Here's a four-week running program for a novice to intermediate runner who can train 2 to 3 days a week to prepare for a 5 k race. Please note that it's important to listen to your body and adjust the intensity or duration of the runs as needed.

## Week 1: Building the Base

Day 1: Easy Run
Duration: 20 minutes
Intensity: Comfortable, conversational pace
Day 2: Rest or Cross-Training
Choose a low-impact activity such as swimming, cycling, or yoga.
Day 3: Interval Training
Warm-up: 5 minutes of brisk walking, followed by dynamic stretches
Run 2 minutes at a slightly faster pace (about $80 \%$ effort)
Recover with 2 minutes of slow jogging or walking
Repeat this interval pattern 5 times
Cool-down: 5 minutes of slow jogging or walking

## Week 2: Increasing Endurance

Day 1: Easy Run
Duration: 25 minutes
Intensity: Comfortable, conversational pace
Day 2: Rest or Cross-Training

## Day 3: Fartlek Run

Warm-up: 5 minutes of brisk walking, followed by dynamic stretches
Run at an easy pace for 5 minutes
Pick up the pace to a comfortably hard effort for 1 minute
Recover with 2 minutes of easy jogging or walking
Repeat the hard effort and recovery pattern 6 times
Cool-down: 5 minutes of slow jogging or walking

## Week 3: Adding Intensity

Day 1: Easy Run
Duration: 30 minutes
Intensity: Comfortable, conversational pace
Day 2: Rest or Cross-Training
Day 3: Tempo Run
Warm-up: 5 minutes of brisk walking, followed by dynamic stretches
Run at a comfortably hard pace (about 80-85\% effort) for 10 minutes
Recover with 5 minutes of easy jogging or walking
Run at a comfortably hard pace for another 10 minutes
Cool-down: 5 minutes of slow jogging or walking

## Week 4: Tapering and Race Preparation

Day 1: Easy Run
Duration: 20 minutes
Intensity: Comfortable, conversational pace
Day 2: Rest or Cross-Training
Day 3: Race Simulation
Warm-up: 5 minutes of brisk walking, followed by dynamic stretches
Run at your goal race pace for 1.5 miles (or 15 minutes, depending on your pace)
Recover with 5 minutes of easy jogging or walking
Run at your goal race pace for another 1.5 miles (or 15 minutes)
Cool-down: 5 minutes of slow jogging or walking
Remember to hydrate well, wear appropriate running shoes, and gradually increase your training volume to prevent injuries. Good luck with your 5k race!

If you have any questions feel free to reach out and contact us! We're here to help you get back to your life.
-Dr. Arturo Elias

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