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# awesome **abs**

Goodbye, belly fat! Target your core muscles with these tummy-toning moves

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### YOU NEED

dumbbells

# Lunging Obliques

Lunge with left leg forward. Raise right arm diagonally overhead in a half-moon shape. Hold the stretch so you feel it in the right thigh and front of the right hip. Hold for three to five counts. Switch legs. Do 10 to 12 reps. **PERFECT YOUR FORM:** Keep shoulders away from ears. **DIAL IT DOWN:** Perform the stretch from standing. **AMP IT UP:** Do walking lunge stretches instead.



Start in tabletop position with shoulders stacked above weights. Raise one arm forward and extend opposite leg back. Hold for three counts. Repeat on other side. Do three sets of 10 to 12 reps.

PERFECT YOUR FORM: Keep your body still during the movement, as though balancing a cup of water on your back. DIAL IT DOWN: Skip the weights. AMP IT UP: Use heavier weights.

## Scissor Kicks

Lie with back on floor and arms at sides, palms facing down. Lift legs perpendicular to floor. Slowly lower one leg at a time to floor. Do three sets of 10 to 12 reps.

**PERFECT YOUR FORM:** Keep your spine neutral.

**DIAL IT DOWN:** Bend one leg at a time at the knee, for a series of toe taps.

**AMP IT UP:** Hold arms two to four inches above ground.

#### **Fishtail Lifts**

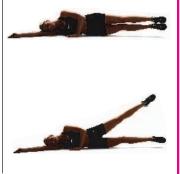
Lie on side with head resting on outstretched arm and legs raised slightly. Bend opposite arm across body. Raise top leg toward ceiling and hold for three counts. Repeat on opposite side. Do four sets. **PERFECT YOUR FORM:** Keep pelvis stacked and don't hike your top hip toward your ribs. **DIAL IT DOWN:** Hold position for fewer counts.

**AMP IT UP:** Place arm on hip and draw core into spine.









Calorie-Burning Bonus Alternate mountain climbers and holding side plank for 60 seconds between exercises.



Pop a peppermint before a workout, and it'll feel easier.