

6 Week Progression Plan for Joint Health Exercises

Weeks 1-2: Getting Started (Beginner Level)

• Ankles:

- o Ankle Circles: 20-30 seconds in each direction, once per day.
- o Heel Raises: 10 repetitions, 2 sets.
- o **Toe Taps**: 20-30 seconds, 1-2 sets.

Knees:

- o Chair Squats: 8-10 repetitions, 1-2 sets.
- o **Step Touches**: 10-12 repetitions per side, 1-2 sets.
- o Leg Extensions: 8-10 repetitions per leg, 1 set.

• Hips:

- o **Hip Bridges**: 8-10 repetitions, 1-2 sets.
- o **Hip Circles**: 20-30 seconds in each direction, once per day.
- o Lateral Leg Raises: 8-10 repetitions per leg, 1 set.

Shoulders:

- o **Shoulder Rolls**: 10 repetitions in each direction, once per day.
- o Arm Circles: 20-30 seconds, 1-2 sets.
- Wall Push-ups: 5-8 repetitions, 1-2 sets.

• Back:

- o Cat-Cow Stretch: 5-8 repetitions, 1-2 sets.
- o Back Extensions: 5-8 repetitions, 1 set.
- Seated Twists: 5-8 repetitions per side, 1-2 sets.

• Core:

- o **Modified Planks**: 10-20 seconds, 1-2 sets.
- o **Bicycle Crunches**: 6-8 repetitions per side, 1 set.
- o Leg Raises: 5-8 repetitions per leg, 1 set.

Weeks 3-4: Building Strength (Intermediate Level)

Ankles:

- o **Ankle Circles**: 30 seconds in each direction, twice per day.
- o Heel Raises: 15-20 repetitions, 2 sets.
- o **Toe Taps**: 30-40 seconds, 2 sets.

Knees:

- o Chair Squats: 10-12 repetitions, 2-3 sets.
- o **Step Touches**: 12-15 repetitions per side, 2 sets.
- o Leg Extensions: 10-12 repetitions per leg, 2 sets.

• Hips:

- o **Hip Bridges**: 12-15 repetitions, 2-3 sets.
- o **Hip Circles**: 30 seconds in each direction, twice per day.
- o Lateral Leg Raises: 12-15 repetitions per leg, 2 sets.

Shoulders:

- o **Shoulder Rolls**: 15 repetitions in each direction, twice per day.
- o Arm Circles: 30-45 seconds, 2-3 sets.
- o Wall Push-ups: 8-12 repetitions, 2 sets.

Back:

- o Cat-Cow Stretch: 8-10 repetitions, 2 sets.
- o **Back Extensions**: 8-10 repetitions, 2 sets.
- Seated Twists: 8-10 repetitions per side, 2 sets.

• Core:

- o **Modified Planks**: 20-30 seconds, 2 sets.
- o **Bicycle Crunches**: 8-10 repetitions per side, 2 sets.
- o Leg Raises: 8-10 repetitions per leg, 2 sets.

Weeks 5-6: Increased Intensity (Advanced Beginner Level)

• Ankles:

- o **Ankle Circles**: 30 seconds in each direction, twice per day.
- o **Heel Raises**: 20-25 repetitions, 3 sets.
- o **Toe Taps**: 40-50 seconds, 2-3 sets.

Knees:

- o Chair Squats: 12-15 repetitions, 3 sets.
- o **Step Touches**: 15-20 repetitions per side, 2-3 sets.
- o Leg Extensions: 12-15 repetitions per leg, 3 sets.

• Hips:

- o **Hip Bridges**: 15-20 repetitions, 3 sets.
- o **Hip Circles**: 30-40 seconds in each direction, twice per day.
- o Lateral Leg Raises: 15-20 repetitions per leg, 3 sets.

• Shoulders:

- o **Shoulder Rolls**: 20 repetitions in each direction, twice per day.
- o Arm Circles: 45 seconds, 3 sets.
- o Wall Push-ups: 12-15 repetitions, 3 sets.

• Back:

- o Cat-Cow Stretch: 10-12 repetitions, 2-3 sets.
- o Back Extensions: 10-12 repetitions, 3 sets.
- Seated Twists: 10-12 repetitions per side, 2-3 sets.

Core:

- o **Modified Planks**: 30-40 seconds, 2-3 sets.
- o **Bicycle Crunches**: 10-12 repetitions per side, 2-3 sets.
- o Leg Raises: 10-12 repetitions per leg, 3 sets.

Ongoing Progression (Beyond Week 6)

- Advanced modifications (if you feel ready):
 - o **Ankle and Leg Exercises**: Add resistance bands to heel raises or lateral leg raises.
 - o **Knee and Hip Work**: Progress to standing squats or lunge variations.
 - o **Core**: Try standard planks or increase the duration of leg raises and bicycle crunches.
 - Shoulders and Back: Add light dumbbells to shoulder rolls or back extensions for more challenge.

By progressively increasing the repetitions, sets, and duration, you'll build a strong foundation for joint health and overall fitness. This approach will help you stay injury-free and mobile, especially in the limited space of your RV.