

WEEKLY SCHEDULE WEEK 5

Any days you are feeling under the weather, you can swap the gym/runs for a long stroll/pilates. alternately, you can do the gym sessions with a much lighter weight/body weight. It won't knock your progress. Make sure you're listening to your bodies needs. 💕

MONDAY

- Upper body (push)

TUESDAY

- Interval Run

WEDNSDAY

- Upper body (pull) & Core

THURSDAY

- Lower body (unilareral focused)

FRIDAY

- Easy run
- Core (using the core workout video)

SATURDAY

- Rest/Optional active rest

DAILY GOALS

- Do 1 thing every day that feels challenging
- drink at least 2 litres of water per day
- hit 7-10K steps per day
- Apply progressive overload within every strength session, keep on improving!

SUNDAY

- Rest/Optional active rest

RPE SCALE

What is RPE?

RPE stands for Rate of Perceived Exertion.

It's a scale from 1 to 10 that helps you understand how hard your body feels it's working — during a walk, a workout, or a run.

It's about how challenging the exercise feels: your breathing, muscle effort, and energy level all factor in.

RPE SCALE	RATE OF PERCEIVED EXERTION
10 /	MAX EFFORT ACTIVITY Feels almost impossible to keep going. Completely out of breath, unable to talk. Cannot maintain for more than a very short time
9 /	VERY HARD ACTIVITY Very difficult to maintain exercise intensity. Can barely breathe and speak only a few words
7-8 /	VIGOROUS ACTIVITY Borderline uncomfortable. Short of breath, can speak a sentence
4-6 /	MODERATE ACTIVITY Breathing heavily, can hold a short conversation. Still somewhat comfortable, but becoming noticeably more challenging
2-3 /	LIGHT ACTIVITY Feels like you can maintain for hours. Easy to breathe and carry a conversation
1 /	VERY LIGHT ACTIVITY Hardly any exertion, but more than sleeping, watching TV, etc

Upper (Push-up focused)

Choose a weight that challenges you without compromising form — if your form slips, drop the weight, master it, then build back up.

<i>Exercises</i>	<i>Sets</i>	<i>Reps</i>	<i>Rest between sets</i>
Incline pushups (hands on bench/chair/countertop)	3	Until failure	1-2minutes
Chest press (lead on floor)	3	10	1 - 2 minutes
Dumbbell flys (chest)	3	10	1-2 minutes
Overhead dumbbell tricep extension	3	10	1-2 minutes
Shoulder press	3	10	1-2 minutes
Around the worlds (shoulders)	3	10	1-2 minutes
Plank shoulder taps	3	30 seconds	1 minute

Interval run

Goal: Improve cardiovascular fitness and running efficiency through short bursts of effort with built-in recovery.

Total time 35-40 mins

Section	Details	Time
Prep & Get Set	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wear comfy clothes & supportive shoes• Hydrate if needed• Pick a flat route or treadmill	5-10 mins
Warm-Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brisk walk or light jog 3-5 mins• Dynamic mobility: leg swings, high knees, butt kicks, arm circles & hip openers	7-10 mins
Main set	2 minute run (RPE 7-8) / 1 minute walk (RPE 2-3) X8	24 minute
Cool down	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easy walk 3-5 mins• static stretching	7 mins

TIPS:

- Use effort, not pace—aim for comfortably hard (not sprinting) to sustain a good pace without burning out before the end of the workout
- Focus on light, quick steps—not speed
- Maintain good posture and relaxed breathing

Upper (pull-up focused)

Choose a weight that challenges you without compromising form — if your form slips, drop the weight, master it, then build back up.

<i>Exercises</i>	<i>Sets</i>	<i>Reps</i>	<i>Rest between sets</i>
Assisted Pull-Ups	4	Until failure	1-2 minutes
Bent over row (back)	4	8	1-2 minutes
Single arm dumbbell bent over row (back)	3	10 each arm	1-2 minutes
Dumbbell hammer curls (biceps)	3	10 each arm	1-2 minutes
Dumbbell bicep curls	3	10	1-2 minutes

CORE

Russian twists (weighted)	3	10	30 sec - 1 min
Weighted situps	3	10	30 sec - 1 min
Plank	1	Until failure!	No rest

Lower body Unilateral focus

- Before your first lift, do 1–2 lighter sets to groove the movement pattern and prep your joints. Make sure to do 3-5 mins of dynamic stretches before your workout.
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<i>Exercises</i>	<i>Sets</i>	<i>Reps</i>	<i>Rest between sets</i>
Step-ups (using chair/stool)	3	10 each leg	2-3 minutes
Bulgarian split squat (using chair/stool)	3	10 each leg	2-3 minutes
Single leg hip thrust or glute bridge	3	10 each leg	2-3 minutes
Reverse lunge	3	10 each leg	2-3 minutes
Banded Seated Abductions (sitting on a chair or bench, push knees out)	3	15	No rest

Long run

Goal: Improve cardiovascular fitness and running efficiency through short bursts of effort with built-in recovery.

Total time 20-30 mins

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Warm-Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brisk walk 3-5 mins• Dynamic mobility: leg swings, high knees, butt kicks, arm circles & hip openers	8-10 mins
Main run	20 mins very slow jog (RPE 4-6) Tip: Slow down or walk if breathing gets heavy. Focus on time on your feet, not pace	20 minutes
Cool down	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easy walk 3-5 mins• static stretching	5-8 mins

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Core Circuit

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Russian Twists (weighted)	3	10	1 minute
Weighted situps	3	8	1 minute
Bicycle crunches	3	10	1 minute
Plank	1	Until failure	