

USA Tennis Strength and Conditioning Core Exercise Routine

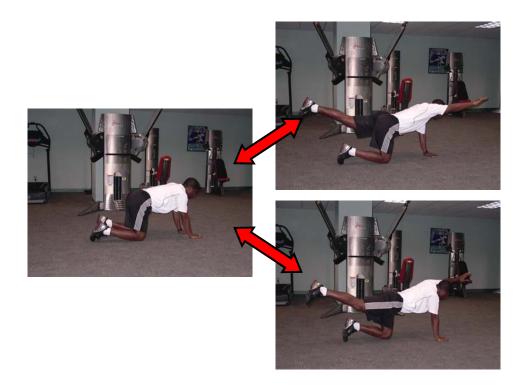
Quadruped Alternate Limb Extension

Main Muscles Involved Lower back: erector spinae

Hip extensors: gluteal muscles, hamstrings

Scapular stabilizers: rhomboids, serratus anterior

Exercise Technique: Side View



Step	Action
Start/Finish	Start on all fours (hands and knees) with the face looking
Position	toward the floor.
Upward Movement	Tighten your abdominal muscles by drawing the belly
	button in towards the spine and simultaneously raise your
	right arm and left leg. At the top of the movement, your
	arm should be extended out in front of you and your left
	leg behind you. Both should be parallel to the floor. Hold
	this position for about 2-3 seconds.
Downward Movement	Slowly return to the starting position by simultaneously
	lowering your right arm and left leg. Repeat this
	movement to the opposite side.



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Quadruped Alternate Limb Extension, Continued

Repetitions and Sets	1-2 sets of 10-20 repetitions on each side.
Technique Reminders	 Keep your back flat and your hips and shoulders parallel to the ground during the entire movement. Draw the belly button in towards the spine and hold that contraction for the entire movement. Stop the exercise if you cannot maintain proper form for an entire set.
Spotting/ Assistance	This exercise does not require a spotter.