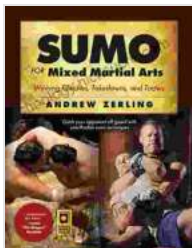


Winning Clinches: Takedown Tactics for Grapplers

In the world of grappling, clinches are an essential part of the game. They allow you to control your opponent, set up takedowns, and create opportunities for submissions. If you want to be a successful grappler, you need to have a strong understanding of clinches.

There are many different types of clinches, each with its own advantages and disadvantages. Some of the most common clinches include:



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- Double-underhooks: This is a clinch where you have both of your arms wrapped around your opponent's body, with your hands clasped together behind their back.
- Single-underhook: This is a clinch where you have one of your arms wrapped around your opponent's body, with your other arm free to attack.

- **Over-underhook:** This is a clinch where you have one of your arms over your opponent's head and the other arm under their body.
- **Collar tie:** This is a clinch where you have your hands wrapped around your opponent's collar, with your arms close to their body.

The type of clinch that you use will depend on the situation. For example, if you want to set up a double-leg takedown, you will need to use a double-underhook clinch. If you want to control your opponent's posture, you can use a collar tie.

Once you have a good understanding of the different types of clinches, you need to practice them regularly. The best way to do this is to find a training partner and drill with them. You should also practice clinching against different opponents, so that you can get a feel for the different ways that they will react.

When you are clinching with an opponent, there are a few things that you need to keep in mind:

- **Control your opponent's balance:** This is the most important thing that you can do when clinching. If you can control your opponent's balance, you will be able to dictate the pace of the match and set up takedowns.
- **Get your hips low:** This will help you to stay balanced and make it more difficult for your opponent to throw you.
- **Drive through your legs:** This will help you to generate power and move your opponent around the mat.

- **Be patient:** Clinching can be a slow and methodical process. Don't get discouraged if you don't get a takedown immediately. Just keep working at it and you will eventually succeed.

Clinches are an essential part of grappling. If you want to be a successful grappler, you need to have a strong understanding of them. Practice clinching regularly, and you will be able to control your opponents, set up takedowns, and create opportunities for submissions.

Takedown Tactics

Once you have a good clinch, you can start to think about setting up takedowns. There are many different types of takedowns, but some of the most common include:

- **Double-leg takedown:** This is a takedown where you grab both of your opponent's legs and pull them out from under them.
- **Single-leg takedown:** This is a takedown where you grab one of your opponent's legs and pull them out from under them.
- **Hip throw:** This is a takedown where you use your hips to throw your opponent over your back.
- **Arm drag:** This is a takedown where you grab your opponent's arm and drag them to the ground.

The type of takedown that you use will depend on the situation. For example, if your opponent is in a double-underhook clinch, you will need to use a double-leg takedown. If your opponent is in a single-underhook clinch, you can use a single-leg takedown.

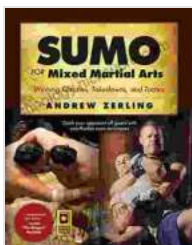
When you are setting up a takedown, there are a few things that you need to keep in mind:

- **Get your opponent off balance:** This will make it much easier to take them down.
- **Drive through your legs:** This will help you to generate power and move your opponent around the mat.
- **Be patient:** Setting up a takedown can take time. Don't get discouraged if you don't get it right away. Just keep working at it and you will eventually succeed.

Takedowns are an essential part of grappling. If you want to be a successful grappler, you need to have a good understanding of them. Practice setting up takedowns regularly, and you will be able to take your opponents down to the ground and control them.

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Clinches and takedowns are two of the most important aspects of grappling. If you want to be a successful grappler, you need to have a strong understanding of both of them. Practice clinching and setting up takedowns regularly, and you will be well on your way to becoming a complete grappler.



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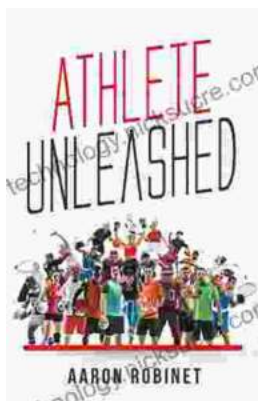
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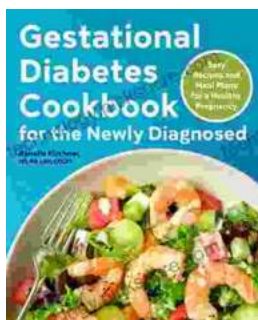
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