

Everyday Engineering

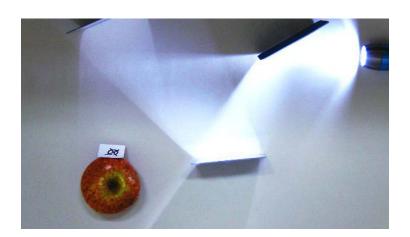
Light Maze

What you need:

- flashlight
- reflective objects (cans, foil, stainless steel cookware, unbreakable mirrors)

What you do:

- 1. Place the flashlight on a table in a darkened room.
- 2. Spread reflective objects out on the table.
- 3. Point the flashlight towards an object on the table and observe where the light beam goes. Can you make it go in opposite direction?



Things to try:

- Test different reflective objects. Do some work better than others?
- Can you hit a target? Place an item like a cup or apple on the table and try to get the light to hit it without pointing the flashlight directly on it.
- How many objects can you bounce the light off of before it is too dim to see?
- Try adding a clear, but colored object like a green plastic bottle or plastic food storage lid. Or, add objects with holes like a basket or potato masher. What happens to the light when you shine it through these items?

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