

Mini Challenge

Turn Everyday Activities Into a Workout

Mix up your exercise routine by adding in these functional fitness moves. Functional fitness is a great way to incorporate strength, balance, and mobility.

Complete seven of the following activities throughout your week for 10 points. Complete 3 Weeks for a maximum of 30 points. For each exercise, complete 3 sets of ten. (i.e. ten squats, repeated three times.)

Static stretch reaching for toes Daily Benefit: Tying your shoes	Biceps curls and extended arm lifts or farmer walks Daily Benefit: Carrying groceries
Shoulder stretch, reach your hand behind and up your back as far as possible Daily Benefit: Putting on your seatbelt	Weighted squat to torso twist paired with biceps curls or bent over row Daily Benefit: Picking up children
High knees Daily Benefit: Avoiding stepping on toys	Box squat, weighted squat Daily Benefit: Getting out of a chair
Pigeon stretch Daily Benefit: Putting your socks on	Glute bridges, lunges or wall sits Daily Benefit: Getting down on the floor/up off the floor
Weighted squats or deadlifts Daily Benefit: Lifting a heavy object off the floor	Stepping up on a stable box and lifting free leg knee to a 90-degree angle.
Walking lunges, plank or arm extensions	Daily Benefit: Walking up steps
Daily Benefit: Vacuuming the house, mowing the lawn	Single leg deadlift, Russian twists or plank Daily Benefit: Preventing a fall/Catching
Squats, biceps curls and Russian twists Daily Benefit: Shoveling snow, dirt or other yard work	yourself while falling