat?

Research shows that around 35% of your diet should be made up of fats.

To work this out, divide your goal TDEE by 100 and multiply that number by 35.

To get the amount of fat in grams you need, divide that number by 9. Write these numbers down.

There are a few different types of fats — some of which are healthy and some that have no health benefits at all.

Monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats are found in foods like avocados, nuts, olive oil, and oily fish, and boast big health benefits. Saturated fats found in things like coconut oil, meat, egg yolk and dairy are beneficial in smaller amounts. Finally, you have trans fats, which are found in fast foods, ready meals, and confectionary. Avoid these as they're harmful to health and will slow progress.

YOUR GOAL TDEE ÷ 100

THEN X 35

THEN ÷ 9 =



STEP 3

How many carbohydrates?

Now you've worked out your protein and fat requirements, the remaining calories from your goal TDEE should be made up of carbohydrates.

To work out your remaining calories, simply subtract your protein and fat calories from your goal TDEE.

Next, divide your remaining calories by 4 to get the amount of carbohydrates in grams you need.

There are two main food groups that contain carbs:

Starchy foods: Starchy foods are the main source of carbs and play a key role in energy metabolism. These include foods such as bread, pasta, potatoes, rice and cereal. Try to eat these as wholegrain varieties (or leaving the skin

on for potatoes), as that's where lots of the goodness is found.

Fruit and vegetables: Boasting a huge range of vitamins and minerals and absolutely essential for health, fruit and vegetables are a must.

Vegetables help you feel full due to their fibre content, plus they're often low in carbs (not including starchy veg like potatoes). Try to get at least 3–4 portions of vegetables into your daily diet.

Fruits are higher in carbs in the form of simple sugars, but are still an important food for health. Try to get 1–2 portions of fruit into your daily diet (dried fruits and fruit juices have a higher sugar content so try to steer clear of having these too often).

YOUR GOAL TDEE – YOUR PROTEIN AND FAT CALORIES

THEN ÷ 4 = CARBOHYDRATES IN GRAMS

WHAT'S ON THE MENU

Feast your eyes on this 7-day meal plan

This well-balanced meal plan comes from expert nutritionist Alice Pearson and is designed to keep you going all day long. Mix and match your meals and snacks to suit you, and remember, your calories and macronutrient weights are personal — you can apply these to the plan.



MONDAY

BREAKFAST

Banana-egg pancakes topped with natural yoghurt, blueberries and Manuka honey

LUNCH

Pesto pasta salad with spinach, tomato, mozzarella, and sliced chicken breast

SNACKS

Multigrain crispbreads topped with low-fat cream cheese and avocado, with a side of grapes

DINNER

Chilli con carne with cheddar cheese, served with basmati rice

SNACKS

Bowl of low-sugar muesli with milk

WHY?

Because everyone needs pancakes — but these ones are low-fat high-protein and count as 1 of your 5-a-day.



TUESDAY

BREAKFAST

Spinach and mushroom omelette and baked beans

LUNCH

Baked potato with tuna, sweetcorn & light mayonnaise with salad

SNACKS

Brazil nuts and dried figs

DINNER

Chicken & mushroom risotto with pine nuts

SNACKS

Peanut butter & crushed berries on wholemeal toast

WHY?

Tuna is rich in leucine (which studies have shown stimulates muscle building) and omega-3 fatty acids.

Smashing berries onto your toast is a lower-sugar alternative to the typical PB & jam combo.

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST

Smoked salmon, cream cheese, and avocado on a wholemeal bagel

LUNCH

Chicken & avocado tortilla wrap

SNACK

Carrot sticks with almond butter

DINNER

Beef steak with sweet potato wedges and grilled asparagus

SNACK

Toasted pita bread with hummus

WHY?

Nut butters are rich in monounsaturated fatty acids, as well as protein, fibre, and several vitamins and minerals.



THURSDAY

BREAKFAST

Overnight oats made with strawberry low-fat yoghurt, mixed frozen berries and almonds

LUNCH

Quinoa brown rice salad with beetroot and goats cheese, topped with a poached egg

SNACK

Malt loaf

DINNER

Shrimp Pad Thai with crushed peanuts

SNACK

Fat-free natural yoghurt with mixed berries and vanilla protein powder

WHY?

