



Toolbox

Exercise with Items at Home

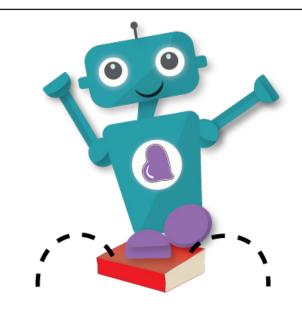
Introduction

You don't need fancy equipment or a gym membership to be physically active. Try some of Cool-E's favorite exercises using items you can find at home. The parts of the body being exercised are highlighted in purple.

Phone book Step - for legs and heart

- 1. Place a thick phone book on a non-slippery floor.
- 2. Stand with feet together on the left side of book.
- 3. Step up onto the book with your right foot and then your left foot.
- 4. Step off the book with your right foot then your left foot. Both of your feet should now be on the right side of the book.
- 5. To warm up, repeat at a slow pace 25 times.
- 6. Now step front to back 25 times.
- 7. Step faster doing sets of 50 alternating between side-to-side and back-to-front steps.
- 8. Cool down by switching back to slow steps.

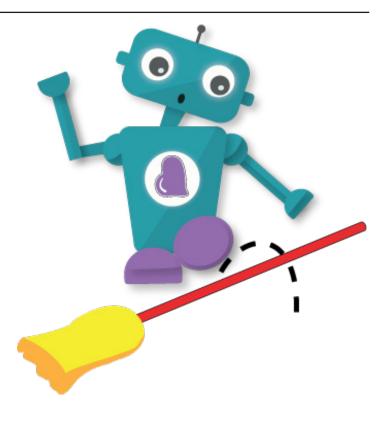
*Handy tip: If you don't have a phone book, you can use a tied bundle of newspapers or magazines. You can also use a low step stool or exercise stepper.



Broom Jump - for legs and heart

- 1. Place a broom or mop on the floor.
- 2. Stand with feet together on the left side of the broom, midway down the broomstick.
- 3. To warm up, step over the broomstick slowly with knees high. You should now be on the opposite side of the broom. Repeat 10 times.
- 4. Next, skip over the broomstick faster with one foot landing followed by the other. Repeat 50 times.
- 5. Finally, hop quickly over the broom with both feet landing at the same time. Repeat 50 times.
- Cool down by skipping over the broom slowly with one foot landing followed by the other. Repeat 25 times.

*Handy tip: You can also use a mop or a yardstick if a broom is not available.







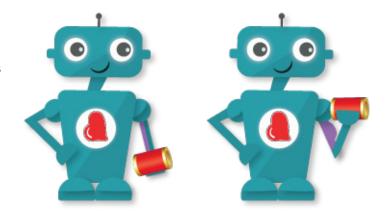
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Can Curls - for biceps

- 1. Stand tall holding an unopened canned good in your left hand.
- 2. Bend your arm at the elbow and curl the can towards your shoulder slowly.
- 3. Uncurl your arm down so it's parallel to your body.
- 4. Repeat 10 times on each arm.

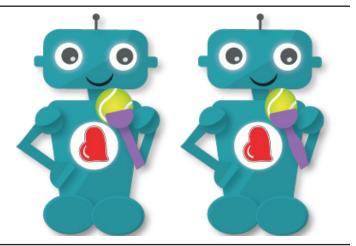
*Handy tip: Concentrate on using the right form when lifting the can, not how fast you can go.



Tennis Ball Squeeze - for forearms and hands

- 1. Put a tennis ball in your left palm and wrap your fingers around it.
- 2. Squeeze the tennis ball and hold for five seconds.
- 3. Relax your hand then repeat 10 times.
- 4. Switch hands and repeat.

*Handy tip: Many people use this exercise as a way to relieve stress.



Water Bottle Press - for triceps

- 1. Stand tall holding a full water bottle in your left hand.
- 2. Lift the bottle up to shoulder level, pause, and then continue lifting all the way up over your head.
- 3. When your arm is next to your ear, bend your arm at the elbow until the water bottle is behind your back.
- 4. Straighten your arm, lower, and repeat 10 times for each arm.

*Handy tip: Drink the water when you're finished exercising!

