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## **Seated Ankle Alphabet**

SETS: 3 | WEEKLY: 5x | DAILY: 3x

#### Clinician Notes:

A-Z upper and lowercase (Aa)=1 set

#### Setup

Begin by sitting upright on a table or bed with both legs hanging off the edge.

# Movement

 Slowly trace the letters of the alphabet with the toe of one foot. You should be moving at your ankle.

#### Tip

Make sure to keep your upper leg still as you move your foot.



# Long Sitting Ankle Dorsiflexion with Anchored Resistance

REPS: 3 | SETS: 15 | WEEKLY: 5x | DAILY: 1x

## Setup

 Begin sitting upright on the floor with your legs straight and a resistance band secured around one foot. You should be facing the anchor point.

#### Movement

• Pull the top of your foot toward your body, creating further tension in the band.

#### Tir

Make sure to keep your toes relaxed and maintain good sitting posture.



## Long Sitting Ankle Plantar Flexion with Resistance

**REPS**: 3 | **SETS**: 15 | **WEEKLY**: 5x | **DAILY**: 1x

## Setup

 Begin sitting upright on the floor with your legs straight and a resistance band secured around one foot. The band should be looped around the bottom of your other foot with the end held in your hand.

#### Movement

Bend your foot away from your body, creating further tension in the band.

## Tip

Make sure to keep your toes relaxed and maintain good sitting posture.



## Long Sitting Ankle Inversion with Resistance

**REPS**: 3 | **SETS**: 15 | **WEEKLY**: 5x | **DAILY**: 1x

## Setup

 Begin sitting upright on the floor with your legs crossed and a resistance band secured around one foot. The resistance band should be looped around the bottom of your other foot with the end held in your hand.

#### Movement

 Move the foot with the resistance band away from the other foot by rotating your ankle inward, then slowly return to the starting position and repeat.

#### Tip

Make sure to avoid any hip movement.



#### Long Sitting Ankle Eversion with Resistance

**REPS**: 10 | **SETS**: 15 | **WEEKLY**: 5x | **DAILY**: 3x

#### Setup

 Begin sitting upright on the ground with one knee bent and the other leg straight with a resistance band looped around the ball of your foot. The band should be anchored near the floor on the side opposite your straight leg.

## Movement

 Pull your foot outward against the resistance, rotating your ankle, then slowly return to the starting position and repeat.

#### Tip

Make sure to only rotate your ankle and keep the rest of your leg straight during the
exercise

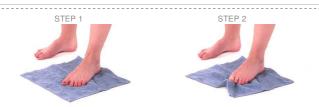


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#### Seated Toe Towel Scrunches

SETS: 5 | WEEKLY: 5x | DAILY: 1x

## Setup

· Begin sitting upright with one foot resting on a flat towel.

#### Movement

Spread out your toes, then scrunch the towel with your toes, and repeat.

Tip

· Make sure to keep the rest of your foot in contact with the ground during the



## Supine Bridge

**REPS**: 10 | **HOLD**: 15 | **WEEKLY**: 7 x | **DAILY**: 1x

## Setup

Begin lying on your back with your arms resting at your sides, your legs bent at the knees and your feet flat on the ground.

#### Movement

Tighten your abdominals and slowly lift your hips off the floor into a bridge position, keeping your back straight.

Tip

Make sure to keep your trunk stiff throughout the exercise and your arms flat on the floor.



## Seated Marble Transfer with Toes

**REPS**: 10 | **SETS**: 3 | **WEEKLY**: 7x | **DAILY**: 1x

## Setup

· Begin sitting upright in a chair with several marbles and a bowl on the floor in front of

### Movement

• Pick up the marbles with your toes, then drop them into the bowl.

Tip

Make sure to keep your movements slow and controlled.



## Soleus Stretch on Wall

**REPS**: 10 | **HOLD**: 15 | **WEEKLY**: 7x | **DAILY**: 1x

• Begin in a standing upright position in front of a wall.

## Movement

• Place your hands on the wall and extend one leg backward with your knee bent. Lean forward into the wall, until you feel a stretch in your lower calf and hold.

Tip

Make sure to keep your heels on the ground and back knee bent during the stretch.



# Single Leg Balance on Balance Trainer

**SETS**: 3 | **HOLD**: 30 | **WEEKLY**: 7x | **DAILY**: 1x

### Setup

Begin standing in an upright position on one foot on a stability trainer and your other foot on the floor.

#### Movement

· Raise your foot off the floor so that you are balancing on the stability trainer with your other leg, and hold this position.

Tip

Make sure to keep your abdominals tight and maintain your balance during the exercise.

