Squishy RGB LED Controller

Squishy Circuits can be coupled with microprocessors, such as an Arduino UNO board, to create advanced projects. For this example, we use dough to control the brightness of three different LEDs, one each of red, green and blue. Mixing these three lights can create many different colors and hues.



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A diffuser can be used to help mix the colors. When red, green and blue light are mixed, white light is created.





Changing the dough's length (resistance) changes the brightness of one of the three LEDs.



Schematic

You will need (3) Sets of These Schematics. One for each Color Dough and LED.



Squishy RGB LED Controller - Code

/* Serial.print("RED: ");

Serial.print(raw_RED); Serial.print(" Green: "); Serial.print(raw_GREEN);

//Squishy RGB LED Controller - Code written by Matthew Schmidtbauer for the Squishy Circuits Project with AnnMarie Thomas

//Port Definitions and Variable Declarations:

Serial.print(" Blue: "); #define RED LED 9 Serial.println(raw BLUE); */ #define GREEN LED 10 #define BLUE_LED 11 //Generate Brightness Value (PWM Values = 0-255) from Raw Voltages (0int analog_RED = 0; // common resistor connected to analog pin 0 outside 1023) leads to ground and +5V if(raw RED <= 150) int raw RED = 0; // variable to store the raw input value {BRIGHTNESS RED=255;} int BRIGHTNESS_RED = 0; //Variable to store Brightness Value (0-255) if(raw RED >= 500) int analog_GREEN = 1; // common resistor connected to analog pin 0 // {BRIGHTNESS RED=0:} outside leads to ground and +5V else int raw_GREEN = 0; // variable to store the raw input value {BRIGHTNESS_RED=-.7286*raw_RED+364.45;} int BRIGHTNESS GREEN = 0; //Variable to store Brightness Value (0-255) analogWrite(RED_LED, BRIGHTNESS_RED); //Output PWM Value to Light int analog BLUE = 2; // common resistor connected to analog pin 0 // outside leads to ground and +5V if(raw_GREEN <=150) int raw_BLUE = 0; // variable to store the raw input value {BRIGHTNESS GREEN=255;} int BRIGHTNESS_BLUE = 0; //Variable to store Brightness Value (0-255) $if(raw_GREEN >= 500)$ {BRIGHTNESS GREEN=0;} void setup() else { //Serial.begin(9600); //Uncomment all Serial Commands to allow Serial {BRIGHTNESS_GREEN=-.7286*raw_GREEN+364.45;} Communications for Debugging analogWrite(GREEN_LED, BRIGHTNESS_GREEN); //Output PWM Value to //Set Output Pins: Light pinMode(RED_LED, OUTPUT); pinMode(GREEN_LED, OUTPUT); if(raw_BLUE <=150) pinMode(BLUE_LED, OUTPUT); } {BRIGHTNESS_BLUE=255;} $if(raw_BLUE >= 500)$ {BRIGHTNESS_BLUE=0;} ()qool biov { //Read Voltages over Dough: else raw_RED = analogRead(analog_RED); {BRIGHTNESS_BLUE=-.7286*raw_BLUE+364.45;} raw_GREEN = analogRead(analog_GREEN); analogWrite(BLUE_LED, BRIGHTNESS_BLUE); } //Output PWM Value to raw_BLUE = analogRead(analog_BLUE); Light