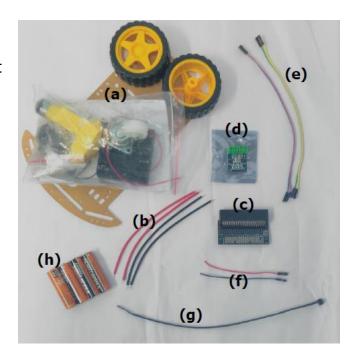




Parts List

- 1 x buggy pack including instructions leaflet (check parts in pack against leaflet) (a)
- 4 x wires **(b)**
- 1 x micro:bit edge connector (c)
- 1 x L9110s motor driver (d)
- 4 x jumper leads green, yellow, blue, burgundy **(e)**
- 2 x half-jumper leads black, red (f)
- 1 x cable tie (g)
- 4 x AA batteries (h)



Other Requirements

BBC micro:bit

Mini-USB cable

Battery pack for micro:bit

Soldering iron & solder

Wire strippers

Small screwdriver

Sticky tape

(Optional) Electrical tape or duct tape

(Optional) Glue gun





A. Preparation

Step 1: Peel paper backing from robot chassis.

Step 2: Take out the instructions from the buggy pack and scan through the

pictures, so you know which part attaches where.

B. Soldering

Step 1: Solder the spare wires to the motors.



Step 2: Push the switch into the chassis, so that the '0' side is facing the narrower end of the chassis, and the '1' side is facing the wider end.

Step 3: Follow the buggy leaflet's instructions to screw the battery pack onto the chassis. Feed the wires through one of the holes, so they are near to the bare ends of the switch.

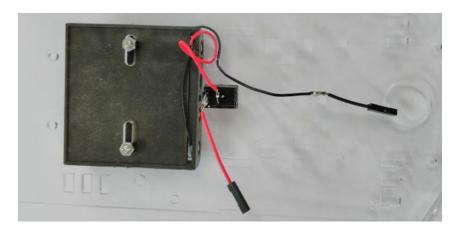
OPTIONAL: Cut both battery pack wires to a shorter length.

Step 4: Solder the red battery pack wire to the switch, to the leg that is in the middle of the plastic.

Step 5: Solder the red half-jumper lead to the other leg of the switch.

Step 6: Solder the black half-jumper lead to the black battery pack wire.

OPTIONAL: Use electrical tape or duct tape to cover the join in the black wire.







C. Testing

Step 1: Plug the black lead onto the pin labelled GND on the motor driver.

Step 2: Plug the red lead onto the pin labelled Vcc on the motor driver.

Step 3: Put the AA batteries into the battery holder and flip the switch to the

on position.

CHECK: Does a red light come on on the motor driver? If not, check

your connections.

Step 4: Peel the backing off the foam on the motor driver and stick onto the

chassis, underneath the battery pack, with the pins you are currently

connected to facing the switch.

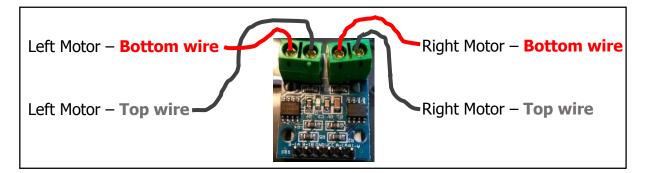
D. Wiring

Step 1: Follow the buggy leaflet's instructions to attach the motors – make

sure that the wires are on the INSIDE. Don't attach the wheels yet.

Step 2: Screw the motor wires into the motor driver in the following

configuration:



Step 3: Plug the coloured jumper leads onto the motor driver pins in the following configuration:

B-1A	B-1B	GND	Vcc	A-1A	A-1B
Burgundy	Blue			Yellow	Green

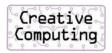
PTO for picture of the completed motor driver connections.

OPTIONAL: Use electrical tape or duct tape to tape all 6 jumper lead ends

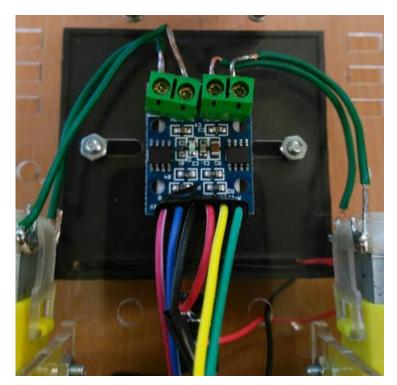
together, this will help keep them attached to the motor driver.

Step 4: Feed the other end of the jumper leads through the outside square

holes at the wider end of the chassis.







Step 5: Use the cable tie, through the middle square holes at the wider end of the chassis, to attach the edge connector to the chassis.

Step 6: Plug the jumper leads into the edge connector in the following configuration:

Pin 13	Pin 14	Pin 15	Pin 16
Green	Yellow	Blue	Burgundy

E. Final Touches

- Step 1: Cut off the loose end of cable tie, and tape down the jumper wires and battery pack wires so they cannot catch on anything.
- Step 2: Follow the buggy leaflet's instructions to attach the front castor wheel this can be fiddly, so don't fully tighten the screws until they are all in place.
- Step 3: Carefully push the wheels onto the motors.
- Step 4: Using the mu editor, flash the TEST.py program to your micro:bit.
- CHECK: Does your micro:bit show a smiley face? If not, flash again.
- Step 5: Unplug your micro:bit from the computer, and attach the battery pack.
- Step 6: Slot your micro:bit into the edge connector.



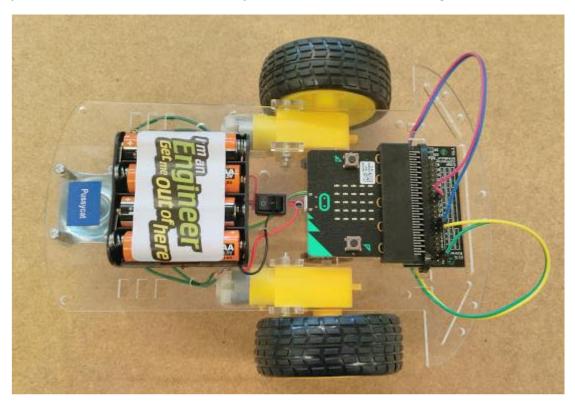


F. Final Test

Step 1: Place your finished robot buggy on the floor with plenty of space

around it.

Step 2: Press the A button on your micro:bit and watch it go!



TROUBLESHOOTING – Is your buggy not working as expected?

Your buggy is not moving at all!

Check that your micro:bit is showing a smiley face -- Go back to E.

Check that your motor driver is showing a red light -- Go back to C.

Check that all the wires are still connected -- Go back to D.

Your buggy is moving in the wrong direction!

Check that the jumper leads are connected to the right pins -- **Go back to D**.

Your motors appear to have a mind of their own!

Check that all the wires are connected correctly -- **Go back to D**.

OPTIONAL: Once you are sure your buggy works as intended, use a hot glue gun to cover any sharp solder connections e.g. on the motors.

