

#### DESIGNING WEARABLES

#### Where Electronics Meet Textiles

Workshop with
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# THEORETICAL DESIGN PROCESS

# WEARABLETECH IS NOTHING NEW







1762 Pocket Watch

1801 Jacquard Loom

cognitive science

media & entertainment

engineering

architecture

anthropology

technical communication

design studies

business

industrial engineering instructional design e-learning

interaction design

art

history

cultural studies

ergonomics

law

management

journalism

interior design

industrial design

telecommunications

education

visual design

information systems

fiber arts

graphic design

fashion design

interface design

software engineering

landscape architecture

business

software design

medicine

sociology

urban planning

linguistics & semiotics

electronic engineering

artificial intelligence

psychology

Wearable Electronics

Electronics Industry

Zeitgeist

Design Process

Wearable Technology Socio Economic

Functional Clothing

Textile Industry

**Fashion** 

Textile
Technology
Research

## Design Process

Fashion
Development

Fashion Research

Strategy

**Prototipe** 

Electronic Technology

Electronic Development

# PRIMARY DESIGN CHALLENGES

- Wearability
- Washability/Durability
- Standards & Interoperability
- Reference Designs
- Design Process
- Security & Privacy



Ethics

#### PRIMARY DESIGN ISSUES

- Clothing
- Finance
- Gender
- Shopping and Marketing
- Ageing

- Accommodation
- Education
- Travel and Exercise
- Health

#### RAE DESIGN STANDARDS

- Originality
   The degree to which the work and its organisation have evolved.
   New methods, insights and formulations from known forms and practices
- Significance
  The degree to which the work and its organisation have enhanced, or are likely to enhance, knowledge or understanding in the filed and the advancement of practice.
- Rigor
   The degree of intellectual precision and systematic methods embodied in the research practice, its organisation and peer recognition.

#### **User-Centred Design**

#### Research

Context studies
Focus groups
Competitor comparisons
Depth interviews
Questionnaires
User personas and scenarios

User goals Usability goals

#### Implementation

Usability testing Expert evaluation Accessibility evaluation

#### Launch

Usability testing
Expert evaluation
Accessibility evaluation
Focus groups
Competitor comparison
Metrics

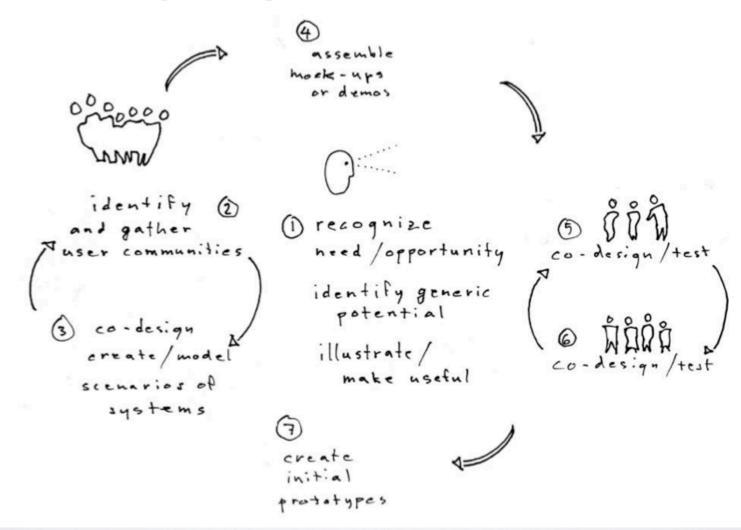
#### Concept

Concept models Usage scenarios Paper prototypes Usability testing Expert evaluation

#### Design

Product structure diagram
Process flows
Wireframes
Interactive prototypes
Card sorting
Usability testing
Accessibility evaluation
Expert evaluation
Card sorting
Functional specifications

