

Going Strong: Turn Playtime Into An Intense HIIT Workout

Description

I've been feeling guilty lately. Avery's activity level has increased tremendously from roly poly days of yore. Okay, it really wasn't that long ago, but a guy can exaggerate, right?



Hi, I'm cute but can't do much else right now!

All parents say it, and we'll probably continue to say it forever; time flies! I skipped the "when you're having fun" part because, let's face it, it's not *always* fun. ðŸ™,

Anyway, my guilt is spurred from ability to play more and allow me to be active with her but I still take time to do my workouts in the garage as she plays in her jumper.



Umm, you done yet?

As long as I don't push my luck, she remains patient and happily "talks", screams, and jumps around, but these days are numbered. Soon, the jumper will no longer work and I need to setup an area for her to walk/crawl around. Keyword, WALK! You reading this, Avery?

Not one to just skip exercise for the day, I decided to get creative and combine playtime with a full body HIIT workout routine. I really wanted to stay indoors when I made this since the weather sucked that day, and it turned out to be pretty fun but intense. Functional fitness just took on a new meaning!

For this, the only equipment you need is a box and a baby.

Playtime HIIT Workout Routine

3 Rounds of 30 Seconds On, 30 Seconds Off

Thrusters with baby

Mountain climbers

Crunches (or other form of core work)

Push-ups

Running in place

Push your kid in a box (Substitute Bear crawls if no box)

Burpees

Lift baby overhead from side to side (in the shape of a half-moon)

Alternating forward lunges while holding baby

Karate kicks

Avery enjoyed the random movements and did the whole time until the end of the 3rd round. I think she was getting frustrated with me setting her back down, so be warned.

Either way, I think you should definitely give it a try as it will get your blood flowing while you "play" with your kid. It's a win-win!

I can't stress enough how important our role as parents is when it comes to teaching by example. Please for the health of your kids as well as your own, show them how being active can be fun and rewarding!

Being the nice guy that I am, I put together a quick video to demonstrate the moves. Since my stack of boxes on the kitchen island wasn't high enough, I cut my head off of the entire thing. Since I have no desire to do a re-shoot, I'm leaving it as is. #keepingitunique

[youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-HopIOAkS4I>]

I hope you give the routine a try and share your experience with me in the comments. If you have any questions, please go right ahead and ask away. If you're in a time crunch, only do 1 or 2 rounds of this. Moving some is better than none!

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