Beetroot is high in nitrates; which studies have shown can enhance aerobic exercise performance.



FRIDAY

BREAKFAST

Dessert shake (chocolate protein powder, frozen banana, peanut butter, and milk)

LUNCH

Falafel with baked sweet potato, hummus, avocado, and curly kale

SNACK

Trail mix

DINNER

Turkey meatballs in tomato-based sauce with whole-wheat spaghetti

SNACK

Sweet & salty popcorn

WHY?

Whey protein is a convenient way to get in your essential amino acids — throw in some nut butter and fruit for extra energy.



SATURDAY

BREAKFAST

Smoked salmon, poached egg, and asparagus on a wholemeal bagel, plus a glass of orange juice

LUNCH

Greek salad with sliced turkey breast

SNACKS

Mixed dried fruit

DINNER

Beef steak with sweet potato wedges and grilled asparagus

SNACKS

Dark chocolate coated rice cakes



WHY?

Salmon is brimming with heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids.

SUNDAY

BREAKFAST

Bacon medallions and scrambled eggs on wholemeal toast

LUNCH

Roast chicken leg with mashed potatoes, sautéed leeks and sprouts

SNACKS

Apple and carrot sticks with almond butter

DINNER

Potato & leek soup with a wholemeal bread roll

SNACKS

Low-fat Greek yoghurt with walnuts and Manuka honey



WHY?

Manuka honey boasts big benefits, including possible anti-oxidant and anti-inflammatory properties.





Supplements sorted

**Supplements aren't a magic fix,
but they can be the difference
between coasting along and
having a killer workout.**

If you want to fire up your performance
and help your body to recover once you've
put all the effort in, check these out...

SUPPLEMENTS SORTED

NEED A KICK-START?

Pre-workouts to get you going



ESSENTIALS

Thermopure

This powerful thermogenic formula comes in convenient capsules — with caffeine to enhance performance and vitamin B6 to fight fatigue.

[Find out more](#)



VEGAN

Vegan Pre-Workout

Made with green coffee and green tea extracts to give a boost of natural caffeine, this plant-based formula will keep you focused and increase endurance.

[Find out more](#)



PRO

THE Pre-Workout

Get firing on all cylinders with 175mg caffeine to maximise performance, creatine to push physical performance, and added L-glutamine.

[Find out more](#)

SUPPLEMENTS SORTED

DON'T STOP NOW

Intra-workouts to see you through



ESSENTIALS

Impact EAA

This refreshing blend contains all 9 essential amino acids and has a faster absorption rate than whey. Oh, and it's zero calories & zero sugar.

[Find out more](#)



VEGAN

Vegan BCAA Sustain

Hit it home with 4g BCAAs per serving, along with magnesium to support electrolyte balance.

[Find out more](#)



PRO

THE Amino Energy

Go stronger for longer with this winning formula. Each serving delivers 7g amino acids, 3g BCAAs and natural caffeine to boost endurance.

[Find out more](#)

SUPPLEMENTS SORTED

THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

Post-workouts to push your progress



ESSENTIALS

Clear Whey Isolate & Impact Whey Protein

Looking for a refreshingly juicy boost of protein? Clear Whey is for you. Or, enjoy a smooth, creamy shake of Impact Whey Protein. Both options are a great source of protein, essential for muscle growth.

[Find out more](#)



VEGAN

Vegan Protein Blend

Made from pea and fava bean protein isolates, this plant-based blend delivers 24g protein per serving — with no artificial sweeteners.

[Find out more](#)



PRO

THE Whey

This ultra-premium whey delivers 25g protein per serving to support muscle growth after every session. There's also less than 2g carbs and 1g fat.

[Find out more](#)

SUPPLEMENTS SORTED

YOUR EVERYDAY HEROES



ESSENTIALS

Vitamin Gummies

Super-convenient, strawberry-flavour gummies that contain 12 essential vitamins — helping to support the immune system and maintain skin, hair and teeth.

[Find out more](#)



ESSENTIALS

Essential Omega-3

An essential fatty acid that supports heart health.

[Find out more](#)



VEGAN

Vegan A-Z Multivitamin

Staying on top of your daily intake made simple. These easy-to-take tablets contain a blend of 22 vitamins and minerals.

