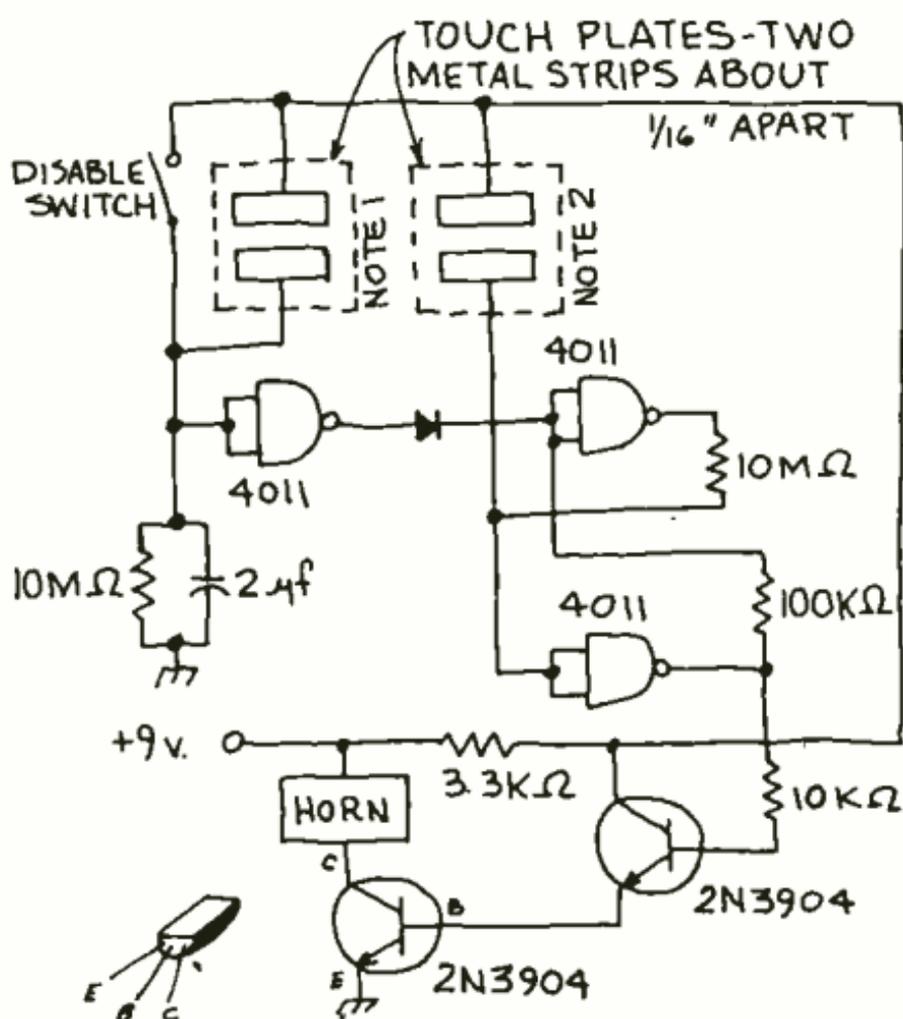


Your purse is ringing

About a month ago, my wife had her purse stolen. Yesterday, it happened again. Isn't there some kind of alarm I could build into her purse that would sound when the purse was grabbed by a thief?

J.H., Los Angeles, CA

The alarm circuit shown below should solve your problem. As long as your wife is holding the handle or strap, the alarm remains quiet. However, if the purse is grabbed so that the handle is not held for about 30 seconds, the alarm goes off. The alarm is built around a compact, battery operated "bicycle



NOTES:

1. ON STRAP-HAND MUST TOUCH BOTH PLATES OR ALARM SOUNDS.
2. HIDDEN RESET TOUCHPLATE - TURNS ALARM OFF WHEN TOUCHED.

horn." The horn and circuit are small and light enough to fit into the bottom of the purse. The sound of the horn should be loud enough to wake the dead. Do me a favor. Write and let me know how it works. Be sure to describe the look on the thief's face when he gets caught.