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1. Introduction

- Building electronic projects applies theory to create working circuits and devices.
- It develops practical skills in design, assembly, and testing.

2. Planning a Project

- Define the purpose and list the required functions.
- Draw or obtain a schematic and prepare a component list.
- Estimate power needs and choose a suitable enclosure.

3. Prototyping

- **Breadboard:** allows solderless, temporary circuit building for testing.
- **Stripboard or PCB:** used for permanent, more reliable assembly.
- Test sections of the circuit before completing the whole.

4. Assembly Steps

- Place and secure components according to the schematic.
- Solder connections carefully and inspect for bridges or cold joints.
- Connect power last and observe for correct operation.

5. Testing and Refinement

- Use a multimeter to verify voltages and continuity.
- Debug faults systematically and document changes.

6. Summary

- Successful projects follow a cycle of plan, build, test, and refine.
- Hands-on building reinforces understanding of electronic principles.