## 12-week 5 k beginners training program

Before beginning any new exercise program, it's important to consult with your doctor to ensure it's safe for you. Once you have clearance, use this guide to adapt your training sessions to your needs and enjoy the journey towards your goals! Keeping mind everyone has different abilities when it comes to walking or running. Some find it easier, while others may need more time to adjust. Use this guide and adapt the sessions to your schedule and fitness level. If a session feels too easy, speed up a bit. If it's too challenging, it's okay to walk or shorten the duration. Challenge yourself without overexerting. Here are some tips for your 12-week training:

- You don't have to run a 5 k ; walking is rewarding and fun too!
- Get properly fitted for walking/running shoes to prevent injury.
- Share your goals with family and friends for support.
- Be consistent with training, adjusting as needed for illness or injury.
- Gradually increase distance before focusing on speed to avoid injury.
- Limit sessions to avoid overtraining; rest days are important.
- Stay hydrated and eat well for optimal performance.
- Stretch before and after training to prevent injuries.
- Enjoy the process and good luck!
need an accountability partner?
scan the QR code below.


| WALK 5k | monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday | sunday |
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| week 1 | rest | 15 min walk | rest | 15 min walk | rest | 1.5 miles or 30-35 min walk | 25-35 min walk |
| week 2 | rest | 15 min walk | rest | 15 min walk | rest | 1.5 miles or $30-35$ min walk | 30-40 min walk |
| week 3 | rest | 15 min walk | rest | 15 min walk | rest | 1.5 miles or $30-35$ min walk | 35-45 min walk |
| week 4 | rest | 15 min walk | rest | 15 min walk | rest | 1.75 miles or 40-45 min walk | 35-45 min walk |
| week 5 | rest | 20 min walk | rest | 20 min walk | rest | 2 miles or 45-50 min walk | 40-50 min walk |
| week 6 | rest | 20 min walk | rest | 20 min walk | rest | 2.25 miles or 50-55 min walk | 45-55 min walk |
| week 7 | rest | 20 min walk | rest | 20 min walk | rest | 2.25 miles or 50-55 min walk | 50-60 min walk |
| week 8 | rest | 20 min walk | rest | 20 min walk | rest | 2.5 miles or $55-60 \mathrm{~min}$ walk | 50-60 min walk |
| week 9 | rest | 25 min walk | rest | 25 min walk | rest | 2.75 miles 60-65 min walk | 55-60 min walk |
| week 10 | rest | 25 min walk | rest | 25 min walk | rest | 2.75 miles or 60-65 min walk | 55-60 min walk |
| week 11 | rest | 30 min walk | rest | 30 min walk | rest | 3 miles or 65 min walk | 60 min walk |
| week 12 | rest | 30 min walk | rest | 30 min walk | rest | 5k Race! |  |

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| RUN 5k | mon | tues | wed | thurs | fri | sat | sun |
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| week 1 | rest | 30 min walk | rest | walk 4 min, jog 1 min (x4) | rest | walk 4 min, jog 1 (x4) | jog 3-5min, walk for $3 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{x} 6$ ) |
| week 2 | rest | 30 min walk | rest | walk 4 min, jog 1 min (x5) | rest | walk 4 min , jog 1 min (x5) | jog 5-6min, walk for $3 \mathrm{~min}(x 5)$ |
| week 3 | rest | 40 min walk | rest | walk 4 min , jog 2-3 min (x3) | rest | walk 3 min, jog 2-3min (x3) | jog 5-8min, walk for $3 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{x} 5$ ) |
| week 4 | rest | 40 min walk | rest | walk 4 min, jog 2-3 min (x3) | rest | walk 3 min, jog 2-3min (x3) | jog 5-8min, walk for $3 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{x} 5$ ) |
| week 5 | rest | 45 min walk | rest | walk 3 min , jog 2-3 min (x5) | rest | walk 2 min, jog 3-4min (x4) | jog 10-12min, walk for 3 min (x3) |
| week 6 | rest | 45 min walk | rest | walk 3 min , jog 3-4 min (x4) | rest | walk 2 min, jog 5-7 min (x4) | jog 12-15 min, walk for $3 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{x} 2$ ) |
| week 7 | rest | 45 min walk | rest | walk 3 min , jog 4-5 min (x5) | rest | walk 2 min, jog 6-8 min (x4) | jog 15 min , walk for $3 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{x} 2$ ) |
| week 8 | rest | 45 min walk | rest | walk 3 min, jog 4-5 min (x4) | rest | walk 2 min, jog 8-10 min (x3) | jog for 20-25 min |
| week 9 | rest | 45 min walk | rest | walk 2 min, jog 5min (x5) | rest | walk 2 min, jog 10-12 min (x3) | jog for 20-30 min |
| week 10 | rest | 45 min walk | rest | walk 2 min , jog $5 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{x} 5)$ | rest | walk 2 min , jog 10-12 min (x3) | jog for 30-35 min |
| week 11 | rest | 45 min walk | rest | walk 2 min , jog $5 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{x} 5)$ | rest | walk 2 min, jog 3-4 min (x5) | jog for 35-40 min |
| week 12 | rest | 30 min walk | rest | walk 2 min , jog $5 \mathrm{~min}(\mathrm{x} 3$ ) | rest | 5k RACE!! |  |

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