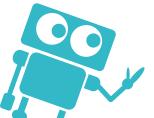




Conductive Bongo

Create a bongo out of any conductive item using Makey Makey and an online bongo program.

https://apps.makeymakey.com/bongos/



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Materials:

- Makey Makey, gator clips, USB cable, and computer with web access
- Assorted conductive items (metal, 6B pencil, copper tape, foil, etc.)

Quick Start:

- Follow the Makey Makey setup instructions (plug in USB to Makey Makey and into the computer).
- 2. Attach one gator clip to "Earth."
- Attach the other gator clips to arrow keys on Makey Makey.
- Attach the other end of gator clip to a conductive item.
- Hold the "Earth" gator clip with one hand and touch one of your conductive items with the other hand to trigger your bongo sounds.

Hints and Tips:

- Makey Makey has a wealth of information, games, apps, and ideas on how to use your Makey Makey.
- To make sure it's working, touch the "Earth" with one hand, and the "arrow" or, "space" with the other hand... if a red light turns on, the Makey Makey is working.

Extended Challenges

Music: Try out other virtual instruments like the piano at https://apps.makeymakey.com/piano/.

Music: Can you play the bongos in time with another Makey Makey piano (or other instrument)? Try making your own band!



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Makey Makey

Scratch + Makey Makey

Learn to trigger sounds, movements and more by combining Scratch and Makey Makey. Try to make a simple video game, or a way to trigger custom sounds and recordings.

Scratch.mit.edu

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- Attach the other gator clips to arrow keys on Makey Makey.
- 4. Attach the other ends of the gator clips to conductive items.
- Use MIT's Scratch block coding to map keyboard keys to sounds, or make digital characters move.

Hints and Tips:

- Look in the "Events" section of Scratch to find the "when ___ is pressed" block to get started.
- You can trigger sounds or even record your voice with Scratch and trigger that!

Extended Challenges

Computer Science: Use Makey Makey and Scratch to program a simple game. Discuss inputs and outputs, variables, loops, and more.

Music: Challenge yourself to theme your program around a famous composer. Social Studies: Research a topic and engineer a way to share something you learned through Scratch and Makey Makey.







Makey Makey Interactive Book Talk

Build an interactive book talk from a book that you are currently reading or that you have recently read. Use the website Scratch.mit.edu.

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Materials:

- Makey Makey kit
- Device with USB plug
- 6B Graphite pencil
- Multi-colored paper, cardstock, and/or copy paper
- Recycled cardboard, containers, cups, and/or plastic bottles

Any additional low-tech engineering supplies that may include but are not limited to:

- Tape (masking, scotch, and/or duct)
- Hot glue
- Craft sticks

- Aluminum foil
- String
- Coloring supplies
- Copper tape
- Brass fasteners

- Add conductive pads to your message and hook up to Makey Makey.
- Build an interactive "book talk" with Makey Makey that will play in the library or another space near a book collection.

Hints and Tips:

- Looking for ideas? Create a pressure sensitive switch and place it next to the book on the shelf.
- If you are finding it difficult to choose a book or to review a novel, complete a book talk for a picture book instead. Make something that could be shared with or given to an elementary library to entice younger readers.

Quick Start:

- What makes a good book talk? Brainstorm key elements of book talks and choose a book that you will discuss.
- 2. Write out a book talk script.
- 3. Plug your Makey Makey into the computer.
- 4. Create a new project in Scratch and record your voice on Scratch. Code them to trigger when specific keys are pressed.

Extended Challenges

Social Studies: Research an element from a history unit and use Makey Makey and materials available to teach key

facts about this time.

English/Language Arts: Create a book talk from a character's point of view within a novel you are reading for class







Interactive Poster

Make a poster that is interactive! Will you add sound to a map or trigger audio from a civil rights march? It's up to you and your imagination.



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Materials:

- Makey Makey, gator clips, USB cable, and computer with web access
- Conductive tape, foil, 6B pencil, or paint
- An assortment of crafty supplies

Quick Start:

- Gather assorted craft materials, paper, and markers.
- Plan your poster. What elements will be conductive and what will they trigger?
- 3. Create your poster masterpiece.
- Add conductive pads to your poster and hook them up to Makey Makey.
- 5. Plug your Makey Makey into the computer and go to Scratch.
- Create a new project in Scratch with your outputs (sounds, sprite movement, etc.) mapped to various keyboard keys.
- 7. Show it off to others.

Hints and Tips:

 Brass fasteners (or brads) are conductive, easy to punch through paper/poster board, and work great for Makey Makey triggering

Extended Challenges

Social Studies: Can you make a poster about a famous inventor or a historical event?

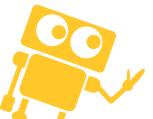
Science: Try to create a teaching poster where each conductive pad will trigger an explanation. This could be the parts of a cell diagram, animal kingdoms chart, or parts of a habitat.







Think of a problem or inconvenience in your life or the life of someone you know. Can you make a device to help solve that inconvenience?



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Materials:

- Makey Makey, gator clips, USB cable, & computer with web access
- A supply of crafty materials
- Conductive objects, tape, 6B pencil, copper tape, etc.

Quick Start:

- Brainstorm problems in your life or talk to someone about obstacles or things they need help with throughout the day. How will you use design thinking to create a prototype of a device to support them and/or solve a problem?
- 2. Gather materials and start to create.
- 3. Test and iterate your design.
- 4. Show off your final prototype to your class or friends

Hints and Tips:

- Really get to know your user. Have empathy for what it might be like to live every day in their shoes.
- If you need help with inspiration, go to https://www.instructables.com/howto/makey+makey/

Extended Challenges

Social Studies: Research the people of various countries and what issues they may be facing. Can you develop a device that would help them?

Computer Science: Think about how you can do other things with the Makey Makey to help people. Can you code a calculator app? Or a way to help measure things with Makey Makey?

