## **CORE EXERCISES**





## Reverse Plank to Pike

At the front, facing back

[Xformer]

(Standard: 1 white spring) (Modification: 2 white springs) (Intensification: 0 springs)

[Megacore]

(Standard: 2 grey springs) (Modification: 3 grey springs) (Intensification: 1 grey spring)

[Allegro 2]

(Standard: 1 yellow spring) (Modification: 1 blue spring) (Intensification: 0 spring)

[Evo Reformer]

(Standard: 1 blue spring) (Modification: 2 blue springs)

- Setup (how to get into position)
  - Start on the platform, facing the carriage.
  - Place your hands on the carriage and get up onto your toes on the front platform, legs and feet together.
  - Slight bend in your elbows.
  - Lightly lift your hips and engage your core.
- Execution (how to perform the exercise)
  - Exhale as you lift your belly button up to move the carriage in, looking at your toes as you rise.
  - · Inhale as you slowly lower down to the starting position, returning your gaze down at the carriage

## Reverse Plank to Pike

At the front, facing back

- DO NOT
  - DO NOT swing inwards with your hands as you pike.
    - (Using your hands and arms to swing will activate less of the abs/core)
  - DO NOT let your shoulder go forward past your wrist.
    - (Shoulder past and far over the wrists can cause wrist pain)
  - DO NOT lock out your elbows or allow your upper middle back to collapse.
    - (The soft bend in the elbows should activate the triceps more and protect your wrists)
- Challenge(s)
  - Holds and pulses
    - Lift halfway up
      - pulse down 2 inches and up 2 inches (easier)
      - pulse up 2 inches and down 2 inches (harder)

Note: When you're on your toes for an exercise, separating your feet wider is a quick modification