Strong Not Skinny

A Beginner's Guide to Strength Training for Women By Marlena Abramowicz, Online Fitness Coach





"Strong is the new goal."

You don't need to shrink yourself to feel confident—you need to own your strength.

This guide will walk you through the basics of strength training, why it's perfect for women (especially busy ones), and how to start without feeling lost or overwhelmed.



Why Strength Training Is Non-Negotiable

Benefits:

- Increases fat loss (yes, really)
- Builds muscle tone and definition
- Boosts confidence, posture, and energy
- Improves bone health and metabolism
- Makes daily tasks easier (especially for mums!)

"Cardio burns calories. Strength training changes your body."



5 Common Myths Debunked

- "Lifting makes women bulky." → No. It makes you sculpted.
- 2. "You have to train $6x/\text{week."} \rightarrow 3x/\text{week}$ is powerful when it's smart.
- 3. "Machines are better than free weights." → Start where you're comfortable. Progress over time.
- 4. "I need to lose weight first."
 - → Strength training helps with that.
- 5. "I don't have time." → You don't need more time. You need a plan.



Beginner-Friendly Strength Training Plan (Home-Based) 3-Day Plan Example:

Day 1: Lower Body Focus

- Bodyweight squats 3 x 12
- Glute bridges 3 x 15
- Wall sits 3 x 30 seconds

Day 2: Upper Body Focus

- Incline push-ups $-3 \times 8-10$
- Bent-over rows (dumbbells or water bottles) -3×12
- Shoulder presses 3 x 10

Day 3: Core & Mobility

- Dead bugs $-3 \times 10/\text{side}$
- Bird-dogs $-3 \times 10/\text{side}$
- Seated twists 3 x 20



How to Progress Safely

- Start with bodyweight or light resistance
- Focus on form first, reps second
- Increase intensity every 1–2 weeks
- Rest 30-60 seconds between sets
- Fuel your body with enough protein and calories!



You're not too late. You're not too busy.

You just need a plan and support —and now, you have both.

Want this done for you?
Let me build your personalized training plan, coach you every step, and help you feel strong AF—without dieting or guilt.

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