

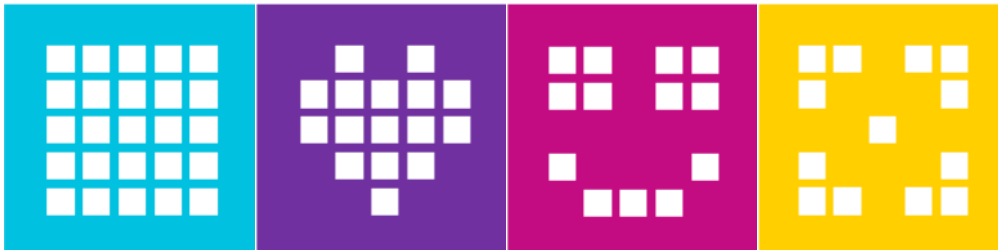
# SPIKE PRIME LESSONS

By the Creators of EV3Lessons



## INTRODUCTION TO COLOR SENSOR

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# LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Learn how to use the Color Sensor
- Learn how to use the Wait Until Block

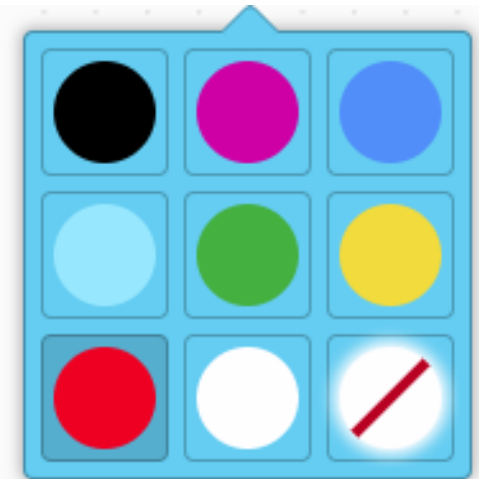


# WHAT IS A COLOR SENSOR?

- In the software, the sensor can detect color or reflectivity
- Unlike the EV3, reflectivity is with white light, not a red light.
- The sensor can detect 8 colors and no color
- Optimal reading distance according to the specs: 16 mm (depending on object size, color, and surface)

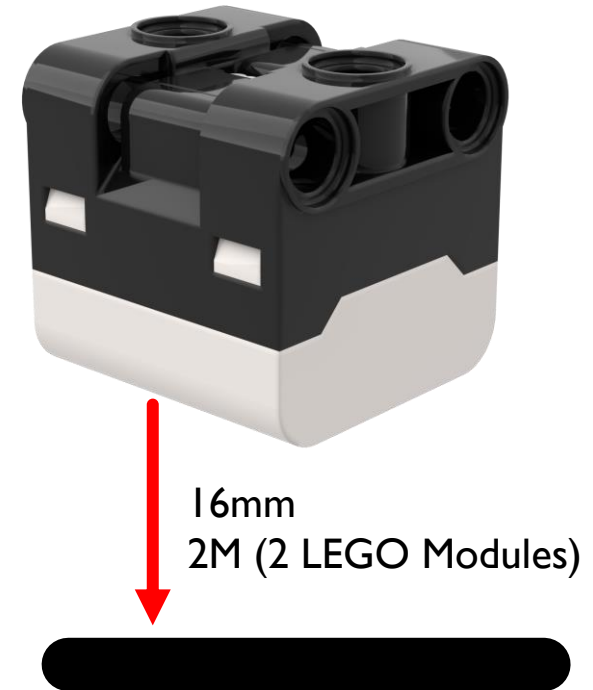
## Detectable Colors

Black (0)  
Violet (1)  
Blue (3)  
Light Blue (4)  
Green (5)  
Yellow (7)  
Red (9)  
White (10)  
No Color (-1)



