I Can Solder Badge kit

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Assembly Instructions

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Blinky light and White flashlight

Syllabus

- How to solder
- Wear a blinky-light everywhere you go!

Tools

(Don’t bring these home)

Tools

Learn To Solder

The following photos will show you how to solder.

But feel free to download the “Soldering Is Easy” comic book for free!

(In many different languages.)

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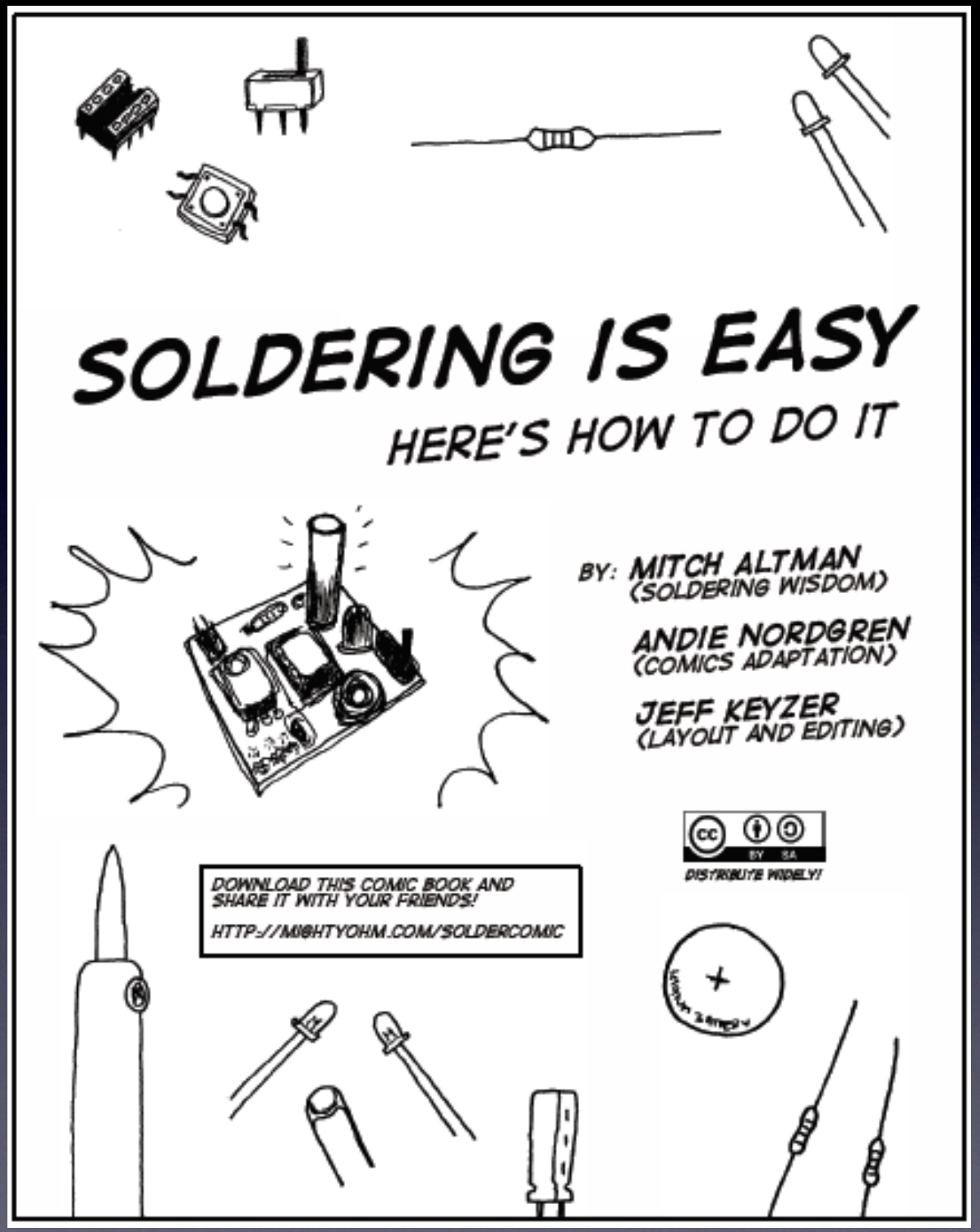