[Find out more](#)



VEGAN

Vegan Omega

Made from marine algae, Vegan Omega is an alternative to traditional fish oil supplements — but with the same great health benefits.

[Find out more](#)



PRO

THE Multi

A comprehensive multivitamin tablet with increased bioavailability — ideal to support the immune system and metabolism.

[Find out more](#)



PRO

Omega-3 Plus

High-purity fish oil that supports heart health.

[Find out more](#)

5 WAYS TO USE YOUR PROTEIN POWDER

(That aren't just shakes)

There's more to protein than shakes, you know. Here are five of our favourite whey recipes for you to make the most of this stand-up supplement.

WE ROLLIN'

These sweet & simple protein balls are an ideal post-workout snack.

120g rolled oats

2 scoops [Impact Whey Protein](#)

50g raisins

120g nut butter

2 tbsp. maple syrup

3 tbsp. milk

METHOD

In a bowl, mix all of the dry ingredients.

Add the nut butter and syrup and mix through.

Add the milk and mix until combined.

Take small handfuls and roll into balls, then repeat.

Chill for 2 hours — then enjoy!



GET STACKED

There's nothing like a plate of freshly flipped pancakes.

1 ripe banana

2 large eggs

1 scoop [Impact Whey Protein](#)

35g rolled oats

METHOD

Heat a frying pan over a medium heat.

Add the banana and eggs to a blender and blend until smooth.

Then add the protein and oats and blend again for a smooth batter.

Pour quarter of the batter into the frying pan and cook for 45 seconds on each side.

Repeat until you have no batter left, then top with your favourite toppings.



FRO-YO CUPS

These frozen yoghurt cups are a tasty way to cool down after training.

500g low-fat
Greek yoghurt

1 scoop **Impact
Whey Protein**

1 tbsp. honey

100g peanut butter

50g blueberries

METHOD

Prepare a muffin tray with cake cases.

In a bowl, mix the yoghurt, protein and honey until smooth.

Divide the mixture between the cake cases, then place a teaspoon of melted peanut butter on top along with some blueberries.

Freeze for at least 2 hours, then enjoy.



STRONG START

Get ahead with this delicious overnight oats recipe.

250ml almond milk

1 scoop **Impact
Whey Protein**

1 ripe banana

½ tsp. cocoa powder

75g rolled oats

METHOD

Blend the milk, protein, banana and cocoa powder until you have a smooth batter.

Mix the batter together with the oats, then pour into a sealable container.

Leave to soak in the fridge overnight.



KEEP IT CHILL

Made in less than a minute, this banana protein ice cream is a game changer, trust us.

500g frozen bananas

4-6 scoops of **Impact
Whey Protein**

250ml fat-free yoghurt

50ml milk

METHOD

Blend all the ingredients together until just about smooth. Be careful not to over-process.

Scoop some of the ice cream into a bowl and enjoy straight away, placing the rest in a sealable container to freeze for more servings later.



SMART SWAP 101

Working towards a fitness goal doesn't mean you have to cut out all the flavour and foods you enjoy from your diet — and yes, that includes snacks *sigh of relief*.

With a few smart swaps here and there, you can keep all the treats you love without having to worry about setting back your progress.

Syrups > **Sugar-Free Syrup**

Let's face it, porridge and pancakes aren't the same without a drizzle of syrup. But did you know that regular syrup contains an average of 20 teaspoons sugar per 100ml. Ouch.

Sugar-Free Syrup contains just 0.1g of sugar with zero fat, and are only 5 calories per 100ml.

Chocolate Spread > **Protein Spread**

Can't shake those chocolate cravings? With this sweet solution, there's no need.

Irresistible Protein Spread isn't only made with quality whey protein, but it contains a massive 87% less sugar than supermarket alternatives. Pass us the spoon.

Sauces > **Sugar-Free Sauces**

How often do you cook a really healthy meal... then smother it in sugar-laden ketchup or BBQ sauce? It's a classic downfall.

Sugar-Free Sauce is the ideal alternative, containing just 0.2g sugar per 100ml, it's available in Sweet Chilli and BBQ — spice up that meal prep.