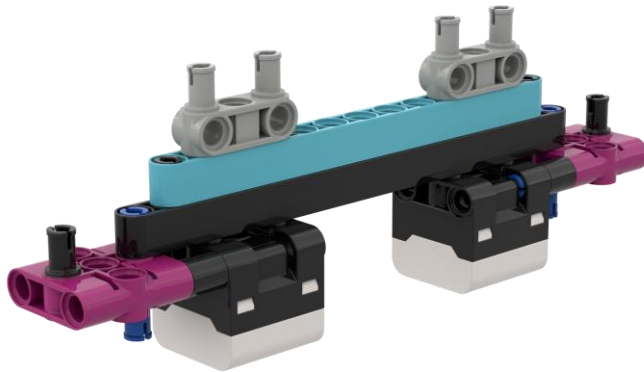
# NOTE: ADB AND SENSING COLOR

- *The color sensor on ADB is mounted at about 8mm off the ground, but the optimal distance for mounting the sensor according to the specs is 16mm.*
- When using this robot design, Black does not read correctly in Color Mode using electrical tape lines or a FIRST LEGO League challenge mat.
- See the next slide for modifications. The build instructions are also provided as a separate file on our site.

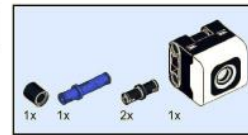


# MODIFICATIONS TO ADB

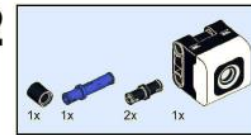
- Build instructions for modifying the front bumper of ADB so that the color sensors are raised one LEGO module up are included on this website



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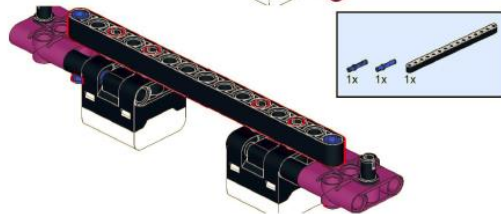
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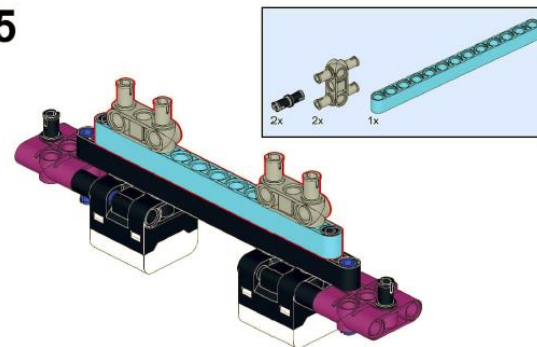
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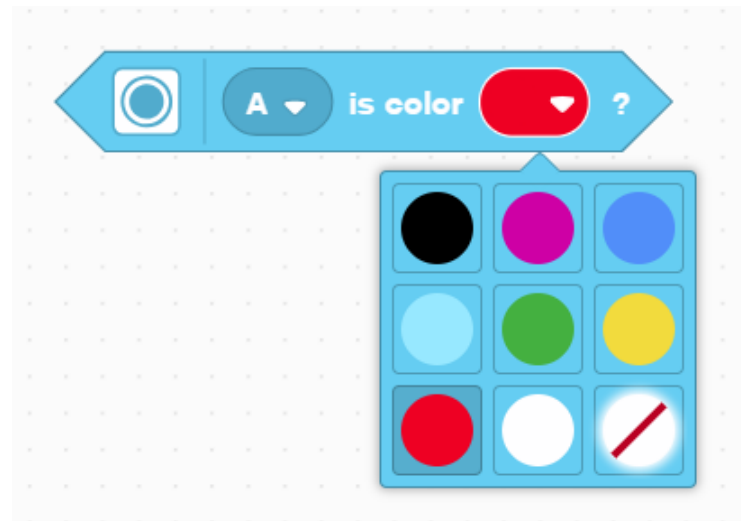
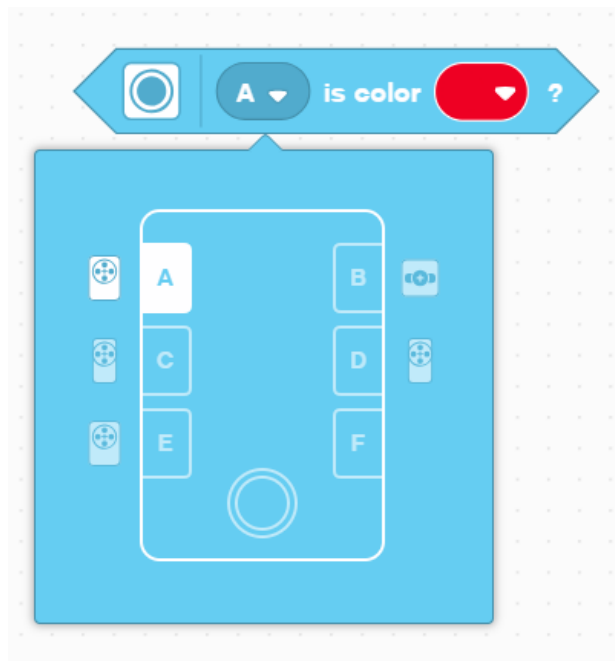


