

# LOWER BODY STRENGTH EXERCISES

#### SWISS BALL HEEL BRIDGE

 Lie on your back with your arms palm-down at your sides, legs straight and heels on the Swiss ball.
Tighten your core and lift your hips off the ground.
Pause and lower your hips to the ground. Perform 10-15 repetitions of each exercise and 2-3 rounds of the entire circuit. Perform single-leg exercises on both sides of your body.

#### ADVANCED LOWER QUARTER REACH COMBINATION

 Stand with feet shoulder-width apart.
Imagine standing in the middle of a Y shape on the floor.
Lift one foot off the ground.
Extend your raised foot along each branch of the Y.
Raise both arms directly above your head while you perform the movements.
Return to the starting position.

LEFT

SET 1

SET 2

SET 3

RIGHT

SET 1

SET 2

SET 3

ELEVATED
SINGLE-LEG

**HEEL RAISE** 

 Stand on one foot on the edge of a low step with your heel hanging off the edge. Hold on to a railing or sturdy object if you need support.
Rise up on to the ball of your foot.
Lower your heel back to the starting position.



SET 1

SET 2

SET 3

 RIGHT	LEFT
SET 1	SET 1
SET 2	SET 2
SET 3	SET 3



### SIDE STEP WITH RESISTANCE LOOP

 Stand with feet shoulder-width apart and the resistance loop around both ankles. Bend slightly at the knees and hips.
Slowly step sideways, maintaining tension in the band with each step. Keep your feet pointing straight ahead.
Complete steps on one side, then switch directions.





## **LUNGE MATRIX**

 Stand with feet shoulder-width apart. Imagine standing in the center of a clock.
Take a large step forward. Bend your front knee and lower your body into a lunge position. Slowly return to the starting position.
While facing forward, lunge toward different numbers on the clock within your range of motion.

### MONSTER WALKS

 Stand with feet shoulder-width apart and the resistance loop around both ankles.
Bend slightly at the knees and hips.
Walk forward slowly, maintaining tension in the band with each step.

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