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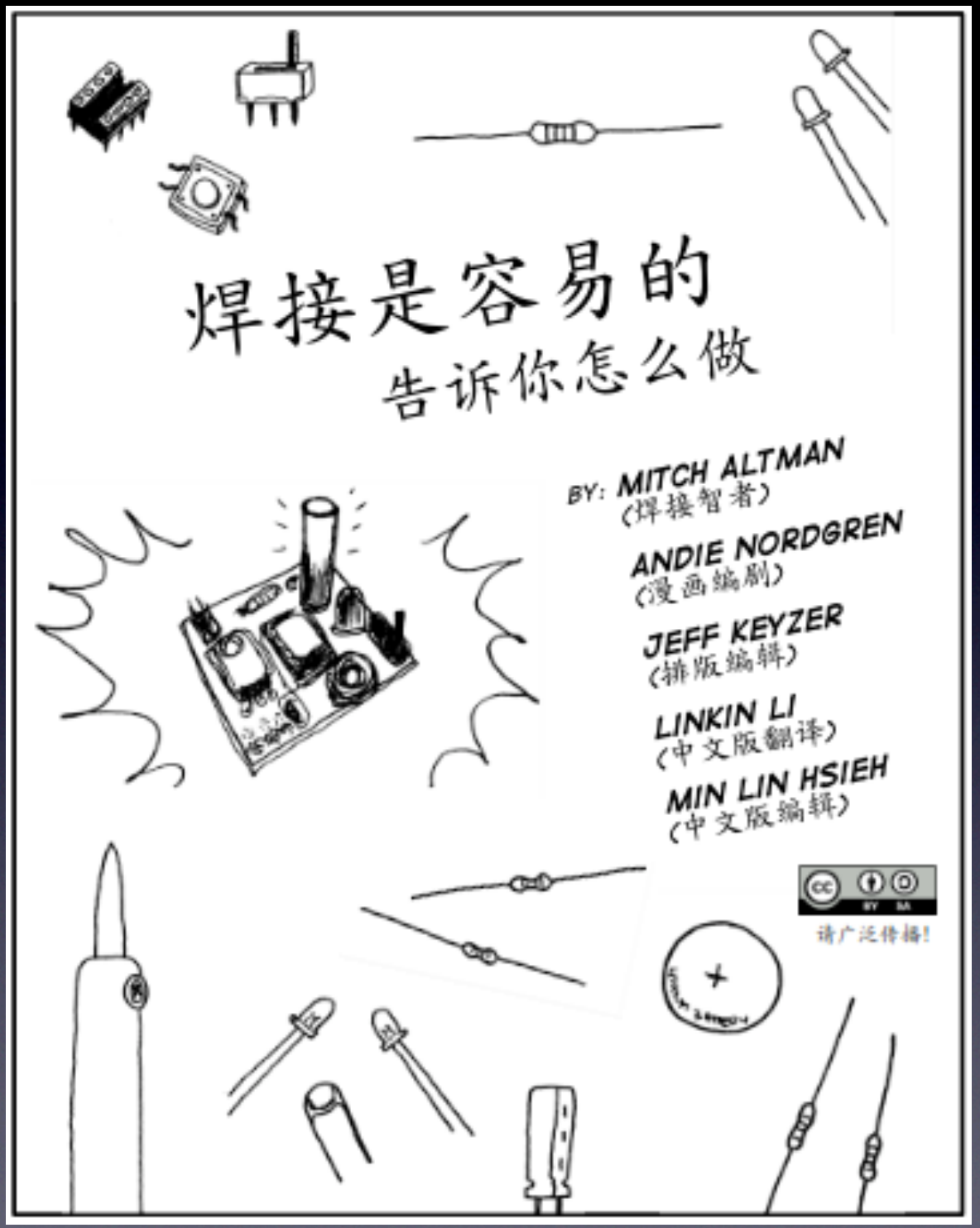

