

## LED Icicle - Falling Light Effect





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This circuit produces seven, fully user-configurable lighting effects. These include effects reminiscent of a falling light effect or a falling meteorite, an effect known from the Knight Rider film, or a randomly lit spot. You can adjust both the speed of each effect and the length of its streak. Such light sequences can be a wonderful addition to an advertising or even festive lighting composition.

#### **Features**

- seven lighting effects
- · 3-button control
- · speed and streak control
- 12 outputs with 1 A (3 A) load capacity
- · power supply: 12 V
- PCB size: 140×45 mm

## **Circuit description**

Schematic diagram of the circuit is shown in Figure 1. Its operation is controlled by a ATTINY2313 microcontroller clocked by an internal clock signal. This circuit must be supplied with 12 VDC lead to the IN connector. The IRF9530-type transistors were used as actuators.

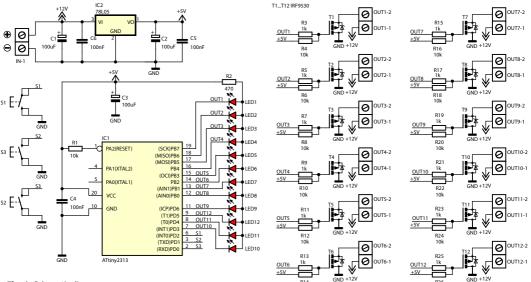
Twelve transistors and LEDs, are controlled directly from the microcontroller ports. The use of a microcontroller in the role of LED driver definitely simplifies the circuit and offers unlimited possibilities in terms of achieving any imaginable lighting effects. The circuit is powered by a safe voltage of 12 V, and its output can be connected directly to 12 V LED bulbs or strips.

Mount the circuit on a printed circuit board, its component layout is shown in Figure 2.

Perform mounting according to general principles, starting with the soldering of the lowest components - the resistors - and ending with the highest components - the buttons and the screw connection. Three buttons S1-S3 are used to operate the device. Pressing the S1 button will change the effect; the LED corresponding to the effect number as stored in the microcontroller

is lit for a moment. The S3 button is used to change the effect speed, while the S2 button changes the length of its trail.

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**Fig. 1.** Schematic diagram

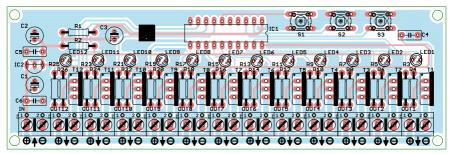


Fig. 2. Mounting diagram

Resistors:

## List of components

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Capacitors:	
C1-C3:	100uF
C4-C6:	100nF

#### Semiconductors:

LEDT-LEDT2:	LED
IC1:	ATTINY2313
IC2:	78L05
T1-T12:	IRF9540
Other:	
S1-S3:	microswitch
IN, OUT1-OUT12:	DG301-5.2/2



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