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# HOW DO YOU PROGRAM WITH A COLOR SENSOR?

- The two modes you can program the color sensor in: Color Mode and Reflected light mode
- We will use color mode in this lesson



# CHALLENGE I

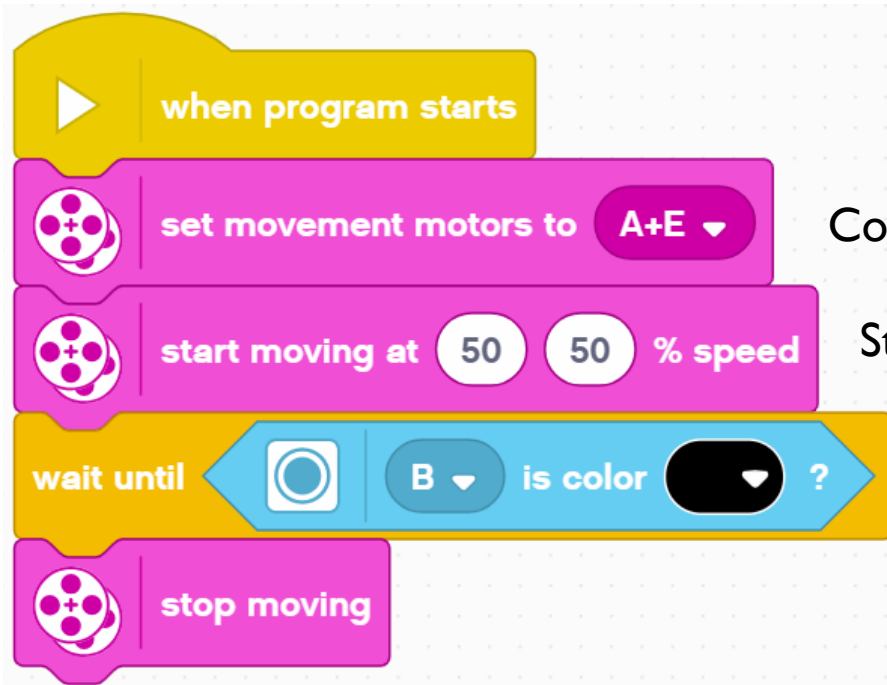
- Program your robot to move straight until the color sensor sees black
- You will need to use the Wait For block and the Boolean block of the color sensor



- **Basic steps:**
  - Set the **movement motors** for your robot (A and E for Droid Bot IV and ADB robot)
  - Set the % **speed** for your robot
  - Start **moving straight**
  - Use the **wait until** block to detect when the color sensor sees black
  - **Stop moving**

# CHALLENGE 1: SOLUTION

In previous lessons, you learnt how to configure your robot. (See Configuring Your Robot Lesson)



Configure robot

Start moving

Wait until the color sensor sees black



# CREDITS

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