

Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic partnerships for school education project "How to Raise an Inventor. Technology and engineering learning material for schools"

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MODULE DESCRIPTION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TEACHERS

Name of the module	The Art of Making
Creators	Fundacja Edukacyjne Centrum Doskonalenia (Poland)
Main topics	Building and programming robots using LEGO Education Mindstorms EV3
	robotics kits
Available in these languages	English, Dutch, Polish, Lithuanian, Latvian
Recommended age group	9-13
Length of the course	The course is intended for twelve 45-minute lessons when working with students aged 9-13 with a bit of prior LEGO Mindstorms experience. If kids don't have previous experience, the lessons may require more time to finish. You can also shorten the time needed for each lesson with good classroom organization.
Duration of each lesson or project	Spirograf - 2 x 45 min (programs 2 and 3 can be omitted, may require longer time when working with inexperienced students); Line follower - 2 x 45 min (program 2 can be omitted); Plotter - 3 x 45 min (the last lesson can be omitted), Drawer - 2 x 45 min (may require longer time when working with inexperienced students); Robotic arm - 3 x 45 min (may require more time when working with inexperienced students)
Required hardware	LEGO Education Mindstorms EV3 sets (#45544) - one for every pair of
Tips for hardware	students: computers, LEGO Education sets can be purchased via local LEGO
r	Education distributors.
Required software	LEGO MINDSTORMS Education EV3 Lab software, available for Windows & Mac*. The software can be downloaded here: <u>https://education.lego.com/en-us/downloads/mindstorms-ev3/software</u> *EV3 Programming app available for iOS, Android, Chromebook & Windows 10 touch devices is not compatible with the materials.
Required skill level (pupils)	Basic motor skills
Required skill level (teachers)	Familiarity with computers and other electronic devices.
Skills developed in the module	Creativity***Technological and engineering*****Critical thinking and problem solving****Communication*****
What pupils will learn? The structure of the course	Students will learn how to design, build and program LEGO robots to make them perform specific tasks, focused mainly around art. During the lessons students will familiarize themselves with various STEM related topics, such as: sensors, gear transmission, belt transmission, worm drive, differential drive, counterweight, center of gravity, sequence, algorithm, loop, conditional statement, variable, etc. The course consists of 4 guided projects (Spirograph, Line follower, Drawer, Plotter) with detailed, step-by-step building and programming instructions and
	1 open project (Robotic arm) where students design, build and program a robot themselves and test its operation in a classroom competition. Each project is planned for 2 to 3 lessons.



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What is different about this teaching material comparing to others for the same topic? What teaching materials do pupils get? What teaching materials do teachers get?	Robot models are fairly simple and instructions are easy to follow, which allows teachers to use the materials during 45-minute lessons. As an added bonus, most projects combine engineering skills with art, giving the opportunity to further develop students' creative skills. Graphics, animations and texts on how to build and/or program a robot available online via e-learning platform. Comprehensive lesson materials in form of graphics, animations and texts that can be used in every part of the lesson: introduction, robot building, exploring the construction, robot testing and programming. All the materials are available online via e-learning platform and can be presented to the students using a projector, or shared with them using a lesson sharing tool within the platform. Additional materials include printable teacher guides for each project and EV3 program files
How to reach the material?	Create an account at: <u>https://www.robocamp.eu/en/the-art-of-making/</u> and then login: <u>https://elearning.robocamp.eu/</u>
Examples of the material	<section-header><image/><complex-block></complex-block></section-header>
	Spirograph - lesson 2: Code



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	SPIROGRAPH – lessons 1 & 2
	LEARNING GOALS
	 Science and Technology: (#spirograph, #gear) Explain and discuss the use and working principles of mechanical drawing tools, i.e. spirograph Engineering: (#gear train, #transmission, #programming loop, #multitasking) Build a spirograph model using LEGO Mindstorms Education EV3 set Discuss working principles and applications of gear trains Program the robot by using three different algorithms to achieve different patterns Apply programming loop and multitasking in the program Mathematics (#spiral): Explain and discuss how gears operate to draw complex mathematical curves
	TIME REQUIRED: 2 x 45 minutes
Recommended projects	Spirograph - program 1; Line follower - program 1, Plotter - program 1 (with elder and/or experienced students, try to include a second program for the plotter too (lesson 3) - it's fun!)
Organization of the course	It's best to do each project in one run and not divide it between lessons as not to block the equipment.
For teachers with no prior experience in the topic	Before you start, sign up for a RoboCAMP webinar <u>here</u> or take a look at 'Getting started with LEGO robotics' guide.
Additional material for teachers	For tips on running a robotics class watch our tutorials <u>here</u> and <u>here</u> . or read an <u>article</u> on 5 tips on how to launch a robotics course at your school.
Suggested next topics for pupils to get into after this course	We suggest doing some more LEGO Mindstorms robotics, both guided and open projects. Then you can move to text-based programming, such as ROBOTC or take part in robotics competitions (First LEGO League, World Robot Olympiad)
Support	If you have any problems or questions you can live chat with us at www.robocamp.eu or email us at support@robocamp.eu