Chocolate Bars > **THE Carb Crusher**

The average chocolate bar is going to set you up with a serious sugar spike of around 13g (at least). Satisfy your sweet-tooth with this triple-layered, chocolate-coated protein bar from heaven instead.

THE Carb Crusher is low in sugar and contains a huge 21g of protein per serving, ideal for filling that gap after training.

Biscuits > **Baked Protein Cookie**

If you're the kind of person who can't have a cuppa without a biscuit, this one's for you. Our Baked Protein Cookie is created with a rich, chocolatey dough and a generous sprinkling of dark chocolate chunks — and it packs in 13g of protein.

The best part? It's plant-based protein, making them an indulgent vegan-friendly snack too.

The winning workouts

So now we've covered what's going on in the kitchen, it's time to tackle the training side of things.

Toning up is about consistently challenging and pushing your body to get stronger, faster and fitter. That doesn't necessarily mean going in to every session with the intention of smashing your personal bests. It means turning up and giving your all to making progress wherever you can — even if that's just getting through your workout or feeling slightly better than you did the week before.

In this section you'll find a week's worth of workouts made up of strength training and cardio. You can do these workouts anywhere and all you need is a set of dumbbells (or some tin cans!). Carry out these workouts week by week for sustainable results that'll keep you forever fit. Let's get moving...

Meet the PT

With over 12 years' experience in the sports industry, Hollie Philippa knows her stuff when it comes to staying in shape. Her experience working in top gyms around the world has given her the expertise to create holistic workouts tailored to promote weight loss.

EXERCISES

Home HIIT workouts

Workout One

**Complete 5 circuits, resting
between each circuit for 60 seconds**

EXERCISE	SETS	REPETITIONS
Bodyweight squat	5	15
Bodyweight reverse lunge	5	15
Press-up	5	15
Tricep dips	5	15
Jump squats	5	15
Plank hold	5	60s



EXERCISE

Bodyweight squat

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, toes slightly pointed outwards.

Inhale and hinge at the hips and bend into the squat position, keeping your knees behind your toes, chest up, and back straight.

Push back up through your heels

Why squat?

Great for building bigger, stronger glutes and abs. and exhale, bracing abs throughout movement.



EXERCISE

Bodyweight reverse lunge

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Standing upright with your hands on your hips, take a large step backwards with one foot.

Bend your legs so that your front leg is parallel to the floor and your back knee is just off the ground.

Slowly straighten and repeat on the other leg.



EXERCISE

Press-up

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Lying on your front, place your hands lightly wider than shoulder-width apart and push up onto your toes.

Keep your body straight by engaging your core muscles and then push up until your arms are straight, keeping your elbows reasonably close to your body.

Lower back to the starting position and repeat.

Take it down a notch:

If you can't manage a full press-up, try doing them on your knees instead of your feet.



EXERCISE

Tricep dip

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Position your hands behind your, shoulder-width apart, on a stable bench or chair.

Straighten your arms, with a slight bend at the elbows (to take the pressure off your joints) and then lower to a 90-degree angle.

Press back up to finish the move and then repeat.



EXERCISE

Jump squat

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, toes slightly pointed outwards.

Inhale and hinge at the hips and bend into the squat position, keeping your knees behind your toes, chest up, and back straight.

Push back up through your heels and as you do, jump up, using your arms to propel you upwards.

Land as softly as you can and then repeat.



EXERCISE

Plank hold

Sets 5

60 Seconds

METHOD

Plant your hands directly under your shoulders, like you're at the top of a push up.

Squeeze your glutes and abs to stabilise your body and keep your back straight.

Hold this pose for as long as you can without compromising your form (don't let that bum dip!)

EXERCISES

Home HIIT workouts

Workout Two

**Complete 5 circuits, resting
between each circuit for 60 seconds**

EXERCISE	SETS	REPETITIONS
Walking lunge	5	15
Jump squats	5	15
Step-ups	5	15
Press-up	5	15
30-second standing sprint	5	30s
Ab crunch	5	15



EXERCISE

Walking lunge

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Standing tall, with chest up and feet hip-width apart, engage your core and glutes and take a step forward on one leg.

Keep your knees behind your toes as you lower down so that your front thigh is parallel with the floor.

Step forward on your back leg and repeat the movement.

Why lunge?

