

# 5 Exercises for your Shoulder Health & Longevity

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# 1. Banded high row + external rotation + overhead press









- Begin with a light to moderate resistance band anchored about shoulder height
- Draw your elbow back, squeezing your shoulder blade
- Rotate your shoulder to where your fist is facing the ceiling, not losing the shoulder engagement
- Slow and controlled, reach your arm up to the ceiling. Maintain the tension on the band, don't let it pull you forward
- Hold for 7 seconds.
- Slowly reverse the motions to return to start

3 sets 12 times on each shoulder

### 2. Prone ITY lift-off







- Begin face down, forehead supported on a towel for comfort
- Bring your arms to you side, creating a "T"
- ❖ Lift up from the "T" position, squeezing your shoulder blades together, bringing your arms off the ground
- ❖ Hold for 2 seconds
- Keeping your arms up, bring your arms up into a "Y" position, then set them down
- Lift up from the "Y" position, hold for 2 seconds
- ❖ Bring your ams overhead to an "I", then set them down
- Lift up from the "I" position, hold for 2 seconds
- Return to the "Y" position
- Lift up from the "Y" position, hold for 2 seconds
- Return to the "T" position

2 sets 12 times

# 3. High plank to T



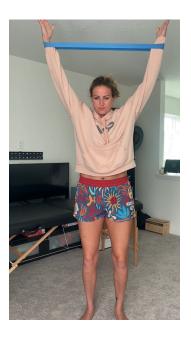


- Begin in a plank position, keeping your core engaged
- Hold for 5 seconds
- Rotate to shift your weight onto one arm, reaching the other towards the ceiling
- ❖ Keep your eyes on your hand to reduce strain on your neck
- ❖ Keep your shoulders in line with your hips and feet, don't over rotate
- ❖ Hold for 5 seconds
- Return to a plank position
- Hold for 5 seconds
- Repeat on the other shoulder

2 sets 10 on each shoulder

### 4. Banded overhead Y's





- Begin with a looped band around your wrists
- ❖ Put tension on the band by bringing your arms into a "V" position
- Keeping the same tension on the band, bring your arms overhead into a "Y" position
- ❖ Hold for 2 seconds
- Return to the bottom
- → For an extra challenge, you can add dumbbells into each hand

3 sets 15 times

# 5. Wall open book with arm lift off









- Begin kneeling with the leg closest to the wall down, arms outstretched forward
- Keep your hand on wall as you slowly draw a large circle, opening your chest towards the wall
- Slowly lift your back arm off the wall
- Hold for 3 seconds
- Bring your hand back to the wall, and slowly reverse back to the start

2 sets 10 reps each side