



"I'm the Workout Fairy.
I'm here to tighten your abs!"

# Vital Moves Weekly Challenge Blast #8 ...it's time to kick it up a notch!

Vital Moves is here to support, motivate and educate you as you continue to challenge yourself each week. We have put together an instructional video to accompany this week's challenge. If you would like to see the instructional video, please follow this link:

https://youtu.be/Z\_NuTKDAeds

The video will be available for viewing all week.

#### This week

## Challenge Yourself in Your Cardio Conditioning

- Keep the total duration of your cardio exercise at 15-30 minutes
- Practice the same walking intervals you worked on last week, only this week: be stronger at them. Be sharper in your movement \* taller in your posture \* be determined \*focus on the quality of your movement.

## This week challenge yourself with Circuit Training

The strength, flexibility & posture exercises you've been practicing since the 1<sup>st</sup> of April are organized in circuits for your exercising pleasure ©

Goal: work all four circuits 2x this week

Bring Effort \* Focus \* Intensity to your Circuit Training

How you combine the circuits, how many or few is up to you

Your Choice - Your Challenge

#### **Circuit #1: Practice in good alignment & to the point of exertion**

**Corner Push Ups** 10-20x

**Hip Extensions** 10-20x

**Hip Hinge Squats** 10-20x

**Opposite** Hand/elbow to knee

Alternating 6-12X

**Back-hip-knee issues:** tap with your hand, stay forward facing

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Circuit #2: Be mindful of your breathing: Full & steady 3D breath, expand ribs w/inhalation, slow & steady exhalation

**Wall Glides** 

8-12x

Lat Stretch @ Wall 8-12x

**Standing Forward @ Wall** 2-3x

**Diagonal Pattern 6-12** steps

Push off to take diagonal step & catch yourself The longer the stride, the greater the demand

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Hallway or sidewalk

### Circuit #3: This will take you back to Challenges 1 & 3

**Walk Your Grout Lines 1-2** laps

**Side Steps Down Hallway 2-4 laps** 

**Step Back Lunges** 4-8 alternate

**Step Back Lunge** 4-6x same side

Step back lunge, return to standing...or toe tap...or knee lift **Your Choice...Your Challenge** 

Maintain steadiness & tall posture

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## Circuit #4: Focus is on steadiness & lengthening the spine

**Cat Cow** 2-3x

20-30 sec

Stand or kneel

**Opposite Arm Leg Lift** 4-6x

Wall or chair

Child's Pose 2-3x 20-30 sec

On back or belly

**Bridge Pose** 4-8x

**Single Knee to Chest** 

2-3x

Hold for 2-3 full deep breaths

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Lie on back