## core workout

These exercises can help improve your posture focusing on your lower body and back.

# BICYCLE CRUNCH



MOVE: ALTERNATE KNEE TO ELBOW

FOCUS: OBLIQUES

HINT: KEEP STRAIGHT LEG LIFTED AND LOWER

BACK ON THE FLOOR



#### **V CRUNCH REACH**

MOVE: EXTEND LEGS AND REACH UP TO FEET

FOCUS: OBLIQUES AND ABS

HINT: PRESS OFF ELBOW TO REACH UP TO FEET





## **LEG LIFT OBLIQUE LIFT**

MOVE: HOLD LEG UP WHILE LIFTING AND

LOWERING HIPS

FOCUS: OBLIQUES AND ABS

HINT: KEEP ELBOW UNDER SHOULDER

## DIAGONAL WAIST CHOPS





MOVE: LOWER WEIGHT TO SIDE AND SWEEP ACROSS THE BODY OVER SHOULDERS FOCUS: OBLIQUES AND SHOULDERS HINT: USE A MEDICINE BALL OR HAND WEIGHT



### **CURL UP CRUNCH**

MOVE: ROLL DOWN TO FLOOR AND RETURN TO SEATED FORWARD FOLD

FOCUS: CORE

HINT: BEND KNEES ON ROLL UP AND DOWN.

HANDS MAY SUPPORT THE HEAD IF NECK FEELS

**TIGHT** 

## OPEN KNEE CRUNCH



MOVE: KEEP BOTTOM OF FEET TOGETHER WHILE

CRUNCHING UPWARD

FOCUS: ABS

HINT: SUPPORT HEAD AND NECK IF NEEDED



#### SIDE CROSS OVER

MOVE: REACH WEIGHT TOWARDS THE GROUND

SIDE TO SIDE WHILE LEANING BACK

FOCUS: OBLIQUES

HINT: KEEP HIPS TUCKED UNDER





#### **BALANCE BALL PLANK**

MOVE: PLACE ELBOWS ON BALL AND LIFT KNEES

TO PLANK

FOCUS: CORE AND SHOULDERS

HINT: KEEP HIPS TUCKED UNDER AND BALL

FROM ROLLING

## KNEE SIDE DROPS



MOVE: BEND KNEES AND DROP TO THE SIDE

FOCUS: ABS AND OBLIQUES

HINT: KEEP HANDS STRETCHED OUT TO THE SIDE

## UP DOG STRETCH



MOVE: START FROM FLOOR

AND PRESS UP TO RELEASE THE CORE MUSCLES

FOCUS: ABS AND OBLIQUES

HINT: PRESS HIPS FORWARD WHILE YOU LIFT YOUR

**CHEST** 

Each exercise in this series focuses on the core muscles.

Perform exercises 8-12 repetitions.

Hold the stretch for 10-30 seconds.

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