

Circuit with Push Button Switch

LEDs ("ell-ee-dees")

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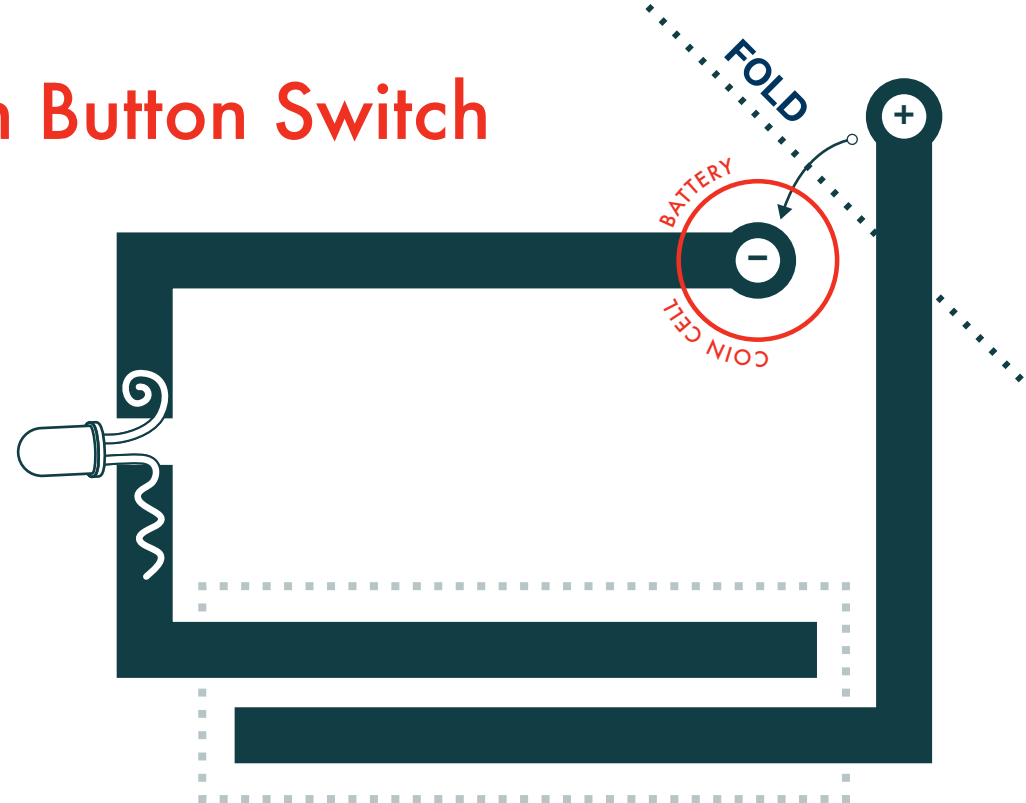
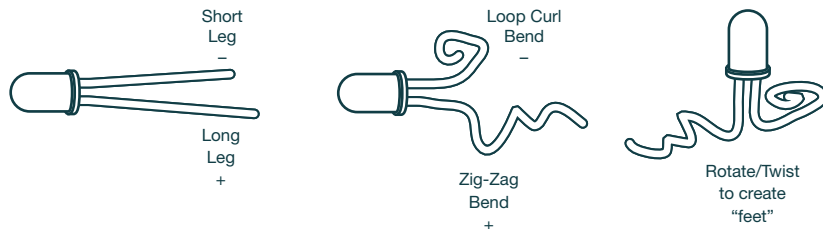
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Standard schematic symbol for an LED