#### **Participatory Design Process**



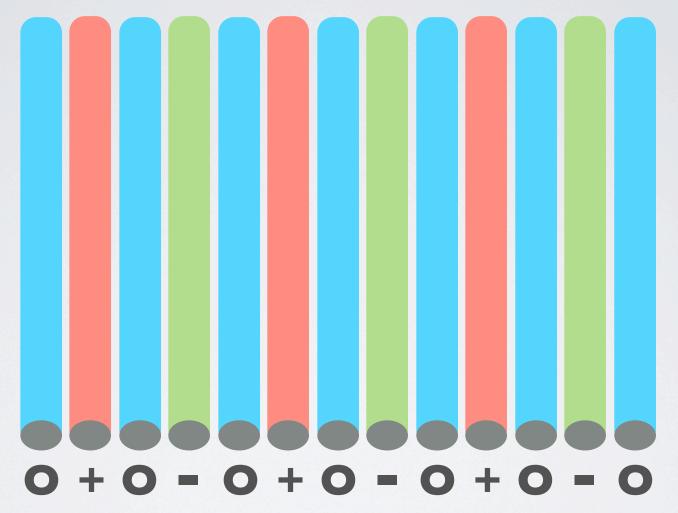
## PRACTICAL DESIGN

## OUR PROJECT

- Input
  - Electric Fringe
  - Textile Button
  - Soft
     Potentiometer
     (Variable Resistor)
- Output
  - LEDS

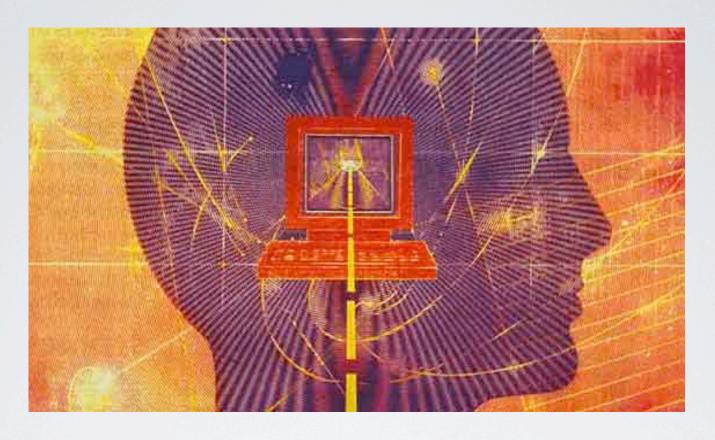


## CONDUCTIVE FRINGE



- Insulator
- + Positive PIN
- Negative GND

## BRAINSTORMING



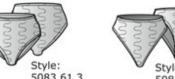
- Break up into groups and brainstorm about what you can do with Input
  - Electric Fringe, Textile Button, Soft Potentiometer
  - LEDS

## A FEW OF MY PROJECTS

















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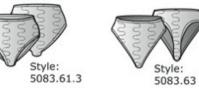




