LED Fun
Model SCP-11

Project 1
Light Slider

Snap Circuits® uses electronic blocks that snap onto a base grid to build different circuits. These blocks have different colors and numbers on them so that you can easily identify them. Build the circuit shown by placing all the parts with a black 1 next to them on the clear base grid first. Then, assemble parts marked with a 2. Install two (2) “AA” batteries (not included) into each of the battery holders (B1). Lay the mounting base on any LED (D1, D6, D8, or D9) and place the fiber optic tree in it.

Turn on the slide switch (S1). Move the lever on the adjustable resistor (RV2) around to change the brightness of the LEDs. The blue & color LEDs will be blinking. For best effects, place the circuit in a dimly lit room. Also, try swapping the other LEDs with each other.

Place the fiber optic tree & mounting base on any LED

This circuit is pictured on the front of the box, use that picture to help in building it.

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Project 4

Adjustable Light

If desired, place the fiber optic tree and mounting base on the color LED. Build the circuit as shown, and turn on the slide switch (S1). Move the lever on the adjustable resistor (RV2) to vary the brightness of the color LED (D8). If desired, place the fiber optic tree and mounting base on the color LED. For best effects, place the circuit in a dimly lit room. Next, replace the color LED (D8) with the red, white, or blue LEDs (D1, D6, & D9).

Project 5

Row of Lights

Red light is easier for LEDs to produce than the other colors. When all the LEDs are connected in parallel like they are here, the red LED will dominate because it turns on more easily. Resistor R1 limits the flow of electricity from the batteries, and the red LED takes most of it. The other LEDs may not get enough electricity, especially when there is only one set of batteries. When electricity is limited, the color LED can make red light more easily than other colors.

The switch (S1) isn’t used here, so this circuit will always be on. The red LED (D1) will be bright, but the brightness of the other LEDs (D6, D8, & D9) may vary. If you remove the red LED from the circuit then the others get brighter. For best effects, take the circuit into a dimly lit room. Place the fiber optic tree on one LED if desired. Now replace one of the battery holders (B1) with the switch (S1), and turn it on. The red LED is bright, the blue & white LEDs may be dim or off, and the color LED may only be flashing red. Now remove the red LED from the circuit and see if the others get brighter.

Project 6

Adjustable Row of Lights

Use the project 5 circuit but replace the 100Ω resistor (R1) with the adjustable resistor (RV2), connected as shown. Move the lever on RV2 around and compare the circuit to project 5. Try using only two or three of the LEDs at once. RV2 has higher resistance on all settings than R1 did, which limits the flow of electricity much more than in project 5. RV2 can be adjusted from 200Ω to 10,000Ω.

Project 7

Blinking Colors

When the red and white LEDs are connected in parallel (which happens when S1 is on), the red LED will dominate because it turns on more easily. The blue LED will perform similarly to the white LED.

Leave the switch (S1) off at first; the white and color LEDs (D6 & D8) are blinking. Now turn on the switch; the red LED (D1) is blinking but the white LED is off. If you swap the locations of the red and white LEDs, then the red LED will be blinking and the white LED will be off, and turning on the switch won’t change anything. Try replacing any of the LEDs with the blue LED (D9), or swapping any of them with the color LED.
**Project 8**  
**Double Light**

This circuit has the LEDs connected in a series (not in parallel, as in project 5). This arrangement makes the LEDs dimmer, but makes the batteries last longer.

By using different materials and manufacturing processes, LEDs can be made for different brightness and for wide/narrow angles of view. The red LED is not as bright as the others, and can be viewed from a wider angle; LEDs like this might be used as indicators. The white LED is very bright especially when looking directly at it; LEDs like this might be used in flashlights.

Turn on the switch (S1). The red & blue LEDs (D1 & D9) will be on. Try replacing either or both of them with the white and color LEDs (D6 & D8); try all combinations. If the color LED is used then both will be blinking. For best effects, take the circuit into a dimly lit room. Place the fiber optic tree on one LED if desired.

**Project 10**  
**Series of Lights**

LEDs are like special one-way light bulbs. They have a “turn-on threshold” of voltage (about 1.5V for red, 2.0V for green, and 3.0V for blue or white) that must be exceeded before light is produced, brightness then depends on the circuit resistance. This circuit has 3 LEDs in series, so the battery voltage must exceed all of their turn-on thresholds before any light is produced.

Turn on the switch (S1). The LEDs (D1, D8, & D9) will be dim, and some may not light at all. Try viewing them in a dimly lit room. You can replace the blue LED with the white LED (D6), but if you replace the others then none may light.

**Project 9**  
**Adjustable Double Light**

Use the project 8 circuit but replace the 100Ω resistor (R1) with the adjustable resistor (RV2), connected as shown. Move the lever on RV2 around and compare the circuit to project 8, with all combinations of LEDs.

What is Resistance? Take your hands and rub them together very fast. Your hands should feel warm. The friction between your hands converts your effort into heat. Resistance is the electrical friction between an electric current and the material it is flowing through.

**Project 11**  
**Brightness Comparator**

In building the circuit, note that one of the 4-snap wires is partially beneath the adjustable resistor (RV2) and one of the battery holders (B1). Turn on the switch (S1) and move the lever on the adjustable resistor around. Compare the brightness of the LEDs (D1 & D6), then replace either or both of them with the blue and color LED (D8 & D9). Try all LED combinations. For best effects, place the circuit in a dimly lit room.

The white LED is the brightest LED, due to its material and manufacturing process.
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Batteries:
- Use only 1.5V AA type, alkaline batteries (not included).
- Insert batteries with correct polarity.
- Non-rechargeable batteries should not be recharged. Rechargeable batteries should only be charged under adult supervision, and should not be recharged while in the product.
- Do not mix alkaline, standard (carbon-zinc), or rechargeable (nickel-cadmium) batteries.
- Do not short circuit the battery terminals.
- Never throw batteries in a fire or attempt to open its outer casing.
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