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Push Button

Top Layer



Middle Layer



Basic LED Circuit

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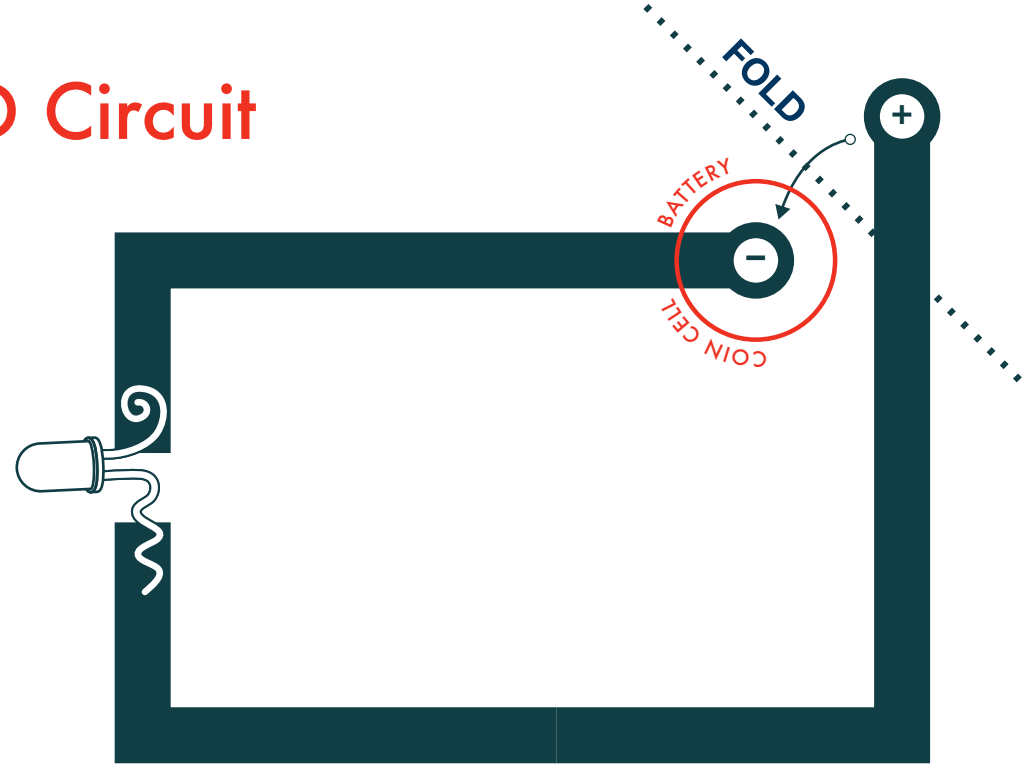
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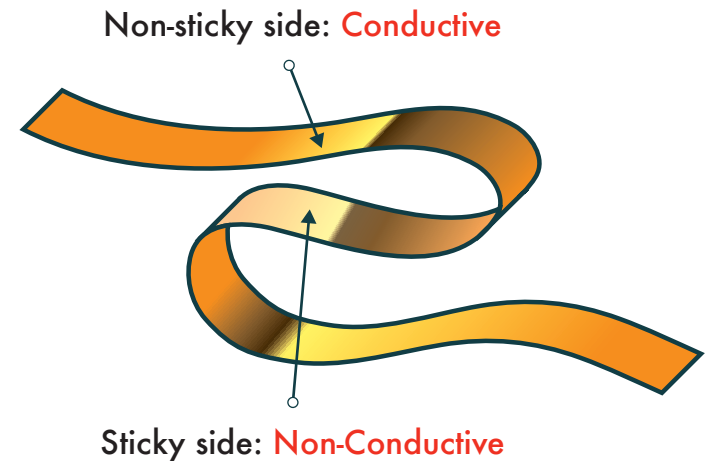
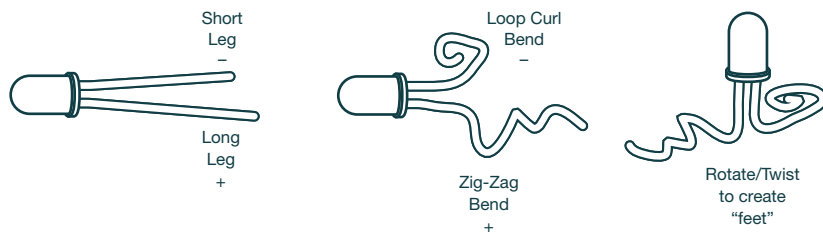