This move works every major muscle in your lower body — it's a winner with us.



EXERCISE

Jump squat

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, toes slightly pointed outwards.

Inhale and hinge at the hips and bend into the squat position,

Keeping your knees behind your toes, chest up, and back straight.

Push back up through your heels and as you do, jump up, using your arms to propel you upwards.

Land as softly as you can and then repeat.



EXERCISE

Step-up

Sets **5**

Reps **15**

METHOD

Simple: Step up onto a bench or platform and step back down.

The higher the platform, the harder this move will get.

Take it up a notch:

Add weights or increase the pace of your steps.



EXERCISE

Press-up

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Lying on your front, place your hands lightly wider than shoulder-width apart and push up onto your toes.

Keep your body straight by engaging your core muscles and then push up until your arms are straight, keeping your elbows reasonably close to your body.

Lower back to the starting position and repeat.

Take it down a notch:

If you can't manage a full press-up, try doing them on your knees instead of your feet.



EXERCISE

30-second standing sprint

Sets 5

30 Seconds

METHOD

Staying on the spot, run for as fast as you can for 30 seconds, take a 10-second break and then go again.



EXERCISE

Ab crunch

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Lie down on your back, bend your legs and place your feet firmly on the ground.

Cross your hands over your chest and lift your head and shoulder blades off the ground without straining your neck. Exhale as you do this.

Slowly lower yourself back to the starting position while inhaling and then repeat.

