

Build BOTS 1 – Supply List by Week

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Online List: <https://www.kathyceceri.com/build-bots-materials-public-list>

Where to find supplies:

- Get the **BOTS** book and all the electronics needed for class in the [BOTS parts savings bundle from Adafruit](#).
 - Order just the parts you need using my [Adafruit shopping list](#).
 - Order the parts you need using my [Amazon shopping list](#), which are not top quality but usually adequate (may earn me a commission).
 - Get my book BOTS [directly from the publisher Nomad Press](#).
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Week 1 – Walking Robot Dog

For the walking robot dog:

- index card or rectangle of heavy paper or thin cardboard
- pen, pencil, or marker
- scissors

Optional:

- ruler (or markings on strip of paper)
- tape
- 2 paper clips

For the test ramp:

- stiff cardboard or book — if it's too smooth, cover with a piece of rough paper
 - something to prop up the ramp, like a pile of books
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Week 2 – Motorized ArtBot

- body —recycled materials, such as:
 - disposable cup
 - recycled container
 - small cardboard box
 - section of pool noodle
- 1.5 volt DC toy motor, with wires (like this one: <https://www.adafruit.com/product/711>)
- one AA battery
- wide, short rubber band that fits snugly around a AA battery (such as a broccoli rubberband like these: <https://amzn.to/3zNPJg2>)
- electrical tape
- a small cork or other soft weight (like a pencil eraser or glob of poster-hanging wall putty)
- 4 thin washable markers
- large piece of paper for the robot to draw on

Optional:

- foam tape or other two-sided tape
 - hot glue gun
 - wooden shapes, beads, etc. to add weight to cork
 - glue dots
 - decorations:
 - googly eyes
 - pipe cleaners
 - s, etc. Tip: to design and build your own robot bodies. As you search, think about how you could attach arms, legs, motors, microcontroller boards, and batteries to them, and other decorations
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Week 3 – Fin Gripper

- Fin Gripper templates, or two sheets of cardstock
 - scissors
 - tape or glue
 - paper straw
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Week 4 – Pencil Pressure Sensor

- Pressure Sensor template, or index card
 - conductive tape, such as aluminum foil tape (or kitchen foil and a glue stick)
 - 1 LED light with long wires (such as 5 mm, <https://www.adafruit.com/product/4203>)
 - 3-volt coin battery (CR2032, such as <https://amzn.to/3tjk97y>)
 - pencil with soft lead (No. 2, HB, or softer)
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Week 5 – Programmable Cardboard Robot

Note: If you don't have a microcontroller board, you can do the programming activities using the simulated board in MakeCode.

Electronics

- microcontroller board with USB data cable and battery case, such as [Adafruit Circuit Playground Express](#) or [BBC Micro:bit](#)
- alligator clip to male header test wires (such as <https://www.adafruit.com/product/3448>)
- 9g micro servo motor (such as <https://www.adafruit.com/product/169>)

Body

- 2 small cardboard boxes, one for the body and one for the head (or other recycled materials)
- glue dots and/or peel-and-stick Velcro dots