

Red Eyed Portrait



Aims

- Through this activity students will learn to use sparkles. They should be able to make them flash. As they progress there are several variations and ways to make it more challenging (see bottom of page).

Basic Code

To make the eyes flash red behind the picture

```

program start
do forever
  set all sparkles to [red]
  wait 100 milliseconds
  turn all sparkles off
  wait 100 milliseconds
loop
  
```

Resources

- Crumble board
- USB cable
- Battery pack
- Batteries x3
- Wires x
- Sparkles x2
- LDR (intermediate)
- Craft materials

Construction Tips

Place a picture of a person or spooky picture over sparkles attached to a backing piece of cardboard. You can attach them easily (with no glue!) by making three holes and poking crocodile clips through them to secure them in place.



Suggested Uses

- Mix up with our other Halloween lesson plans for a Halloween display

Challenge Questions

- Can you make the colours fade from red into green?
- Can you make the portrait 'wink'?

Basic Code

To make the eyes flash red and green randomly

```

program start
do forever
  wait random 50 to 500 milliseconds
  set all sparkles to [green]
  wait random 50 to 500 milliseconds
  set all sparkles to [red]
loop
  
```

Intermediate Code

To make the eyes light up when it goes dark or a shadow passes over the picture

```

program start
do forever
  let t = analogue A
  if t < 100 then
    set all sparkles to [red]
  else
    turn all sparkles off
  end if
loop
  
```

Advanced Code

To make the eyes become brighter and darker

```

program start
do forever
  let t = 0
  do until t = 250
    set all sparkles to [t] 0 0
    wait 50 milliseconds
    increase t by 10
  loop
  wait 50 milliseconds
  do until t = 0
    set all sparkles to [t] 0 0
    wait 50 milliseconds
    decrease t by 10
  loop
loop
  
```