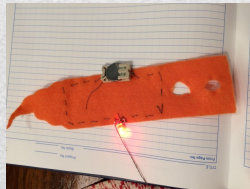
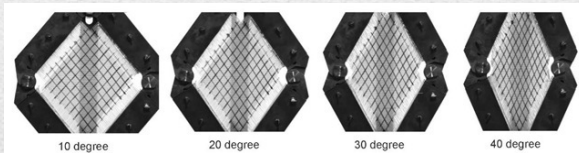
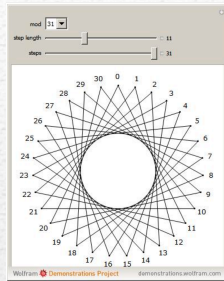


Inclusion Through Textiles:

Creating a Pathway To and Through STEM



Lowell Tex Our 12-member interdisciplinary team includes faculty, expert fiber artists, and community partners and is working to create and deliver curriculum modules for STEM learning.

- **Textiles, garments, and the fiber arts are a STEM learning opportunity hiding in plain sight.**
- **Robotics is not the only pathway to STEM—only the most used.**
- **Textiles are ubiquitous, including across cultures, and may be in the comfort zone of the under-represented.**
- **Textiles support K-20 learning.**
- **SOFT can be HARD!**
- **Looms and sewing machines belong in labs and maker spaces.**

Topics: material properties such as resistance and capacitance; math concepts in transformational geometry, combinatorics, and linear algebra; manufacturing concepts like those related to incorporation of electronic materials into the yarns and fabrics; design strategies for incorporating discrete devices such as microcontrollers, sensors, actuators, displays.

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