

Introduction

Thanks for backing the PLOTS Balloon Mapping Kit Kickstarter project!

Please read the “Welcome to Public Laboratory” page to learn about how our open source community works. This kit is not a consumer product, but a set of ingredients for a low-cost DIY tool we are developing together. That means that if you need help, *the best resource is other members of the Public Laboratory community -- but we are not like the customer service line at a corporation.*

This kit will get you started -- but all the documentation is online. Currently it consists of a series of research notes at:

<http://publiclaboratory.org/notes/near-infrared-camera>

However, as these are being shipped out, several members of the community are working together to compile these notes into a set of build instructions at:

<http://publiclaboratory.org/wiki/dual-camera-kit-guide>

By the time you get this package, there will be more information available, but if you are interested in contributing to Public Laboratory’s research efforts, it’s a great place to start helping out! If you document your assembly and testing of your dual camera kit, please document and share what you do by posting research notes on PublicLaboratory.org -- it’s a kind of research blog.

Posting your work is a great way to:

- get help assembling your kit
- reach out to others in your area for mutual support
- help others get started flying their cameras
- suggest improvements and refinements

Thanks again and happy flying,
The Public Laboratory retail working group