K-12 Maker Workshop Participant Info

Hello! We are looking forward to seeing you at our Maker Tool Skills workshops. Here’s the scoop on accessing MIT, getting up to the Edgerton Center, and joining us on Zoom.

Workshops run 8:30AM – 2:30PM EDT, with a lunch break 11:30AM – 12:15PM.

If you need to contact us on the day of the workshop, call Justin at 617-258-6844

For remote participants

Zoom link for all workshops:
https://mit.zoom.us/j/95756477641
Phone: +16465588656, +95756477641# US (NY) \ +16699006833, +95756477641# US (CA)
International Numbers: https://mit.zoom.us/u/ax8U91tnh
Meeting ID: 957 5647 7641

We would like to record the Zoom session for our reference and to share with registered participants who cannot make the live session. If you have any objections to us recording, please let me know!

For folks coming to MIT

What to bring, what to wear

Bring a laptop, preferably a Windows or MacOS machine. For some workshops you may want to install software while you are here. If you can only bring an iPad, Chromebook, etc - we can make it work!

Lunch is not provided. There are plenty of nearby dining options, both on campus and off. You can bring a bagged lunch - we have a small kitchen with refrigerator, microwave, and toaster oven.
Dress however you are comfortable. Our Makerspace is not a “closed toe shoes required” kind of shop, but be aware that it is an active shop with sawdust, gunk, and stray debris here and there.

COVID protocols

MIT buildings remain closed to the general public. To access the building, guests will need a “Tim Ticket” (named for our MIT mascot, Tim the Beaver) which will allow you to scan in at one of a number of entry points on campus. Masks are not required. (Please respect personal masking choices.) For the latest COVID information, visit https://now.mit.edu/

Get your Tim Ticket:
https://tim-tickets.atlas-apps.mit.edu/bym8kCqkJZtnDqHp9

Once there, you’ll be directed to create a profile. Your contact information will be gathered for contact tracing purposes, and you will be provided with a QR code to use to check in to an event. You can download the Tim Ticket app on your phone, use a web browser, take a screenshot of the QR code, or print out your Tim Ticket in advance. See below for more info on using the Tim Ticket system.

Getting to the MIT Campus

Although MIT has a large footprint in Cambridge, most of the campus shares the same address, 77 Massachusetts Avenue (“Mass Ave”). Here’s a link from MIT with directions to campus via multiple modes of transportation (please note the directions via Hood blimp!): http://whereis.mit.edu/directions.html

For those who are able to use public transportation, it really is a great way to get to our campus.

Parking at MIT is challenging. If you decide to drive you can seek parking on campus at the attended lot located at 139 Mass Ave. This lot offers parking by the hour on weekdays and by the day on weekends. Parkers pay via the PayByPhone application. Or, you can park at lots in the general area ranging from $40 - $45 for the day. Try parkabm.com or parking.com and put in the address:77 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge MA.
If you are certain that you will need to park, you can pre-purchase a permit ($34) for 139 Mass Ave. lot up to 3 days before the event by going to this link: https://edgerton.mit.edu/parking-permit

Plan for enough time to get to campus and up to our Makerspace. Some parking locations are half a mile from the Main entrance, and traffic in the Cambridge area is always congested.

Getting up to room 4-409

Enter MIT through the main entrance at 77 Massachusetts Avenue. Use your Tim Ticket to get through the gate (details below - ask security if you need help!) and continue straight on to the Infinite Corridor. When you come to another open lobby space (with views of the Charles River past Killian Court on your right), turn left and take the elevators to the 4th floor. Go left out of the elevators, right around the office with the yellow wall and the neon sign, and you'll find Strobe Alley, the home of the Edgerton Center. Continue on and room 4-409 will be on your left.
Using your Tim Ticket

Tim Tickets use a QR code reader. The QR code reader has curved sides. MIT ID card readers are rectangular. They are usually positioned side by side at entrances.

Present your Tim Ticket QR code below the scanner near the door. You can display your QR code from the MIT Tim Tickets mobile application or by printing it out from the visitors.mit.edu website. Scan your QR code by holding your phone at least 6 inches below the scanner, with the QR code face up.

Do not hold your phone in front of the scanner, too close to the scanner, or with the screen facing away from the scanner.