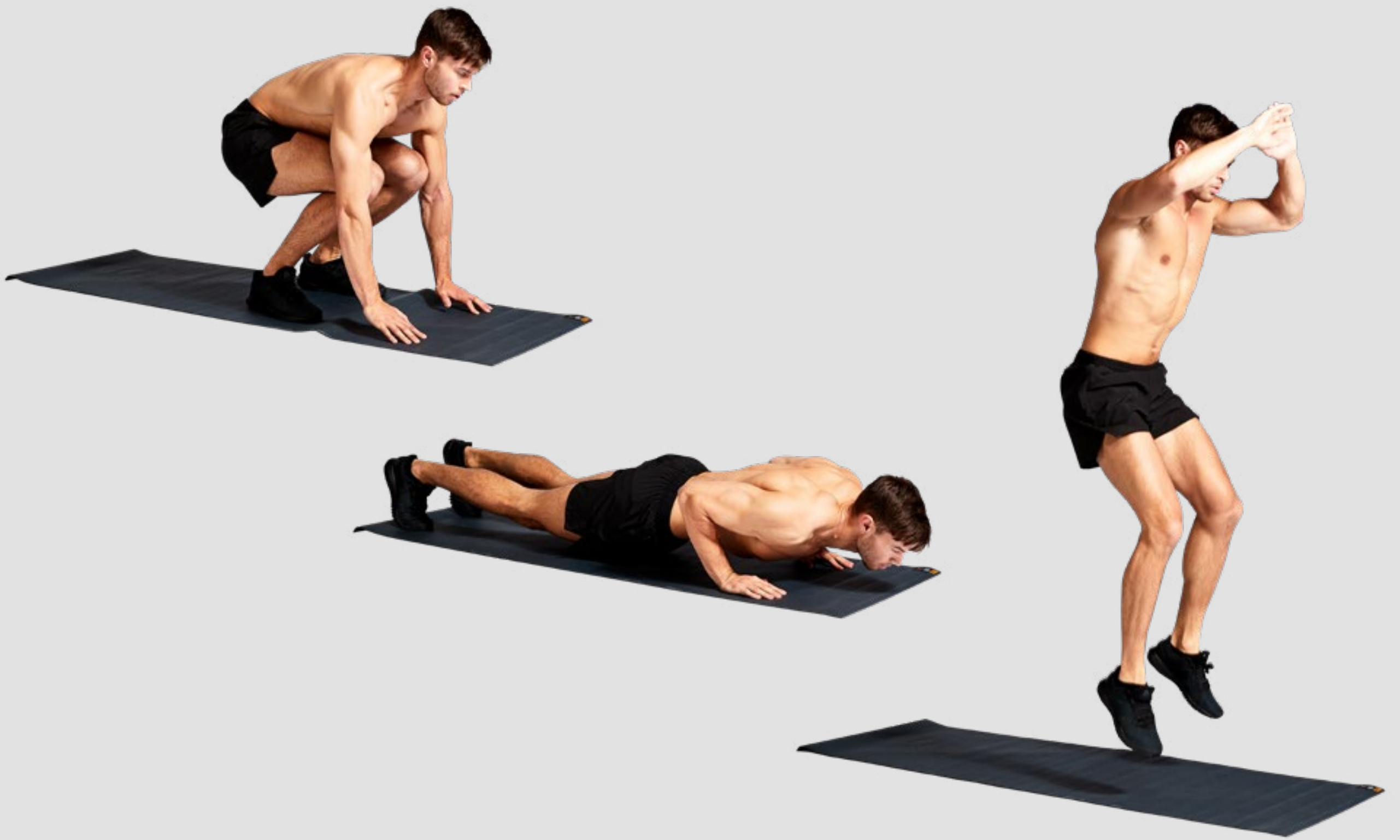
EXERCISES

Home HIIT workouts

Workout Three

**Complete 5 circuits, resting
between each circuit for 60 seconds**

EXERCISE	SETS	REPETITIONS
Burpee	5	15
Plank hold	5	60s
Squat into overhead press	5	15
Jump squat	5	15
Bicycle crunch	5	15
Jump twist	5	15



EXERCISE

Burpee

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

From a standing position, drop down into a squat, kicking out your legs into a plank position.

Then, pull your legs back in and jump up as high as you can, landing softly.

Repeat the move as fast as you can, while keeping your form.

Why burpee?

While everyone hates this move, everyone does it too. That's because it's a great high-intensity move that works the whole body.



EXERCISE

Plank hold

Sets 5

60 Seconds

METHOD

Plant your hands directly under your shoulders, like you're at the top of a push up.

Squeeze your glutes and abs to stabilise your body and keep your back straight.

Hold this pose for as long as you can without compromising your form (don't let that bum dip!)

Take it up a notch

Try lifting up one hand at a time to your chest while keeping your body stable.



EXERCISE

Squat into overhead press

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

With dumbbells or a barbell on your shoulders, stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, toes slightly pointed outwards.

Inhale and hinge at the hips and bend into the squat position, keeping your knees behind your toes, chest up, and back straight.

Push back up through your heels and as you do, push the weights upwards until your arms are straight. Lower the weights as you lower into the next squat.



EXERCISE

Jump squat

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, toes slightly pointed outwards.

Inhale and hinge at the hips and bend into the squat position, keeping your knees behind your toes, chest up, and back straight.

Push back up through your heels and as you do, jump up, using your arms to propel you upwards.

Land as softly as you can and then repeat.



EXERCISE

Bicycle crunch

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Lying on your back, pressing it into the floor, raise your head and shoulders slightly above.

Place your hands on either side of your head without pulling on your neck.

Lift your legs off the ground, bending one knee towards your face while straightening the other leg out away from you.

Twist your core so that the opposite elbow meets with the bended knee.

Why bicycle crunch?

It hits the upper and lower ab and the oblique muscles all in one move — impressive.



EXERCISE

Jump twist

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Reaching up and keeping your body straight and knees slightly bent, push off the floor with both feet, bringing them up towards your chest.

Rotate your hips to one side while in the air, but keep your chest facing forwards. Land with both feet and repeat in the other direction.

EXERCISES

Home HIIT workouts

Workout Four

**Complete 5 circuits, resting
between each circuit for 60 seconds**

EXERCISE	SETS	REPETITIONS
Jump squat	5	15
Burpee	5	15
Press-up	5	15
Tricep dip	5	15
Walking lunge	5	15
30-second standing sprint	5	30s



