

## a dancer's at home TECHNIQUE TRAINING

droppin groove knowledge

What is a groove? Groove is used in hip hop to help convey and define the style or feel of a song. Grooves are based on the rhythm of the music and the movement you chose usually reflects the overall tone of the song.

## Types of Grooves

- 1) Down (or low) grooves emphasize the beats in the music with downward rocking motions.
- 2) Up (or lifted) grooves emphasize the beats in the music with motions that lift upwards.
- 3) Bounce (or jump) grooves involve a lighter and bouncier type of movement, usually adding in some form of jump or hop.

## **Style Specific Groove Examples**

- 1) Housing: Jacking (bounce groove)
- 2) Old School: Slide Pop (up groove), B2K (down groove)
- 3) Locking: Smooth Head Isolations (could be down or up depending on the song and style)
- 4) Krump: Wobble (down groove)

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- Begin with Arms in a T with blades
- Exercise 1: Bend your R wrist 1-2, lift your R elbow fingertips & hand parallel to the ground 3-4, shrug your R shoulder extend your R arm 5-6, straighten back to T 7-8, repeat 10 times, increase tempo
- Exercise 2: Lift your L shoulder 1-2, press L shoulder down lift L elbow 3-4, flex L wrist 5-6, straighten back to T 7-8, repeat 10 times, increase tempo
- Exercise 3: Bend your R wrist 1-2, lift your R elbow fingertips & hand parallel to the ground 3-4, shrug your R shoulder extend your R arm 5-6, shrug L shoulder, R arm to T 7-8, press L shoulder down lift L elbow 1-2, flex L wrist 3-4, straighten back to T 5-6, hold T 7-8, repeat 10 times, increase tempo
- Exercise 4: Bend your R wrist 1, lift your R elbow fingertips & hand parallel to the ground 2, shrug your R shoulder extend your R arm 3, shrug L shoulder, R arm to T 4, press L shoulder down lift L elbow 5, flex L wrist 6, straighten back to T 7, hold T 8, repeat 10 times, increase tempo each time
- Exercise 5: Curl fingertips inward towards palm before breaking R/L wrist & add with exercise 4

strength exercises for hip hop tricks

- 20 Wrist curls
- · 20 Tricep dips
- Back bend hold for 30 secs
- 15 Back bend push-ups
- "Banana" hollow hold for 15 secs, repeat 3 times
- Frog Headstand (headstand with knees on elbows), hold for 2 eight-counts, repeat 3 times
- Bug Headstand (headstand with knees bent), hold for 2 eight-counts, repeat 3 times
- Frog 1-2, headstand bug 3-4, extend headstand 5-6, fall back to feet 7-8
   Repeat as 3 with increased tempo each time



Learn one of the hip hop Tik Tok dances and share with your fellow teammates! Add your own style and groove!

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Create a "Your First Move is Their Last Move" Dance Challenge Video with your ENTIRE team! Post it on your team social media and tag us at @varsityspirit! Use the hashtag #DanceAtHome





