12 DAYS · DEC 13 – 24, 2026

12 Days of Fitness

HARDER

Add one move a day. Finish on Christmas Eve.

HOW IT WORKS

1. Warm up for 3 minutes (page 2).
2. Full: do today's new move, then every move before it.
3. Minimum: today's new move only. Both circles count the same.

Finish line · Dec 24

78 reps on Day 12. Or 12 days of showing up. Both count.

1
SUN · DEC 13

New: Burpee
× 1

FULL LADDER · 1 REP

TIME
◯ FULL ◯ MINIMUM

2
MON · DEC 14

New: Push-ups
× 2

FULL LADDER · 3 REPS
+ Burpee 1

TIME
◯ FULL ◯ MINIMUM

3
TUE · DEC 15

New: Lunges
× 3 each leg

FULL LADDER · 6 REPS
+ Burpee 1, Push-ups 2

TIME
◯ FULL ◯ MINIMUM

4
WED · DEC 16

New: Plank shoulder taps
× 4 each side

FULL LADDER · 10 REPS
+ Burpee 1, Push-ups 2, Lunges 3

TIME
◯ FULL ◯ MINIMUM

5
THU · DEC 17

New: Glute bridges
× 5

FULL LADDER · 15 REPS
+ Burpee 1, Push-ups 2, Lunges 3, Plank shoulder taps 4

TIME
◯ FULL ◯ MINIMUM

6
FRI · DEC 18

New: Mountain climbers
× 6 each leg

FULL LADDER · 21 REPS
+ Burpee 1, Push-ups 2, Lunges 3, Plank shoulder taps 4, Glute bridges 5

TIME
◯ FULL ◯ MINIMUM

7
SAT · DEC 19

New: Squats
× 7

FULL LADDER · 28 REPS
+ Burpee 1, Push-ups 2, Lunges 3, Plank shoulder taps 4, Glute bridges 5, Mountain climbers 6

TIME
◯ FULL ◯ MINIMUM

8
SUN · DEC 20

New: Superman holds
× 8

FULL LADDER · 36 REPS
+ Burpee 1, Push-ups 2, Lunges 3, Plank shoulder taps 4, Glute bridges 5, Mountain climbers 6, Squats 7

TIME
◯ FULL ◯ MINIMUM

9
MON · DEC 21

New: Chair dips
× 9

FULL LADDER · 45 REPS
+ Burpee 1, Push-ups 2, Lunges 3, Plank shoulder taps 4, Glute bridges 5, Mountain climbers 6, Squats 7, Superman holds 8

TIME
◯ FULL ◯ MINIMUM

10
TUE · DEC 22

New: High knees
× 10 each leg

FULL LADDER · 55 REPS
+ Burpee 1, Push-ups 2, Lunges 3, Plank shoulder taps 4, Glute bridges 5, Mountain climbers 6, Squats 7, Superman holds 8, Chair dips 9

TIME
◯ FULL ◯ MINIMUM

11
WED · DEC 23

New: Bicycle crunches
× 11 each side

FULL LADDER · 66 REPS
+ Burpee 1, Push-ups 2, Lunges 3, Plank shoulder taps 4, Glute bridges 5, Mountain climbers 6, Squats 7, Superman holds 8, Chair dips 9, High knees 10

TIME
◯ FULL ◯ MINIMUM

12
THU · DEC 24

New: Jumping jacks
× 12

FULL LADDER · 78 REPS
+ Burpee 1, Push-ups 2, Lunges 3, Plank shoulder taps 4, Glute bridges 5, Mountain climbers 6, Squats 7, Superman holds 8, Chair dips 9, High knees 10, Bicycle crunches 11

TIME
◯ FULL ◯ MINIMUM

Both circles count the same. Busy day? Do the minimum. Missed one? Do today's ladder, not double. Miss once, never twice.

Move Guide

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No equipment. Every move has an easier and a harder version.

3-minute warm-up

30 s march on the spot · 30 s arm circles · 30 s hip circles · 30 s bodyweight squats, slow · 1 min easy high knees

2-minute cool-down

Slow walk · stretch thighs, hips, chest and shoulders, 20 s each

#	MOVE	REPS	HOW TO DO IT	EASIER	HARDER
1	**Burpee**	× 1	Squat, hands down, jump feet back, back in, jump up.	Step back instead of jumping	Add a push-up
2	**Push-ups**	× 2	Hands under shoulders, body straight, chest to floor.	Knees down or hands on a wall	Feet on a step
3	**Lunges**	× 3 each leg	Big step forward, back knee towards the floor, push back up.	Hold a chair for balance	Reverse lunge with a knee drive
4	**Plank shoulder taps**	× 4 each side	High plank, tap the opposite shoulder, hips still.	Knees down	Feet closer together
5	**Glute bridges**	× 5	On your back, knees bent, lift hips, squeeze, lower.	Smaller range	One leg at a time
6	**Mountain climbers**	× 6 each leg	High plank, drive knees to chest one at a time.	Slow, hands on a sofa	Faster pace
7	**Squats**	× 7	Feet hip-width, sit back and down, chest up, stand.	Sit to a chair and stand	Squat jumps
8	**Superman holds**	× 8	Face down, lift arms and legs, hold 2 seconds, lower.	Arms only, then legs only	Hold 4 seconds
9	**Chair dips**	× 9	Hands on a sturdy chair, bend elbows, push back up.	Feet closer, knees bent	Legs straight
10	**High knees**	× 10 each leg	Run on the spot, knees to hip height.	March on the spot	Faster pace
11	**Bicycle crunches**	× 11 each side	On your back, elbow towards the opposite knee.	Feet on the floor, crunch only	Slower, legs lower
12	**Jumping jacks**	× 12	Jump feet out, arms up, jump back in.	Step jacks, no jump	Add a squat every 4th rep

Stop if anything hurts beyond normal effort. New to exercise, pregnant, injured or living with a health condition? Check with a doctor first and use the easier versions.

12 Days, Written Down

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Ten seconds a day. Future you will want the record.

DAY	DATE	TIME IT TOOK	ENERGY 1–5	PROOF	ONE WORD
1	Dec 13			○	
2	Dec 14			○	
3	Dec 15			○	
4	Dec 16			○	
5	Dec 17			○	
6	Dec 18			○	
7	Dec 19			○	
8	Dec 20			○	
9	Dec 21			○	
10	Dec 22			○	
11	Dec 23			○	
12	Dec 24			○	

Day 1 vs Day 12

How I felt before

How I feel now

The move I liked most

AFTER CHRISTMAS

My minimum from Dec 26 to Jan 1 (e.g. squats while the kettle boils)

Not medical advice. Listen to your body and use the easier versions when you need them.