

Design and Discovery

Engineering Fundamentals

In these sessions, students are introduced to basic engineering concepts that they can later apply to their design projects. In Session 3: Materials for Design, students learn about material classes, properties, and cost considerations when selecting materials. In Session 4: Getting a Charge from Electricity, students explore electrical circuits as they learn to wire simple, series, and parallel circuits. Session 5: Making Machines, introduces the principles of simple machines and gives students an opportunity to apply these principles to mechanical toy designs. In Session 6: One Problem, Many Solutions, the difference between form and function is introduced as students compare alarm clocks.

