

The Gameboy Camera - what can you do with a kid's toy?

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Using the gameboy camera:

In general:

- *Always turn off the Gameboy before pulling the camera out.
- *It takes several seconds for the camera to adjust to the light or to focus.
- *Moving objects will be blurry.
- *Close-ups are sometimes more successful.
- *The camera works great in available light indoors. Seems like the equivalent of ASA 1000 film to me.

The main buttons:

- *The cross shaped button navigates around the screen. It also adjusts brightness and contrast in "shoot" mode.
- *The A button - "yes" or "do this."
- *The B button - "no" or "cancel."
- *There is also a select button.

To turn the Gameboy on:

The switch is in a different place on each model. Check the instructions on my web site for your Gameboy model.
judithhoffman.net>tutorials>gameboy.

The menu options:

Below are the ones that I have tried. I'll call the first three screens "Mario dancing," "shoot/view" and "shoot/check." You get to each in order by hitting the A button. The B button takes you back one screen.

Taking photos:

- *The first screen you see when the camera is turned on is Mario dancing. Press the A button to get started.
- *The cross shaped button navigates around the screen. When you see the three cameras with white staring eyes, choose "shoot" and press A.
- * Choose "shoot" and press A again.
- * At the top of the screen you see the number of shots left. You have a total of 30.
- * Aim the camera, wait a couple of seconds for the image to settle.
- *Adjust brightness and contrast with the navigate button. There is a scale on the right and bottom of the screen.
- * Press the A button to take the photo.
- * Choose A to save the photo or B to erase it.

Delete shots:

- *From the shoot/check screen, choose "check" and press A.
- * With the navigation button, navigate to the photo you want to delete. Press select button. You see the "delete" option on the bottom of the screen.
- * Press down with the navigation button and press A.
- * Press A to delete or B to go back.

Flip vertically or horizontally:

- *From the shoot window, where you take photos, the select button takes you to the "dither," "flip," "palette," and "shutter" options.
- *Use the navigate button to make your choice and hit A.
- *On the same screen that shows the "shoot" and "check" modes, you can access the "items" - self timer and time lapse - and "magic" includes a panorama feature