ELECTRONIC DICE

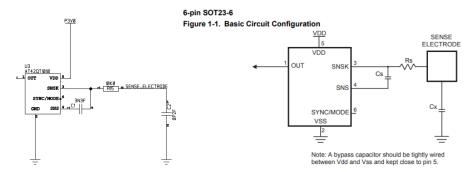
This design is a modernized version of the electronic dice found at https://www.instructables.com/id/Electronic-Dice-With-Slowdown-NE555-CD4017/

It is modified to run from a single 3V cell. The switch in the original design is replaced with a touch sensor

SENSE ELECTRODE

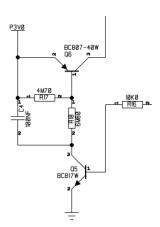
The schematic net named SENSE_ELECTRODE is where the sense electrode connects to the circuit. Use a template in layout in order to create the physical representation of the sense electrode. Touching the sense electrode triggers a new counting cycle.

Left image below is from the schematics. Right image below is from the AT42QT1010 datasheet.



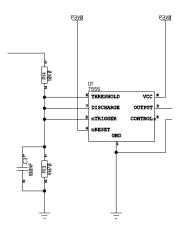
SLOW DOWN

AT42QT1010 output turns Q5 on. When Q5 is conducting, C4 is charged to 3V and Q6 is turned on. When the AT42QT1010 output turns off Q5, the charge stored on C4 keep Q6 fully on for a short while and then gradually turn it off, creating the counter slow down.



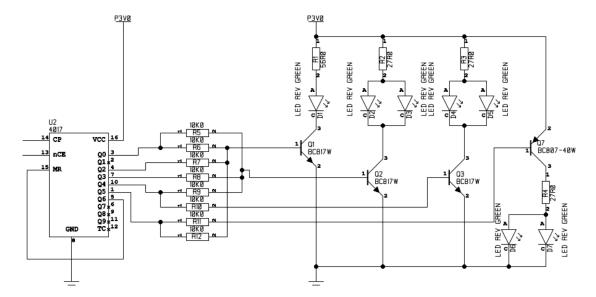
TIMER

7555 timer is a low volt version of the once very popular 555 timer. Output from the 7555 is a clock signal where the voltage from the slow down circuit set the output frequency.



COUNTER / DECODER

The 74HC4017 is a decade counter with 10 outputs. In the schematics Q6 is connected to Master Reset. When toggling the clock input, the counter will count from zero through five before starting at zero again.

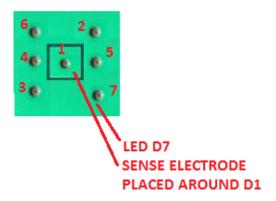


When the counter count is zero, only Q0 output will be high, while the other outputs are low. When the counter count is one, only Q1 output is high, while the other outputs are low, and so on.

Counter count value is decoded and displayed using LEDs. When counter count is zero, Q0 is high. Then the following LEDs will emit light: D1, D2, D3, D6 and D7. This pattern indicates the number five on the dice.

LAYOUT RECOMMENDATIONS

Assuming the LEDs are annotated in the same way as the reference schematics below, the LEDs on your board should be placed as in the picture below. The board section below is viewed from the bottom side. All components, including the LEDs, are mounted on the top side of the board emitting light through the PCB and out from the bottom side. Remember to mirror the LEDs position relative to each other when working on the top side of the board in layout.



The sense electrode should be 6mm by 6mm or larger.

