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**MUSCLE BOUNDED PHASE**

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   - Action: Pull the cable bar down to the front of your neck. Return to the start position by fully extending your arms and repeat the steps.
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**Part 2**

30 Muscles in 30 Minutes

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7. Preacher Bench Barbell Curls
(2 minutes)
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8. Parallel Dips or Bench Dips
(3 minutes)
- Basic: 1-10 reps
- Intermediate: 11-20 reps
- Advanced: 21-30 reps

9. Leg Lifts
(1 minute)
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(2 minutes)
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Note: Do not let your knees exceed your toe line.

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Note: Moving from machine to machine between sets adds 5 minutes to the workout. The total time is calculated to include time in transition.

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