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I'm trying to build a two transistor LED flasher, as shown at http://www.reprise.com/host/circuits/transistor_flasher.asp. It should be perfectly simple, but I must be making some mistake that I'm just not seeing yet.

When I build this circuit, both LEDs light continuously rather than flashing. I've tried varying the values of the resistors and caps that should control the timing, but it doesn't make a difference. I can actually pluck the capacitors right out of the circuit and both LEDs are still lit. I've built this thing a dozen times now from several different people's instructions, and I get the same result every time.

The transistors I have on hand are a little mixed... I've tried 2N3904s, 3906s, and 4424, any of which ought to work as they're all NPN.

Does anyone have any suggestions as to what stupid mistake I'm making here? I am starting to get sick of looking at this thing. Thanks in advance..!

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