Getting started with KIBO

1. If this is your first time using your KIBO, insert 4 AA batteries into the battery case. The red scanner light will start blinking.

2. Insert the motors and wheels. Orient the motors so that the green dot shows through KIBO’s transparent bottom.

3. Sequence some blocks into a program. Every program needs a BEGIN block and an END block.

4. Push the triangular button to turn KIBO on. The red scanner light will blink.

5. Use KIBO to scan the bar codes on the programming blocks, left to right, one at a time*. If your scan was successful, KIBO will beep and the scan LED will glow green after each block.

6. Push the triangular button to tell KIBO to go. To re-run your program, push KIBO’s button again. To change your program: Re-arrange the blocks, re-scan, and push the button. Watch KIBO go!

7. Decorate your KIBO. Decorate or dress up your KIBO to look like a storybook character and program it to act out the story.

Fun things to try

(1) Try inserting the motors “upside-down,” with the green dot not showing, and see what happens.

(2) Insert the motors into the wheels so that the motors’ axles are off-center, relative to the center of the wheels. See what happens!

Good things to know

KIBO’s lights can tell you lots of useful things:

- KIBO’s red scanner light and triangular button will blink when KIBO is ready to scan a program – OR – when KIBO is ready to run a program. The button will stop blinking while KIBO is scanning a program; the red scanner light will stop blinking while KIBO is running a program.
- When KIBO’s triangular button blinks, it means that KIBO has a program stored in its memory. The triangular button will go dark while KIBO is scanning a new program, and also after inserting new batteries.
- You can put KIBO to sleep by pressing and holding the triangular button for several seconds.
KIBO 10 robot kit contents

- KIBO body
- Motor modules (2)
- Wheels (2)
- Parameter cards (4)
- Programming blocks (10)

Colors of some components may vary.
FAQs and complete parts list at kinderlabrobotics.com/faqs.

Tips & Troubleshooting

- Scanning through KIBO’s transparent bottom can damage the motors. To make sure that the green dots are backward when it should be going forward, check KIBO’s bottom. If KIBO is turning the wrong way or going the wrong way, try changing KIBO’s position slightly. Move it slightly closer or farther away from the block and try changing the angle a little bit. Try scanning the side of the block instead of the top.

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- Take care of your motor modules! KIBO's motor modules are designed to turn KIBO's wheels; they are not designed to carry a lot of weight. So, please don't force KIBO to go faster than it wants, and don't push down on KIBO's body when its wheels and motors are installed. These behaviors can damage the motor modules. Our warrantee does not cover damage caused by improper motor use.

- If KIBO won't scan, try changing KIBO's position slightly. Move it slightly closer or farther away from the block and try changing the angle a little bit. Try scanning the side of the block instead of the top.

- A tri-tone sound and a red scan LED means that an error occurred. KIBO may have mis-scanned the bar code. If KIBO won't scan, try changing KIBO's position slightly. Move it a little bit. If the red scanner light is on the bar code, it's ok if the light is a little bit bigger than the bar code. If the red scanner light is on the bar code, it's ok if the light is a little bit bigger than the bar code.

- To scan, hold KIBO 2-4" away from the programming blocks. Shine the red scanner light onto the bar code. It's ok if the light is a little bit bigger than the bar code. If the light is a little bit bigger than the bar code, it's ok if the light is a little bit bigger than the bar code.

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