



Objectives and Standards	Learning Outcome(s)	DEI Component
International Technology and Engineering Educators Association - Technology Standards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Describe the basic definition of a circuit.</li><li>- Define electrical current in a circuit.</li><li>- Explain how various circuit components modify electrical current</li><li>- Combine creativity with circuit engineering to create an electrical piece of art.</li></ul>	Major topic not related to STEM

**Instructional Directions** This activity is designed to take 50-90 minutes as presented below.

1. **ENGAGE:** Instructor discovers students' background knowledge.
  - a. Icebreaker 1: "Has anyone ever built or tinkered with circuits? "
    - i. Have students elaborate on what the circuit did and any difficulties.
  - b. "What kind of circuits do you encounter in your daily life?"
    - i. Poll, debate
    - ii. *Examples*
2. **EXPLORE:** Students discover new concepts and put their knowledge into practice.
  - a. Explore the different components that modify electrical current
    - i. Resistors, capacitors, and inductors
3. **EXPLAIN:** Instructor answers questions and teaches new concepts.
  - a. Instructor presents slides on components and explains how they modify electrical current to achieve a desired outcome
  - b. Students practice with pre-made circuits
4. **ELABORATE:** Students participate in activity to deepen their understanding.
  - a. *Instructor give directions*
  - b. Students create a piece of art that uses paper circuit components.
5. **EVALUATE:** Instructor assesses student's understanding.
  - a. Instructor asks reflection questions
  - b. Students verbally answer reflection questions
  - c. *Qualtrics*





Materials:

Each group needs...

- Printer paper
- Scotch tape
- Markers/Colored pencils
- Scissors
- Inductors (various values)
- Capacitors (various values)
- Resistors (various values)
- Coin batteries
- Copper foil tape
- LEDs

Lesson details corresponding to the slides: [Electrical Art](#)

Activity	Lesson Plan
Introduction	<p><b>Slides 1-2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- "Has anyone ever built or tinkered with circuits?"</li><li>- "What kind of circuits do you encounter in your daily lives?"</li></ul> <p><b>Slides 3-5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A circuit in electronics is a completely circular, conductive path for electrical current to flow through.</li><li>- Normally composed of multiple components to modify the behavior of electrical current and result in various outputs</li><li>- Electrical current is the flow of electricity through a circuit<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Magnitude (amount) of flow is measured in Amperes (A)</li></ul></li><li>- Flows from the positive end (terminal) of the battery, through the circuit, to the negative end.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Maybe describe it related to flow of electrons</i></li></ul></li><li>- Discuss how various components can be added to circuits to modify or use electrical current</li></ul> <p><b>Slide 6-8</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Describe purpose of resistors in circuits and how resistance values impact electrical current.</li><li>- Describe purpose of capacitors in circuits and how resistance</li></ul>





	<p>values impact electrical current.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Describe purpose of inductors in circuits and how resistance values impact electrical current.</li></ul>
Experiment	<p><b>Slide 9-12</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Introduce the concept of paper circuits with slides 9 &amp; 10.</li><li>2. Introduce the activity.</li><li>3. Discuss different creative ideas that can use circuit components and LEDs.</li><li>4. Show slide 12 with a few example designs.</li><li>5. During creation, have students explain their art and how they are incorporating circuit components into the design.</li><li>6. Provide feedback based on troubles students have with their design.</li><li>7. Have students clean up the materials.</li></ol>
Discuss and Reflect on Results	<p><b>Slide 13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Major observations and biggest takeaways?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Do you feel more confident in your understanding of electronics and circuits?</li><li>● Do any of you plan to explore circuitry more in the future?</li><li>● Did you think you could combine engineering and art?</li><li>● What other combinations of art and engineering can you think of?</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Slide 14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Survey link</li></ul>