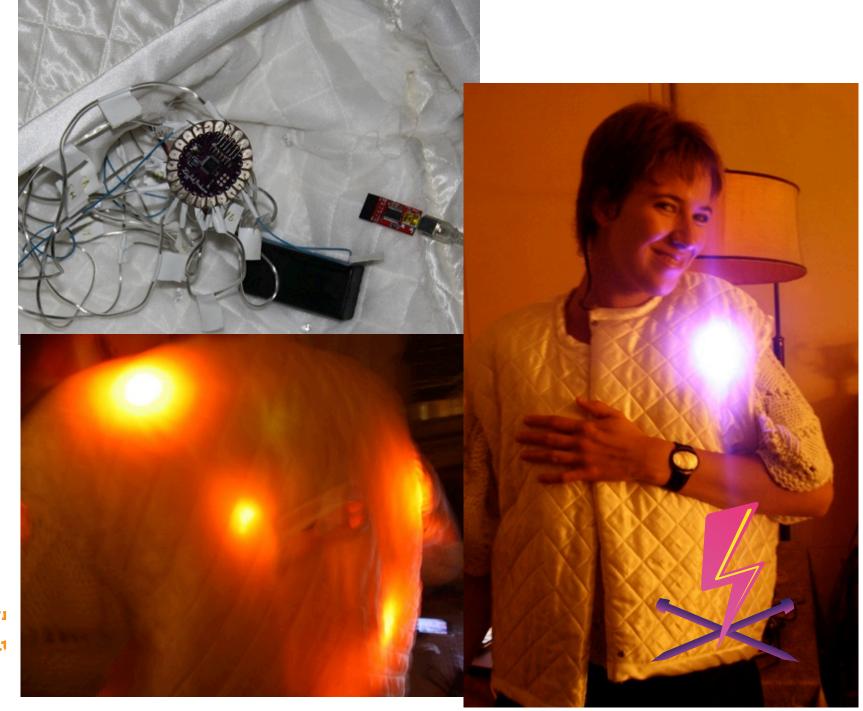






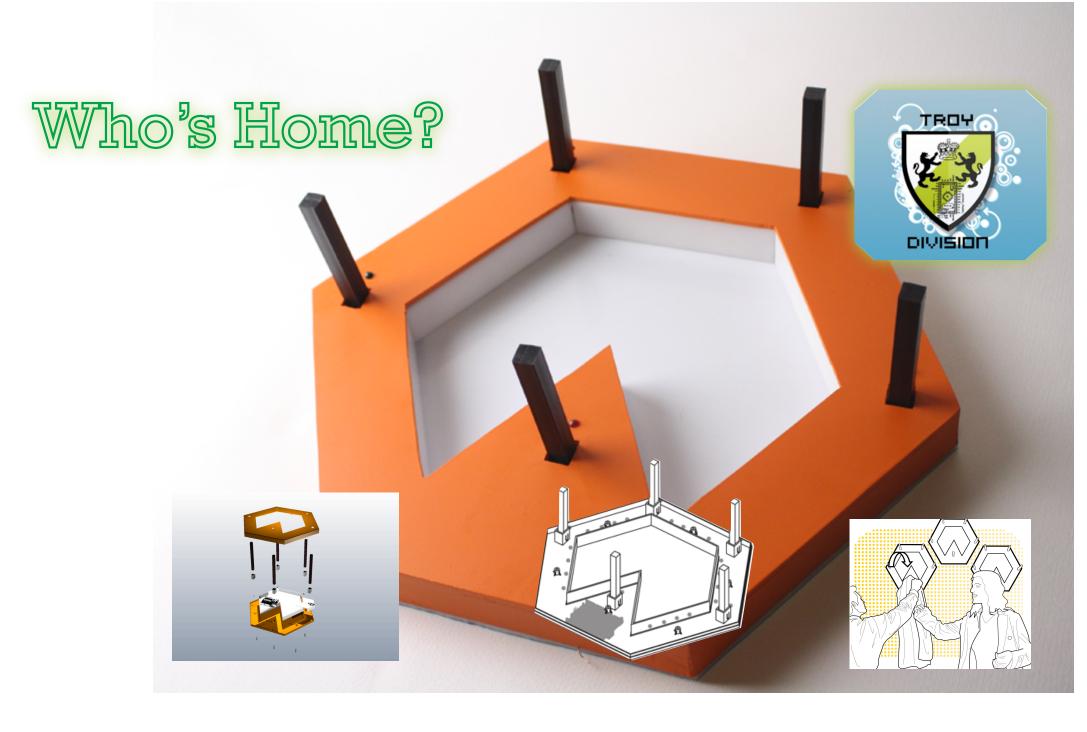






Jump Jacket





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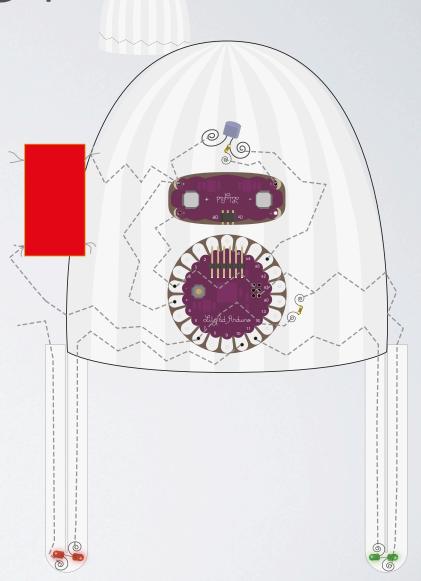