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Conductive Copper Tape

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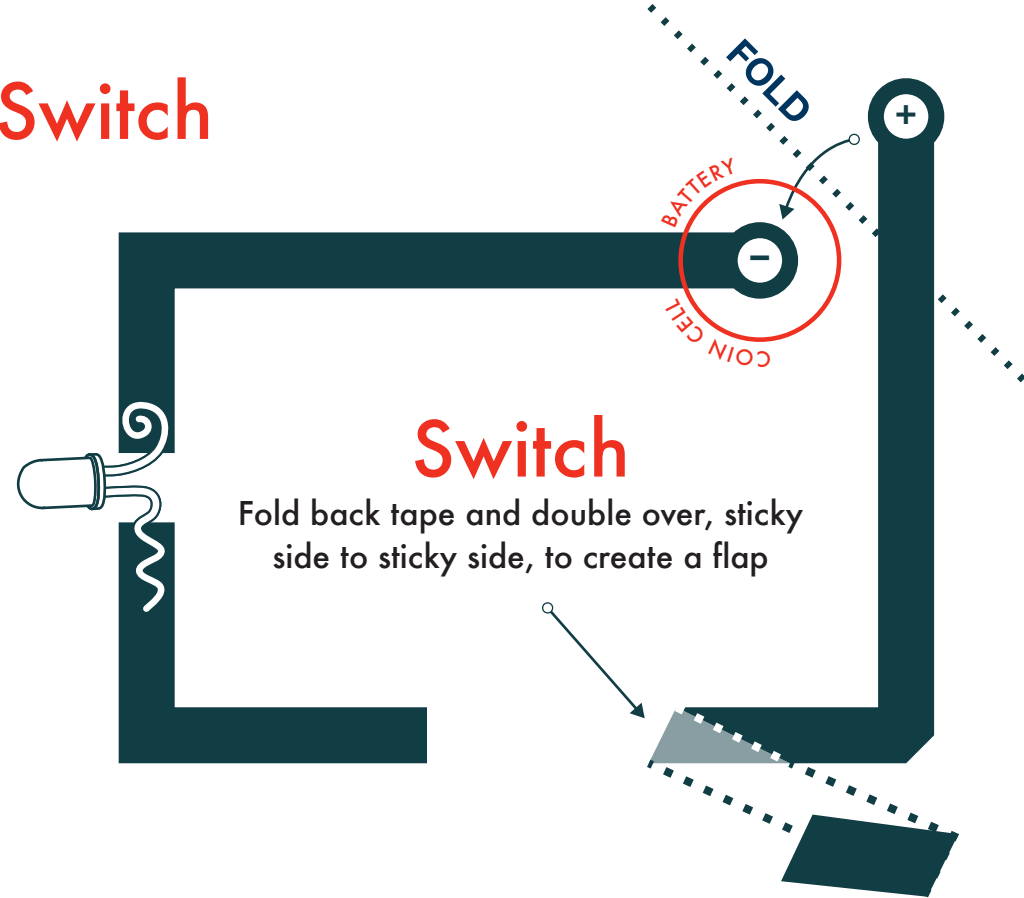
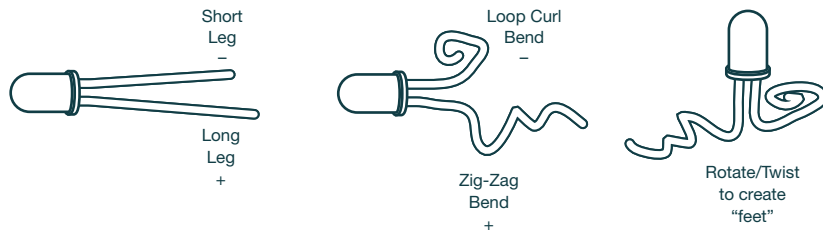
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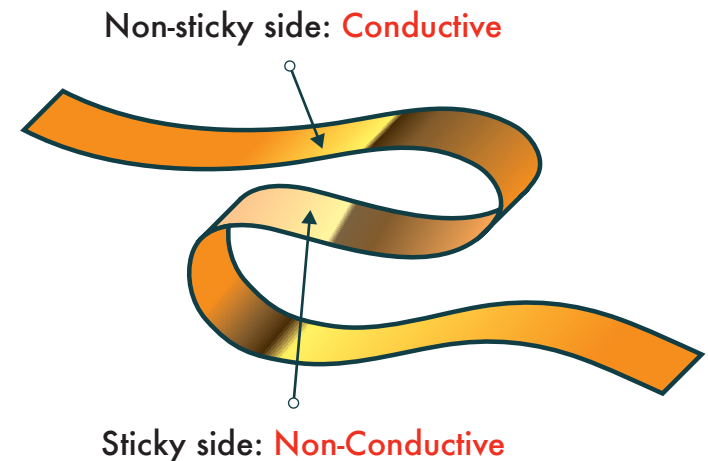


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Circuit with Pull-Tab Switch

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