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Model: EK8437

1. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The Gikfun 5mm Assorted LED Light Kit provides a selection of 100 high-quality light-emitting diodes (LEDs) in five distinct colors. This kit is designed for a wide range of electronic projects, including DIY circuits, educational science experiments, and integration with microcontroller platforms like Arduino. Each LED features a 5mm diameter and is suitable for various applications requiring visual indicators or illumination.



Figure 1: Assorted 5mm LEDs in various colors.

The kit includes 20 pieces of each color: White, Yellow, Red, Green, and Blue, offering versatility for different project requirements. These LEDs are characterized by their durability, super brightness, low heat emission, energy efficiency, compact size, and long operational lifespan.

2. KEY FEATURES

- **High Quality:** 5mm assorted LEDs suitable for Arduino projects and general electronics.
- **Color Variety:** Includes White, Yellow, Red, Green, and Blue LEDs, 20 pieces of each color.
- **Performance:** Durable, super bright, low heat generation, and energy-saving.
- **Longevity:** Small size with a long operational lifespan.
- **Versatile Application:** Ideal for DIY LED projects, school science experiments, car decorations, electronic and electrical experiments, and signal indicators.
- **Voltage Specifications:**
 - White: 3.0-3.2V
 - Green: 2.0-2.2V
 - Yellow: 2.0-2.2V
 - Blue: 3.0-3.2V

- Red: 1.8-2.0V

3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Value
Brand	Gikfun
Model Number	EK8437
Light Type	LED
Unit Count	100 Count
Light Color	White, Yellow, Red, Green, Blue
Voltage (White/Blue)	3.0-3.2V
Voltage (Green/Yellow)	2.0-2.2V
Voltage (Red)	1.8-2.0V
Item Weight	0.05 Kilograms (approx. 1.58 ounces)
Product Dimensions	5 x 3.5 x 0.2 inches
Indoor/Outdoor Usage	Indoor
Special Feature	Energy Efficient

4. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

To properly set up and use the 5mm LEDs, follow these general guidelines:

- 1. Identify Polarity:** LEDs are polarized components. The longer lead is the anode (positive), and the shorter lead is the cathode (negative). Incorrect polarity will prevent the LED from lighting up and can potentially damage it if excessive voltage is applied.
- 2. Use a Current-Limiting Resistor:** It is crucial to use a current-limiting resistor in series with each LED to prevent damage from excessive current. The appropriate resistor value depends on your power supply voltage and the LED's forward voltage and desired current (typically 10-20mA). A common formula is $R = (V_s - V_f) / I$, where V_s is supply voltage, V_f is LED forward voltage, and I is desired current.
- 3. Breadboard Connection:** For prototyping, insert the LED leads into a breadboard. Connect the anode (longer lead) to the positive rail (or a resistor connected to positive) and the cathode (shorter lead) to the negative rail (ground).
- 4. Power Supply:** Connect your power supply (e.g., battery, Arduino output) to the breadboard, ensuring correct voltage and current limits.