# Helios Monome DJ Bag



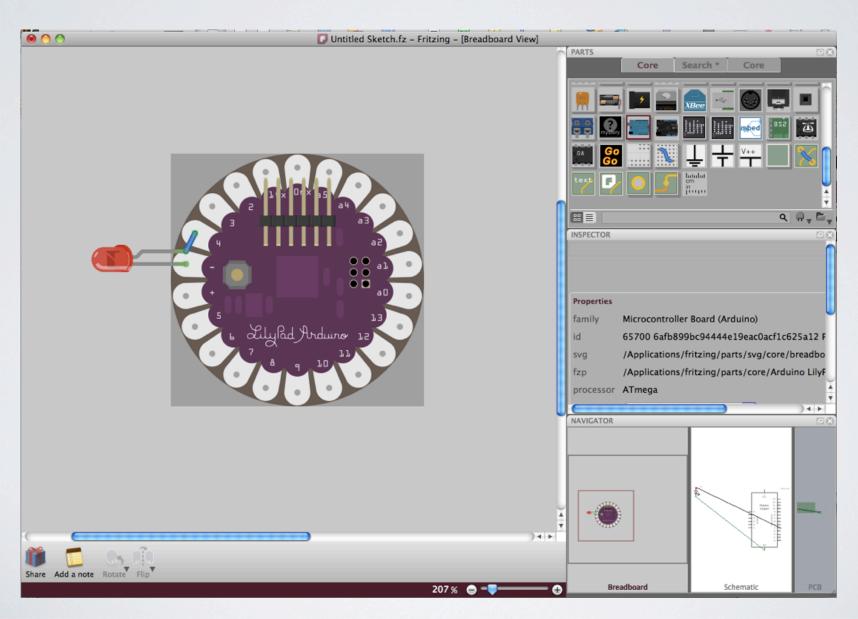
## CIRCUIT LAYOUT

- One of the hardest parts of E-Textiles is laying out a project so that our conductive threads don't cross and short out our project.
- We need two design schematics
  - Physical Layout
  - Electronic Layout



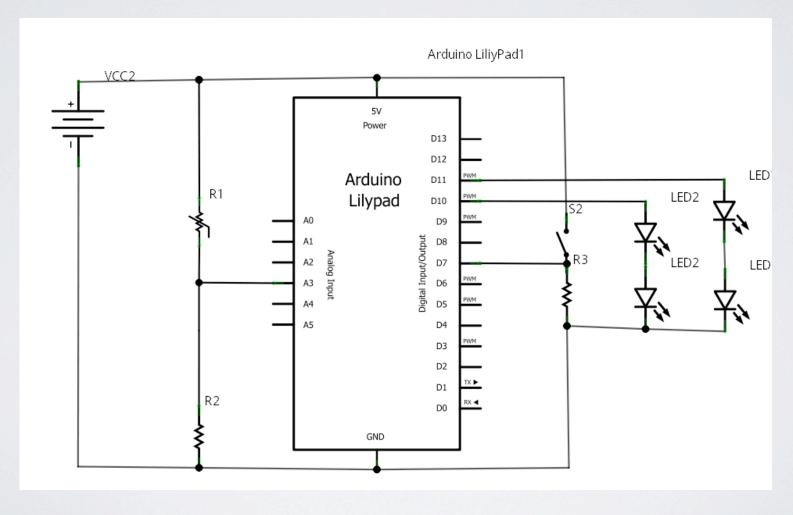
### FRITZING

The super friendly Lilypad layout design program.



## ELECTRONIC LAYOUT





## DESIGN PROCESS

- Theoretical Design
  - Historical Wearable Technology
  - Related Fields

#### FORTOMORROW

- Come with your design ready
- · We have few minutes to buy extra parts from Spark Fun
- Feel free to prepare for tomorrow.



## INTERMEDIATE ELECTRONICS AND ARDUINO

#### **Designing Wearables**

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