EXERCISE

Jump squat

Sets 5

Reps 15

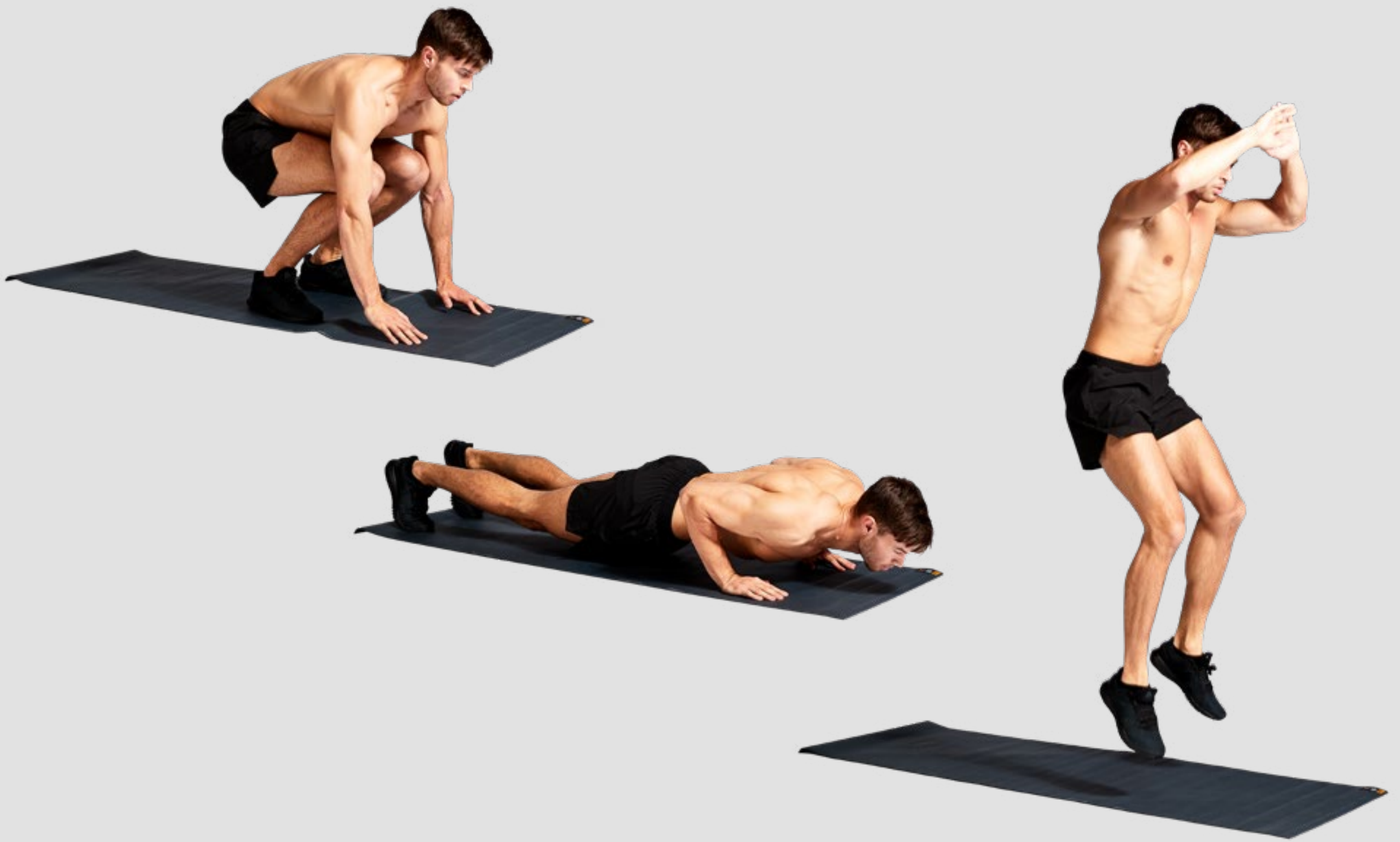
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EXERCISE

Burpee

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

From a standing position, drop down into a squat, kicking out your legs into a plank position.

Then, pull your legs back in and jump up as high as you can, landing softly. Repeat the move as fast as you can, while keeping your form.



EXERCISE

Press-up

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Lying on your front, place your hands lightly wider than shoulder-width apart and push up onto your toes.

Keep your body straight by engaging your core muscles and then push up until your arms are straight, keeping your elbows reasonably close to your body. Lower back to the starting position and repeat.

Take it down a notch:

If you can't manage a full press-up, try doing them on your knees instead of your feet.



EXERCISE

Tricep dip

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Position your hands behind your, shoulder-width apart, on a stable bench or chair.

Straighten your arms, with a slight bend at the elbows (to take the pressure off your joints) and then lower to a 90-degree angle.

