

How to Make Your Own Optical Spectrometer



Article Overview

You can create a low-cost optical spectrometer using simple materials like a diffraction grating, a webcam, and a cardboard box.

Materials Needed

- **Diffraction Grating:** This can be a DVD or CD, which acts as a grating to split light into its component wavelengths.
- **Light Source:** A standard light bulb or LED to illuminate the sample.
- **Camera:** A USB webcam or smartphone camera to capture the spectrum.
- **Enclosure:** A cardboard box or tube to house the components and minimize light interference.
- **Light Sensor:** Optional, for more advanced setups, you can use a photodiode to measure light intensity.

Step-by-Step Instructions

- **Build the Enclosure:**
 - Create a box from cardboard that will hold the camera and the diffraction grating. Ensure it has a slot for light to enter and a place for the camera to capture the spectrum .
 - Make sure the interior is dark to prevent external light from affecting your measurements.
- **Prepare the Diffraction Grating:...**

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Our goal was to create a simple spectrophotometer that measures the absorbance of a sample for 3 different light colors (red, green,

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This tutorial offers some considerations on construction of a DIY spectrometer, and shows how to connect one sensor, the AMS

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Also the slit is slightly tilted, as well as the grating, in its own way. It is possible to try to perfectly align the grating and the slit, but the

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Once the build was complete, put together some software to make sense of the data. Though a bit short on

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