

# ATHINA FIT

— FREE GUIDE —

A woman with long blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing a black sports bra and leggings, is riding a black stationary bike in a gym. She is looking forward with a focused expression. The gym background is dimly lit with various exercise machines and people in the distance.

**I DON'T  
HAVE TIME  
TO TRAIN.**

30 minutes. 4 days. Anywhere.

# YOUR COACH

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**Hi, I'm Athina,**

I'm a certified personal trainer and online coach with over 6 years of experience helping busy professionals build strength, lose body fat and — most importantly — build habits that actually stick.

This guide was born from the most common thing I hear: 'I just don't have time.' My goal is to show you that time isn't really the problem — and give you a framework that fits your actual life.

## **MY CREDENTIALS**

- Level 3 Personal Trainer & Online Coach
- Specialist in strength, body composition & nutrition
- Habit-based coaching strategies
- Clients across the UK, EU & worldwide

## **WHAT THIS GUIDE COVERS**

- Why 'no time' is a myth — and what's really going on
- The science of why 30 minutes is enough
- The 30-4 Framework: 30 minutes, 4 days, anywhere
- A sample weekly schedule you can start this week
- 3 session formats for home, hotel or gym
- Your step-by-step action plan

## **LET'S GET TO WORK.**

# THE REAL PROBLEM

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If you've ever said 'I don't have time to train', you're not lazy – you're working with the wrong blueprint.

## THE MYTH THAT'S KEEPING YOU STUCK

Most people believe a proper workout means 60–90 minutes in a gym. If they can't do all of that, they do nothing.

That all-or-nothing thinking is the real enemy. Not your schedule.

## THE TRUTH

Research consistently shows that 20–30 minutes of structured, focused training is enough to build strength, improve fitness and change your body composition – when done consistently. The gym is optional. The consistency is not.

## MYTHS – BUSTED

- "You need 90 minutes for a real workout." – 30 focused minutes beats 90 distracted minutes every time.
- "You need a gym." – You need floor space. That's it.
- "Missing a session means you've failed." – One missed session is noise.
- "Travel kills progress." – Only if you let it. The 30-4 system is built for exactly this.
- "You need motivation to start." – You need a decision and a calendar slot.

# WHY 30 MINUTES IS ENOUGH

Your body doesn't respond to time. It responds to effort, tension and consistency.

## THE STIMULUS PRINCIPLE

Your muscles respond to mechanical tension and effort — not the clock. A 30-minute session at 7–8/10 effort creates the same adaptive signal as a 90-minute session done with long rests and distractions.

## FREQUENCY BEATS DURATION

4 × 30-minute sessions per week outperforms 1 × 2-hour session every time — because each session creates a fresh stimulus and your body adapts between sessions. More frequent exposure = faster results.

## THE MINIMUM EFFECTIVE DOSE

More is not always better. Too much training without recovery leads to fatigue and injury. The minimum effective dose — the least work that produces the desired result — is your goal.

# THE 30-4 FRAMEWORK

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30 minutes. 4 days a week. That's the system.

## THE CORE RULES

- 30 minutes per session — set a timer. Stop when it goes off.
- 4 sessions per week — not necessarily the same days.
- Structure: 5-min warm-up · 20-min work · 5-min cool-down.
- Rest 45–60 seconds between sets.
- Train at 7–8 out of 10 effort.
- Consistency beats perfection. A so-so session still counts. Zero doesn't.

## HOW TO STRUCTURE YOUR 20-MINUTE WORK BLOCK

- Pick 4–5 compound exercises.
- 3 sets of each, back to back where possible.
- Progressive overload: each week aim for 1 more rep.
- Track your sessions — even just in your notes app.

## WHAT TO AVOID

- Skipping the warm-up — 5 minutes of injury prevention is always worth it.
- Checking your phone between sets — this doubles rest time.
- Trying to do too much. 4 exercises done well beats 10 done badly.

# YOUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Move sessions to wherever they fit. This is a template – not a rule.

MONDAY	Session A – Full body strength (30 min)
TUESDAY	Active rest – walk, 8,000–10,000 steps
WEDNESDAY	Session B – Upper body focus (30 min)
THURSDAY	Active rest – stretching or mobility
FRIDAY	Session C – Lower body focus (30 min)
SATURDAY	Session D – Full body or cardio circuit (30 min)
SUNDAY	Complete rest

## FLEXIBLE VERSION

If your week blows up, aim for minimum 3 sessions. Any 3. Any days. Showing up is what matters.

## STEPS MATTER TOO

Aim for 8,000–10,000 steps every day. Burns significant calories, supports recovery, costs no gym time.

# SAMPLE 30-MIN SESSION

## Session A – Full Body Strength. No gym required.

WARM-UP 5 MIN	March on spot 60s · Arm circles · Hip circles · Bodyweight squat ×10 · Glute bridge ×10 · Walkouts ×5.
A1 – SQUAT 3×10-12	Bodyweight or goblet squat. Feet shoulder-width, chest up, lower until thighs parallel. Rest 45s.
A2 – HINGE 3×10	Hip hinge or single-leg RDL. Flat back, feel hamstrings load, drive hips forward to stand. Rest 45s.
B1 – PUSH 3×8-12	Push-up (kneeling or full). Lower chest with control, drive through palms. Rest 45s.
B2 – CORE 3×30 SEC	Plank, dead bug, or mountain climbers. Lower back flat, core braced. Minimal rest.
COOL-DOWN 5 MIN	Hamstring 30s · Quad 30s · Hip flexor 30s · Child's pose 30s · Chest stretch 30s.

### PROGRESSION:

Each week, add 1-2 reps, slow the tempo, or progress to a harder variation.

# TRAIN ANYWHERE

The 30-4 system works wherever you are.

## FORMAT 1 — HOME OR HOTEL ROOM

Bodyweight only. Enough floor space.

- Squat ×15 · Push-up ×12 · Reverse lunge ×10/leg
- Glute bridge ×20 · Plank ×40s · Mountain climbers ×20
- 3-4 rounds · 45s rest · ~28 min total

## FORMAT 2 — DUMBBELLS

1-2 pairs of dumbbells.

- Goblet squat ×12 · DB RDL ×10 · DB press ×10
- DB row ×10/arm · Lateral raise ×12 · Plank ×40s
- 3 rounds · Superset A+B · ~28 min total

## FORMAT 3 — COMMERCIAL GYM

Full gym. Get in — work — get out.

- Squat or leg press · RDL · Chest press · Row
- 3 sets each · 45s rest only — no chatting, no phone
- ~28 min. If longer, you're resting too much

# YOUR ACTION PLAN

You have everything you need. Here's exactly what to do first.

## STEP 1

Open your calendar. Block 4 × 30-minute slots this week. Label them A, B, C, D. Treat them like meetings.

## STEP 2

Choose your format — home, dumbbells, or gym. Start with whatever requires the least friction.

## STEP 3

Do Session A this week. Just once. That's all you need to build momentum.

## STEP 4

Aim for 8,000 steps today — calls walking, stairs, park further away.

## STEP 5

Tap the link below to book your free consultation and get a plan built around your life.

### READY FOR A PLAN BUILT AROUND YOUR ACTUAL LIFE?

Book a free 20-minute consultation — no sales pitch.

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