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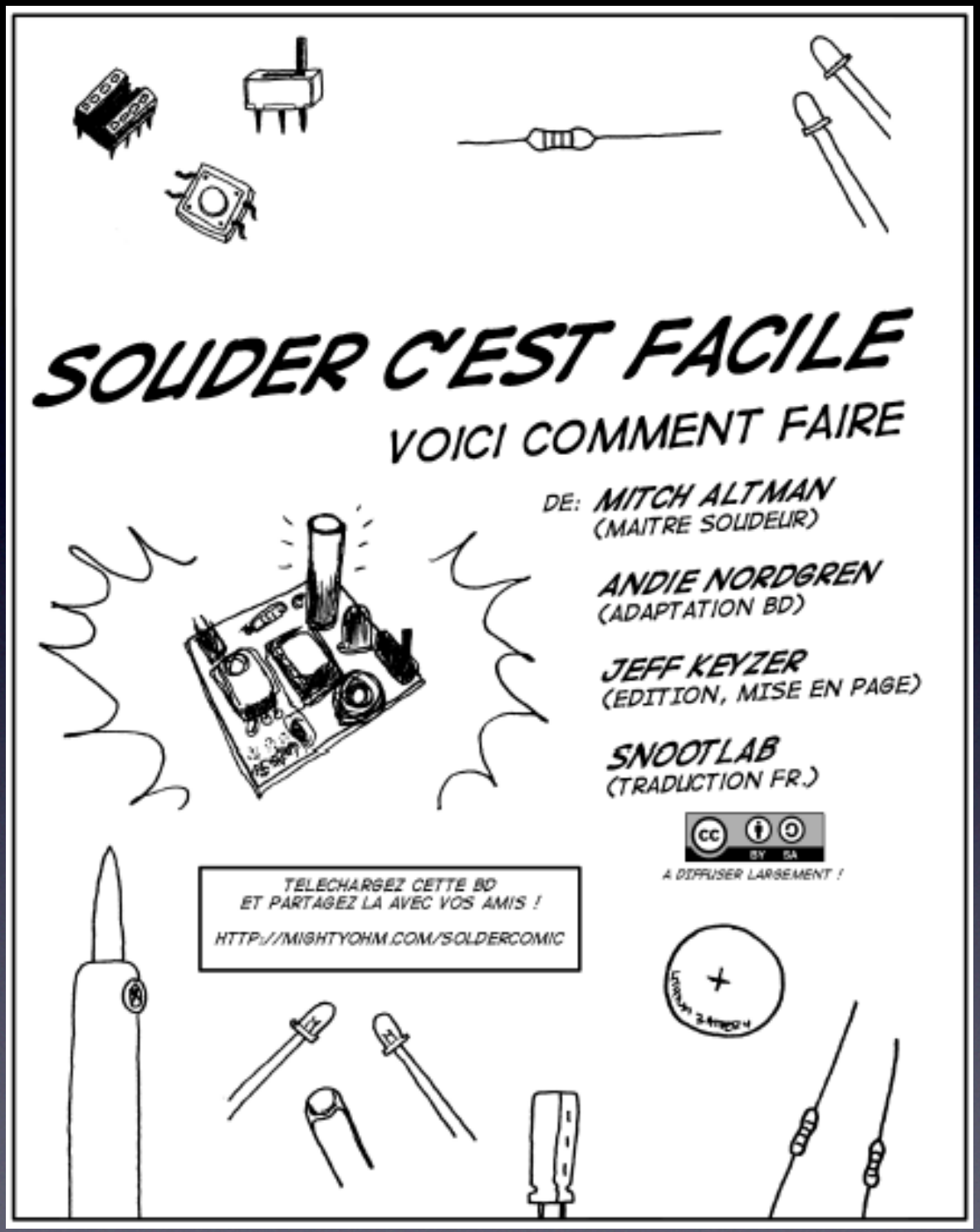

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All of the parts

The board we'll solder the parts to (front)

