HOW TO MAKEY MAKEY

1 Plug in USB

The small side of the USB cable plugs into Makey Makey, and the big side into the computer. If a popup window opens when you plug the USB into the computer, click cancel or close the window.

2 Connect to Earth

Connect one end of an alligator clip to "Earth" on the bottom of the front side of the Makey Makey.

3 Connect to Yourself

Hold the metal part of the other end of the alligator clip between your fingers. You are now "grounded". For an easier connection, attach the metal part of the end of the alligator clip to a pipe cleaner. Then, wrap and tie the pipe cleaner around your wrist. Make sure that your skin is touching the metal part of the alligator clip. Be careful not to pinch your skin in the clip!

4 Test

While "grounded", touch the round "Space" pad on the Makey Makey. You should see a green light go on. You've successfully connected the Makey Makey!

5 Explore

Add more alligator clips to the "Arrow", "Space", and "Click" pads on the Makey Makey. Connect the other ends to other conductive materials found in the Makey Makey kit and let your imagination run wild with what you can do!

Don't know what to do next?

Don't worry, we have some resources and inspiration you can use!
1. Visit our Makey Makey Resources webpage..
2. Watch a video or two to see what Makey Makey can do and to get some inspiration!
3. Browse the list of websites and games you can interact with using Makey Makey. Creating navigation and game controllers is up to you though!

Have something you want to make using the Makey Makey but are lacking the materials? See a librarian! They may be able to help bring your creative ideas to life!

Click anywhere in this red box to be taken back to our Makey Makey Resources webpage!

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