GAIAM RESTORE

STRONG BACK STABILITY BALL **EXERCISE GUIDE**

EXERCISE INSTRUCTION

- Warm up for 3-5 minutes before each exercise session.
- Complete each movement selected for 30-60 seconds.
- Perform 1-3 sets of each selected movement.
- Rest approximately 30-60 seconds between each movement.
- Perform movement in a safe and controlled manner.
- If unable to complete a movement for a minimum of 30 seconds, perform the movement more slowly, or take more rest between movements

- If unable to achieve moderate to maximal fatigue following the completion of 60 seconds of movement, perform the movement more quickly, or take less rest between movements.
- Perform exercise session a minimum of 3 times per week for
- Allow 24-48 hours of rest between each exercise session.

1. TRUNK CURL



feet flat on floor shoulder-width apart. Bend arms and place hands behind head.

Lie with low back on top of ball. Bend legs, position Keep ball stationary, tighten abdominal muscles, slowly raise head and shoulders up and forward while pulling ribs down toward hips. Hold 1-2 seconds and slowly return to start position.

2. KICK-BACK LUNGE



Stand and balance on one leg. Bend opposite leg and position top of foot on top of ball. Stand upright and straighten arms along sides of body.



Press top of foot into ball; slowly straighten leg behind body and roll ball across floor while bending opposite leg and arms and arching low back. Hold 1-2 seconds and slowly return to start position.

3. PLANK MOUNTAIN CLIMBER



Bend arms and place elbows and hands on top of ball. Straighten legs and position toes on floor hip-width apart.

Keep ball stationary, tighten abdominal muscles. lift foot off floor, slowly bend leg and bring knee toward ball. Hold 1-2 seconds, slowly return to start position, and repeat with opposite leg.

4. LEG CURL



Lie on back on floor, position heels on top of ball hip-width apart with arms straight on floor along sides of body. Tighten low back and buttocks, and slowly lift hips upward while arching low back and straightening body.

Press heels into ball, lift hips upward and slowly bend legs while rolling ball across floor and bringing heels toward buttocks. Hold 1-2 seconds and slowly return to start position.

5. BACK EXTENSION



Lie on stomach on top of ball. Bend legs, position Keep ball stationary, tighten low back muscles, toes on floor shoulder-width apart. Bend arms and and slowly raise head and shoulders upward while place hands behind head

arching low back and squeezing shoulder blades together. Hold 1-2 seconds and slowly return to

6. HIP EXTENSION



Lie on stomach on top of ball. Straighten legs, position toes on floor hip-width apart. Straighten arms and place hands directly below shoulders.

Keep ball stationary, tighten low back and buttocks, and slowly lift straight legs upward to hip height. Hold 1-2 seconds and slowly return to start position.