The board we'll solder the parts to (back)

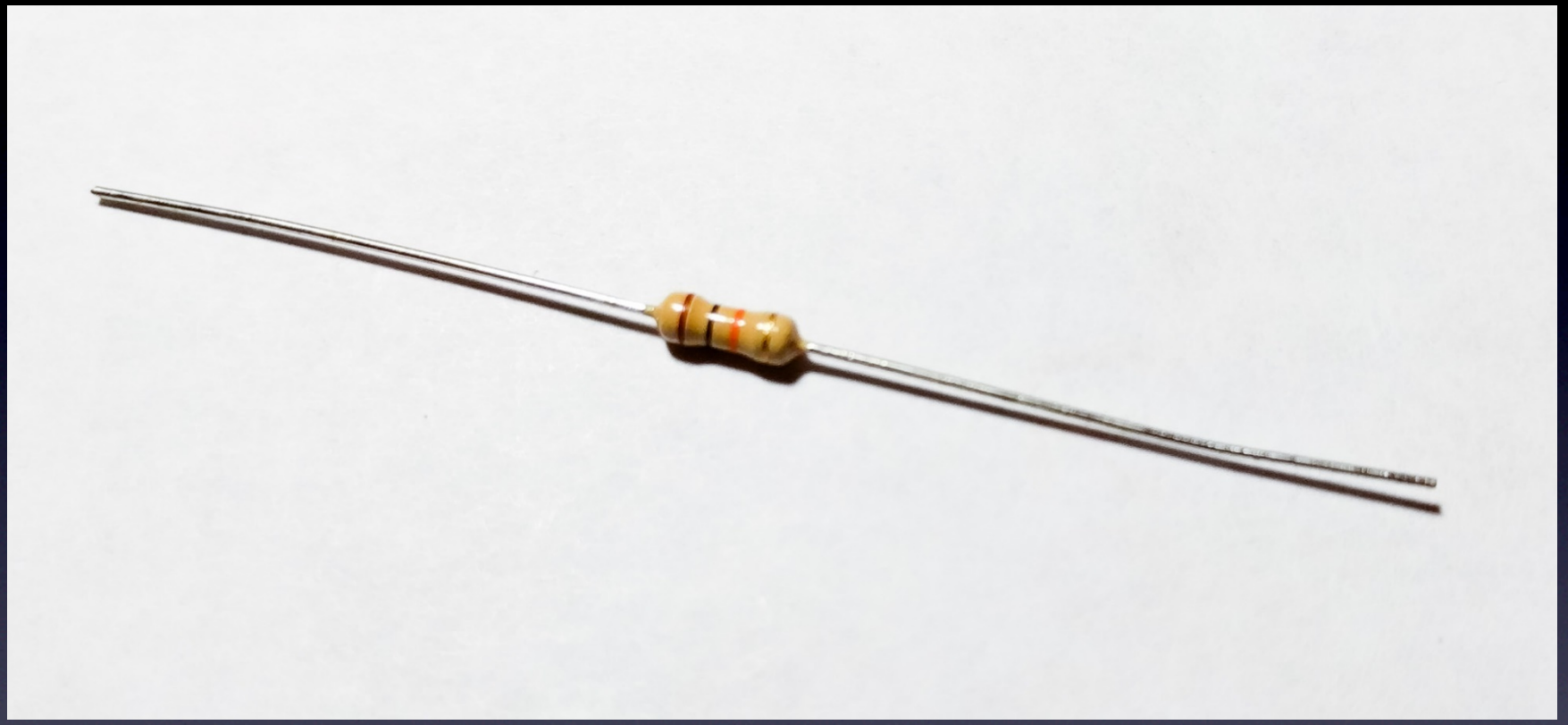
Note:

Since we will use Lead-Free solder it is helpful to also have flux paste in a syringe and Isopropyl Alcohol

The tools you'll need:

- soldering Iron (35W or less)
- solder (*more details coming*)
- soldering iron stand
- cellulose kitchen sponge *(not plastic!)*
- *small* wire cutter

