Sprint distance training plan

This is a 12-week training plan to prepare you for a sprint triathlon. It's suitable for beginners but assumes that you are a healthy individual (no serious medical conditions) who knows how to swim and ride a bike. Most workouts take 30 minutes, getting gradually longer as the plan goes on.

How to use this plan

The workouts are spaced out in their ideal locations but we're all busy people so if you need to re-arrange the days, you can. The plan doesn't include any cross-training, so if you want to add any additional workouts, a strength training session and a yoga class or some stretching would be a great addition.

Some workouts specify a warm-up but where it is omitted, you should conduct a general warm-up before engaging in any moderate to hard efforts.

12-week plan

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Week 1						
Swim Easy 6 x 100m	Run 30 mins Run-walk as needed		Bike 5 mins warm-up 5 x 3 mins hard, 2 mins easy		Swim Moderate to hard 10 x 50m 3 x 100m	Bike Easy 30 mins
Week 2						
	Run 5 mins warm-up 7 x 2 mins hard, 1 min easy 4 mins cool down	Swim Easy 5 x 100m 1 x 200m	Bike 5 mins warm-up 3 x 6 mins moderate, 3 mins easy		Swim Moderate to hard 6 x 50m 4 x 100m	Bike Easy 40 mins
Week 3						
	Run 5 mins warm-up 3 mins hard 1 min easy	Swim Easy 4 x 100m 2 x 200m	Bike 5 mins warm-up 6 x 2 mins hard, 2 mins easy		Swim Moderate 50m, 100m, 150m, 200m, 150m, 100m, 50m	Swim Hard 10 mins warm-up 5 x 100m hard Bike Easy 30 mins

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	Run 30 mins Run-walk as needed		Bike Easy 30 mins with some sprints		Swim Moderate 50m, 100m, 150m, 200m, 150m, 100m, 50m		
Week 5							
	Run 5 mins warm-up 4 x 4 mins hard, 2 mins easy	Swim Easy 4 x 100m 2 x 200m	Bike 5 mins warm-up 7 x 2 mins hard, 1 min easy 4 mins cool down		Swim Moderate to hard 200m, 100m, 50m, 100m, 200m	Bike Easy 45 mins	
Week 6							
	Run 30 mins Hills	Swim Easy 50m, 100m, 150m, 200m, 150m, 100m, 50m	Bike 5 mins warm-up 8 x 2 mins hard, 1 min easy 3 mins cool down		Bike 5 mins warm-up 2 x 8 mins moderate to hard, 4 mins easy	Bike Easy 45 mins	
Week 7							
	Run 5 mins warm-up 8 x 1 min hard, 2 mins easy	Swim Easy 2 x 200m 1 x 400m	Bike 5 mins warm-up 2 x 8 minutes moderate, 4 minutes easy		Bike Moderate to hard 20 mins Run Easy 10 mins	Bike Easy 45 mins	
Week 8 (Recov	very)						
	Run Easy 30 mins		Bike Easy 40 mins		Swim Moderate 50m, 100m, 150m, 200m, 150m, 100m, 50m		
Week 9							
	Run 30 mins Hills	Swim Moderate 2 x 200m 1 x 400m	Bike 5 mins warm-up 5 x 2 mins hard, 2 mins easy 5 mins cool down		Run Easy 30 mins	Bike Easy 50 mins	

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Week 10								
	Run 5 mins- warm-up 2 x 8 minutes moderate, 4 mins easy	Swim Easy 2 x 200m 1 x 400m	Run Easy 40 mins		Swim Moderate to hard 200m, 100m, 50m, 100m, 200m	Bike Easy 60 mins		
Week 11								
	Run Moderate 30 mins	Swim Easy 2 x 400m	Bike 5 mins warm-up 3 x 9 mins moderate, 3 mins easy		Swim Moderate 3 x 100m, 200m	Bike Moderate 30 mins Run Easy 15 mins		
Week 12 (Race week)								
	Run Moderate 20 mins	Swim Easy 1 x 400m 2 x 200m			Bike Easy 20 mins	Race day		