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Single-leg bounding: Drive the right knee up and leap off the left leg as if you are gliding through the air. Repeat on the other side. Try to be as light as possible.
Plank drag: Set up towels 20 yards apart and in a plank position with one towel under your toes. Drag your toes towards your hands by engaging your core, then walk your hands out again so you're closer to the far towel.

Side shuffle: Shuffle laterally from one towel to the other and back the same way as you go there and back.
Inchworm pushups: Hinge at the waist, bend your knees, and place your hands away from your feet so you're in a plank position. Do a pushup.

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Long jumps: Bend your knees and jump as far as you can towards the other towel! Keep jumping for the whole 30 seconds.

HIIT Workout #2: Tabata Bang!

Get off your towel and try some Tabata! Complete 10 alternating lunges, 10 squats and a 30-second plank hold to get warmed up. Then, alternate 20 seconds of work with 10 seconds of rest for each exercise in the circuit. Complete eight rounds.

Surfer get-ups: Start on the ground in a low plank position with your hands under your shoulders and your belly touching the sand. Push up from the ground and jump into a squatting position with the right leg in front of the left, as if you're balancing on a surf board. Remember to squeeze your glutes and engage the core! Return to the original plank position and repeat with your left leg in front of the right for the surf stance.

Lateral plank: Assume a plank position with your hands directly under your shoulders. Take two steps to the right while maintaining a plank, and perform a pushup. Repeat the process by moving back to the left. Perform another pushup and repeat.

Lunge jumps: With the right leg in front of the left, get into a lunge position so your knees are both at 90-degree angles. Use your core and quads to jump straight up, switching your legs in mid-air. Land with your left leg forward, then repeat.

Twisting mountain climbers: In a plank position, bring one knee to the opposite elbow. Quickly switch legs and twist the opposite knee to opposite elbow. Try to have your knee touch your elbow for every rep.

HIIT Workout #3: Perfect 10 Circuits

Get strong and lean with this workout that will challenge your whole body. Use your abdominals to stabilize your core during the lunges and jump squats, and give it all you've got with the sprints at the end of each circuit. Complete five rounds total with 30 seconds of rest between rounds.

Lateral lunges: Step right leg out into a lateral lunge with the left leg straight. As you stand up, drag the left leg back to standing while using the sand as resistance. Repeat movement on the other side.

180-degree jump squats: Squat and touch the ground, jump 180-degrees clockwise and touch the ground again. Repeat by jumping 180-degrees counter-clockwise. Two jumps equals one rep.

Down dog pushups: Start in a down dog position. Walk your hands out to a full plank, perform a pushup and then walk your hands back to down dog.

Shuttle sprints: Place two towels about 20 yards apart, and using them as markers, start at one and sprint to the other. That's one! Keep your speed up, sprinting back and forth five times (10 lengths total).

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