The “I Can Solder Badge” kit has no resistors



this is how a resistor looks *before* bending its leads

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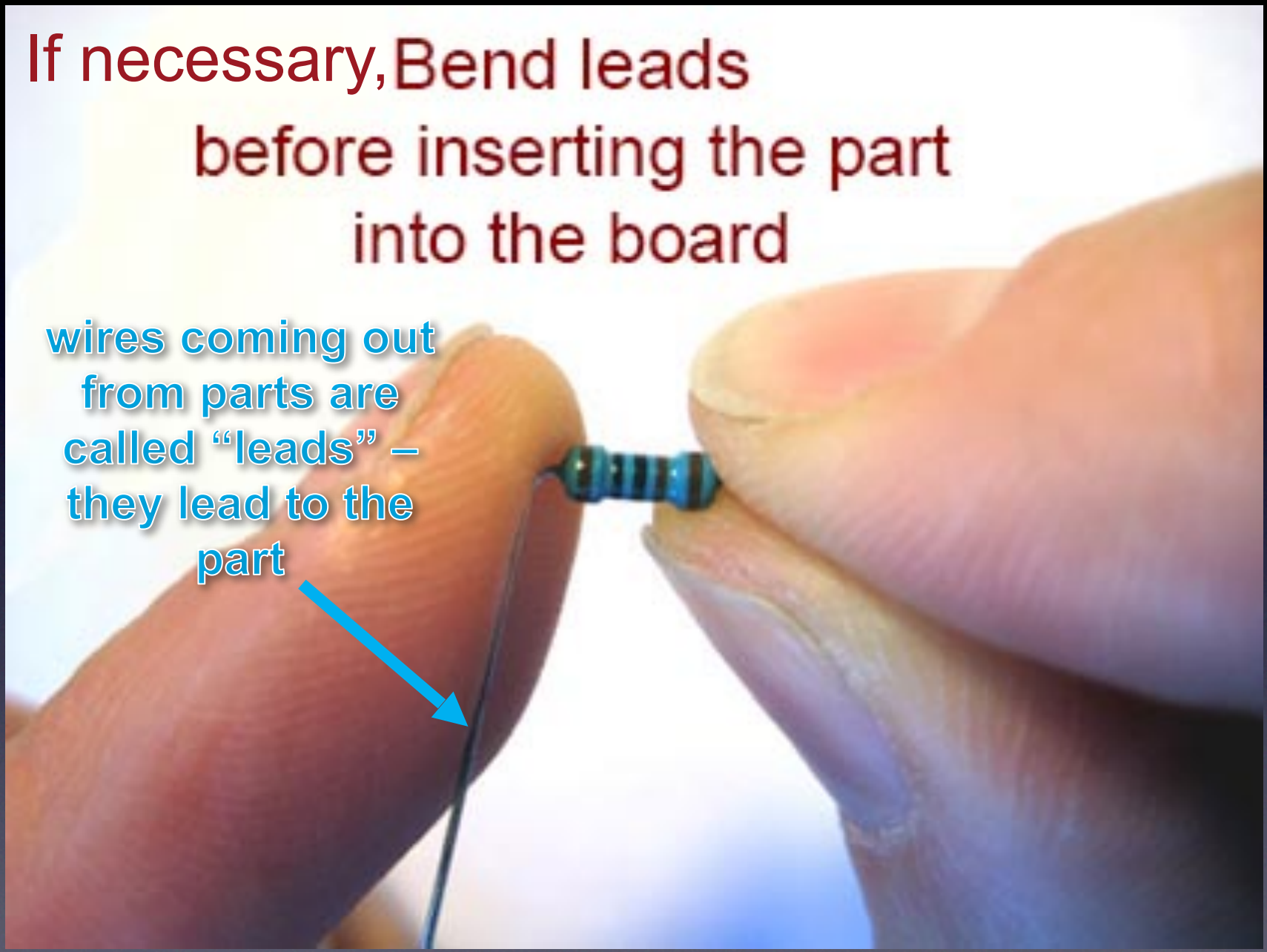