Press back up to finish the move and then repeat.



EXERCISE

Walking lunge

Sets 5

Reps 15

METHOD

Standing tall, with chest up and feet hip-width apart, engage your core and glutes and take a step forward on one leg.

Keep your knees behind your toes as you lower down so that your front thigh is parallel with the floor.

Step forward on your back leg and repeat the movement.



EXERCISE

30-second standing sprint

Sets 5

30 Seconds

METHOD

Staying on the spot, run for as fast as you can for 30 seconds, take a 10-second break and then go again.

Why sprint?

High-intensity exercise is a great fat burner and metabolism booster.

WAYS TO MEASURE YOUR PROGRESS

01

Take pictures

It can be hard to see changes when you see yourself day in, day out. Take a picture before you start your new routine and periodically take them to see how your body changes from the hard work you've put in. Make sure you wear the same clothes and take the pictures in the same light to see even the smallest of changes.

02

Track your PBs

Take a note of your progress and keep jotting down your new PB every time you reach it — you can also do the same with your fastest runs. This way, you can look back at where you started and see how much you've improved.

03

Take body measurements

This doesn't have to mean weighing yourself every day. Instead, take waist, thigh, and tricep measurements to keep track of how many inches you've lost from your waist, or the muscle you've gained.

04

How do your clothes fit?

If your goal is weight-loss, then chances are you'll go down a couple of clothes sizes. If your jeans are feeling looser, or you even need to buy a smaller pair, then this is a sign that you're moving in the right direction.

REASONS YOUR PROGRESS HAS PLATEAUED

01

You're not tracking your food accurately

Are you guessing how many oats you're pouring into your bowl every day, or conveniently not counting that morning mocha? While being over or under on your calories every so often is absolutely fine, if you're finding you've stopped seeing progress, you may need to look at tracking your calories and macronutrients more accurately.

02

You're not consistently eating and exercising

If your exercise routine has become a little sporadic and you're indulging more often than not, then you can't really expect to see the results you want. Stick to your exercise plan and try and take a few of the treats out of your diet.

03

Your workouts aren't varied or intense enough

Do you spend most of your time sat on your phone during your workout? Unfortunately, scrolling doesn't burn quite as many calories. Use your workouts as a chance to challenge yourself by switching it up regularly and trying your hardest in the time you have.

04

Your goal is too vague/unrealistic

If your main goal is "weight loss" or "muscle gain", then this can feel a little distant and vague. Think about why you want to lose weight or gain muscle and the little goals you can set to get you to your big goal. It may be to fit into an old outfit and the little goals to get there could be eating well 80% of the time and exercising 4-5 times that week.



SURE-FIRE SUCCESS

A diet and exercise plan are a great place to start, but how do you keep it fun, sustainable, and successful? Here are our top tips.

01 Fuel up on fibre

Studies show that fibre helps with keeping your nutrition on track by helping you feel fuller for longer.

02 Ditch the drink

You were probably hoping this one wouldn't be on here, but alcohol is packed with calories and offers little nutritional value. Allowing yourself a treat now and then is good for keeping on track, but just make sure heavy drinking doesn't become a habit.

03 De-stress

Stress causes the adrenal glands to release cortisol. High levels of this hormone can increase your appetite and abdominal fat storage, so give yourself a break and relax.

04 Weigh your food

Weighing your food accurately is the best way to gauge whether you're getting the right amount of calories you need — it also makes it easier to adjust your plan for a little more or less food.



05 Keep it consistent

Don't deprive yourself of the odd treat, but if you're regularly exercising and eating well 80% of the time, then you'll soon see results.

06 Drink plenty of water

Switch out calorie-heavy sugary drinks and stick to water. Drinking a glass before eating may also help you to eat less.

07 Mix up your meals

Nothing will make you fall off the wagon like the same old boring meals, so add spices, switch up your vegetables and experiment with different food combinations.

08 Keep track of progress

There's nothing more motivating than seeing positive change in yourself, so take progress photos, body measurements and track your gym PBs, so that you've got something to celebrate at the end of each week.

The final word

You've made it this far... so, don't stop now. Remember, being fit and healthy is a life-long journey that'll have its ups and downs.

The trick is to keep challenging yourself and make this a lifestyle you can stick to.