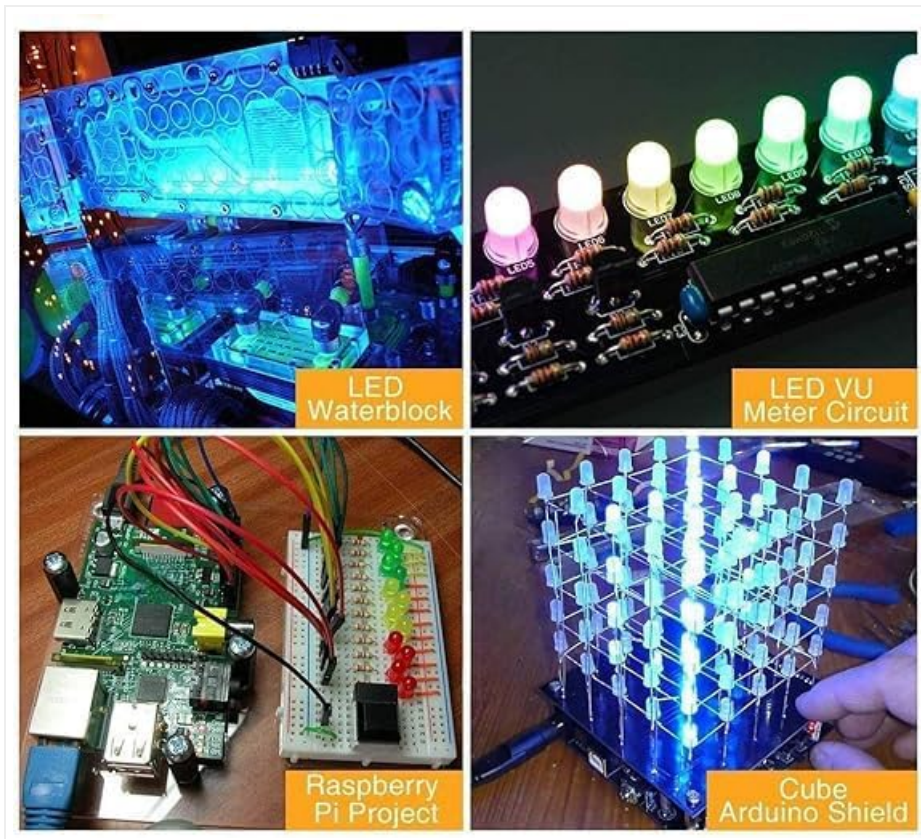


Figure 2: Example of Gikfun 5mm LEDs connected on a breadboard.

For a visual guide on setting up LEDs for DIY projects, refer to the video below:

Video 1: Demonstrates DIY LED projects and science experiments, including basic setup.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once properly connected with a current-limiting resistor, the LEDs will illuminate when power is applied. Ensure the voltage supplied matches the LED's forward voltage (V_f) and that the current is within the safe operating range (typically 10-20mA for 5mm LEDs).

- **Power On:** Apply the appropriate DC voltage to your circuit. The LEDs should light up.
- **Current Control:** The brightness of the LED is primarily controlled by the current flowing through it. Adjusting the resistor value will change the current and thus the brightness. A higher resistance leads to lower current and dimmer light.
- **Color Specifics:** Note the different forward voltages for each color as listed in the 'Key Features' section. This is important for calculating the correct resistor value for each LED color when using a single power supply.

Observe the LEDs in action in the following video:

Video 2: Shows the Gikfun 5mm LED Light Assorted Kit in operation.

Video 3: Another demonstration of the 5mm LED Light Assorted Kit for DIY projects.

6. COMMON APPLICATIONS

The Gikfun 5mm Assorted LED Light Kit is highly versatile and can be used in numerous projects:

- **DIY Electronic Projects:** Create custom lighting effects, indicators, or decorative elements in your electronic builds.

- **Educational Kits:** Excellent for teaching basic electronics, circuit building, and LED principles in schools or workshops.
- **Arduino and Raspberry Pi Projects:** Integrate with microcontrollers for visual feedback, status indicators, or interactive displays.
- **Model Making:** Add lighting to scale models, robotics, or other creative constructions.
- **Car Decorations:** Use for interior or exterior accent lighting (ensure proper voltage regulation and weather protection).



Figure 3: Various DIY model projects utilizing Gikfun LEDs.



Figure 4: Advanced applications of Gikfun LEDs in electronic circuits.

7. SAFETY INFORMATION

Please observe the following safety precautions when working with LEDs:

- Always use a current-limiting resistor in series with each LED to prevent damage to the LED and power source.
- Do not exceed the specified voltage and current ratings for each LED color. Over-current or over-voltage can cause the LED to burn out prematurely.
- Avoid direct, prolonged eye exposure to illuminated LEDs, especially bright ones, as this may cause discomfort or temporary vision effects.
- Keep small electronic components, including LEDs, out of reach of young children to prevent choking hazards.
- Ensure proper ventilation when soldering or working with electronic components.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **LED does not light up:**
 - Check LED polarity: Ensure the longer lead (anode) is connected to positive and the shorter

lead (cathode) to negative/ground.

- Verify power supply: Confirm the power supply is active and providing the correct voltage.
- Inspect connections: Ensure all wires and components are securely connected.
- Check resistor value: An excessively high resistor value might prevent sufficient current flow for illumination.
- Test the LED: Try the LED in a known working circuit to confirm it is not faulty.

- **LED is too dim:**

- Reduce resistor value: A lower resistance will allow more current to flow, increasing brightness. Ensure you do not exceed the LED's maximum current rating.
- Check power supply voltage: Ensure the supply voltage is adequate for the LED's forward voltage.

- **LED is too bright or burns out quickly:**

- Increase resistor value: A higher resistance will limit the current, reducing brightness and preventing burnout.
- Verify power supply voltage: Ensure the supply voltage is not too high.
- Confirm resistor presence: Never connect an LED directly to a power source without a current-limiting resistor.

9. MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

To ensure the longevity and proper functioning of your Gikfun 5mm LEDs:

- **Storage:** Store unused LEDs in a cool, dry place, preferably in their original packaging or an anti-static bag, to protect them from moisture and physical damage.
- **Handling:** Handle the LED leads carefully to prevent bending or breaking, especially near the LED housing.
- **Cleaning:** If necessary, gently clean the LED lens with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials.

10. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, technical support, or inquiries regarding the Gikfun 5mm Assorted LED Light Kit, please refer to the Gikfun official website or contact your retailer directly. Keep your purchase receipt for any warranty claims.