

10 exercises, 10 reps, 10 minutes

Exercise	Instruction & Muscles	Importance for Independent Living
TOE & HEEL LIFTS		
	Lift and lower toes, lift and lower heels. Strengthens: Dorsiflexors Plantar flexors	 Walking, foot stability and balance Lift toes to prevent tripping More power to extend ankle, push off balls of feet and propel forward when walking and climbing stairs Pumps blood from legs to upper-body and brain – a great warm-up! Variation: 10 toe lifts, 10 heel lifts
SLIDE WALK		3 /
	Slide one foot forward, pull one back, alternate. Strengthens: Quadriceps Hamstrings	 Walking Sit and rise from a chair Climb up and down stairs Ability to stand and balance Squat/bend down to pick an object off the floor
OUT & IN	, riamstrings	
	Slide feet and knees out to the sides, squeeze back to center. Strengthens: Abductors/adductors Gluteals	 Walking balance and endurance Side-to-side movements Side-step to avoid objects/obstacles Get in and out of a car May improve bladder control (enhanced with adduction held for 5-10 seconds)
MERRY-GO-ROUND		
	Circle feet upward and outward. Reverse direction. Strengthens: Quadriceps/hamstrings Internal/ext. rotators Gluteals	 Walking Better balance and posture Sit and rise from a chair Climb stairs
ANKLE O's		
	Lift toes, make circles. Repeat in the opposite direction. Strengthens: Dorsi/plantar flexors Invertors/evertors	 Ankle flexibility Enhance walking and balance Lift toes to prevent tripping May decrease stiffness and reduce pain

MARCH Walking and standing endurance Lift and lower one Enhanced gait knee, alternate. Better balance and posture Low back strength Advance leg with greater ease while Strengthens: Hip flexors walking Climb stairs Core MIDLINE CROSS **Extend one foot** Bend/squat down forward, slide opposite Sit and rise from a chair knee and foot inward. Ability to stand and balance Side step around objects Strengthens: Get in and out of a car or tub Quadriceps Abductors/adductors May improve incontinence symptoms Gluteals **DOUBLE KICKS** Walking Slide feet forward, pull Sit and rise from a chair back behind knees. Climb up and down stairs Ability to stand and balance Strengthens: Squat/bend down to pick an object off Quadriceps the floor Hamstrings **TOE FANS** Ankle stability and mobility Rotate toes inward and **Balance** outward. May help prevent ankle sprains and reinjury May increase proprioception and physical Strengthens: function Invertors **Evertors SWEEP IN & OUT** Hip stability and mobility Keep knees aligned Promotes balanced muscles with hips, slide feet to May help reduce lower extremity (LE) center then out to the injuries and low back pain sides. Twisting motion of LE as when golfing, dancing or swinging a tennis racquet Strengthens: Enhance bladder control External/internal rotators **LEG EXTENSION OPTIONAL** Knee range of motion Scoot forward on chair, Walking extend one leg. (Place board 4-6 inches in front Standing of chair.)* Climbing stairs *For this reason, it can be done at the end of the Strengthens: 10 exercises or in place of one of the quadriceps Quadriceps strengthening exercise like "Double Kicks."