(but, the parts in this kit are soldered the same way)

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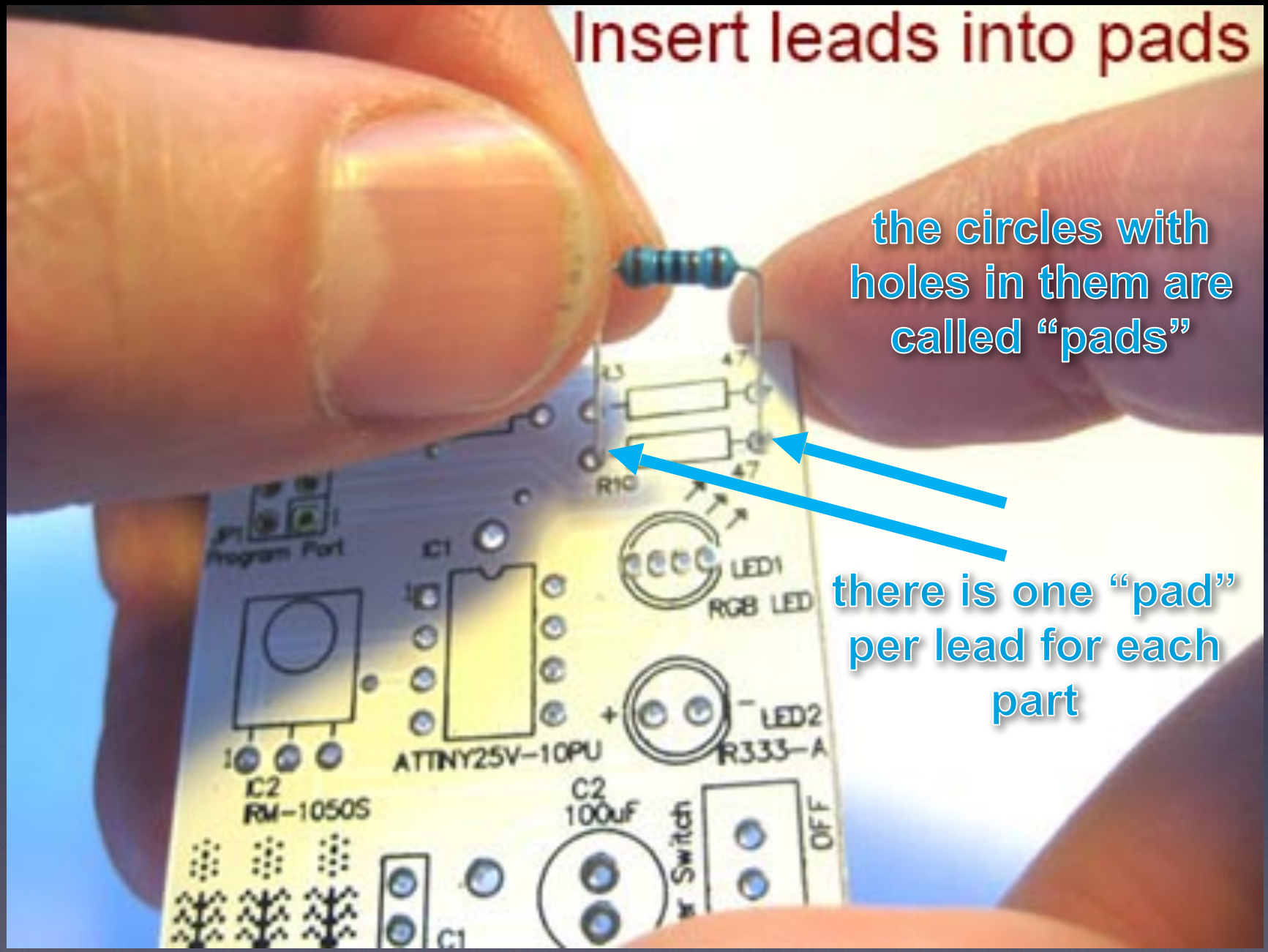
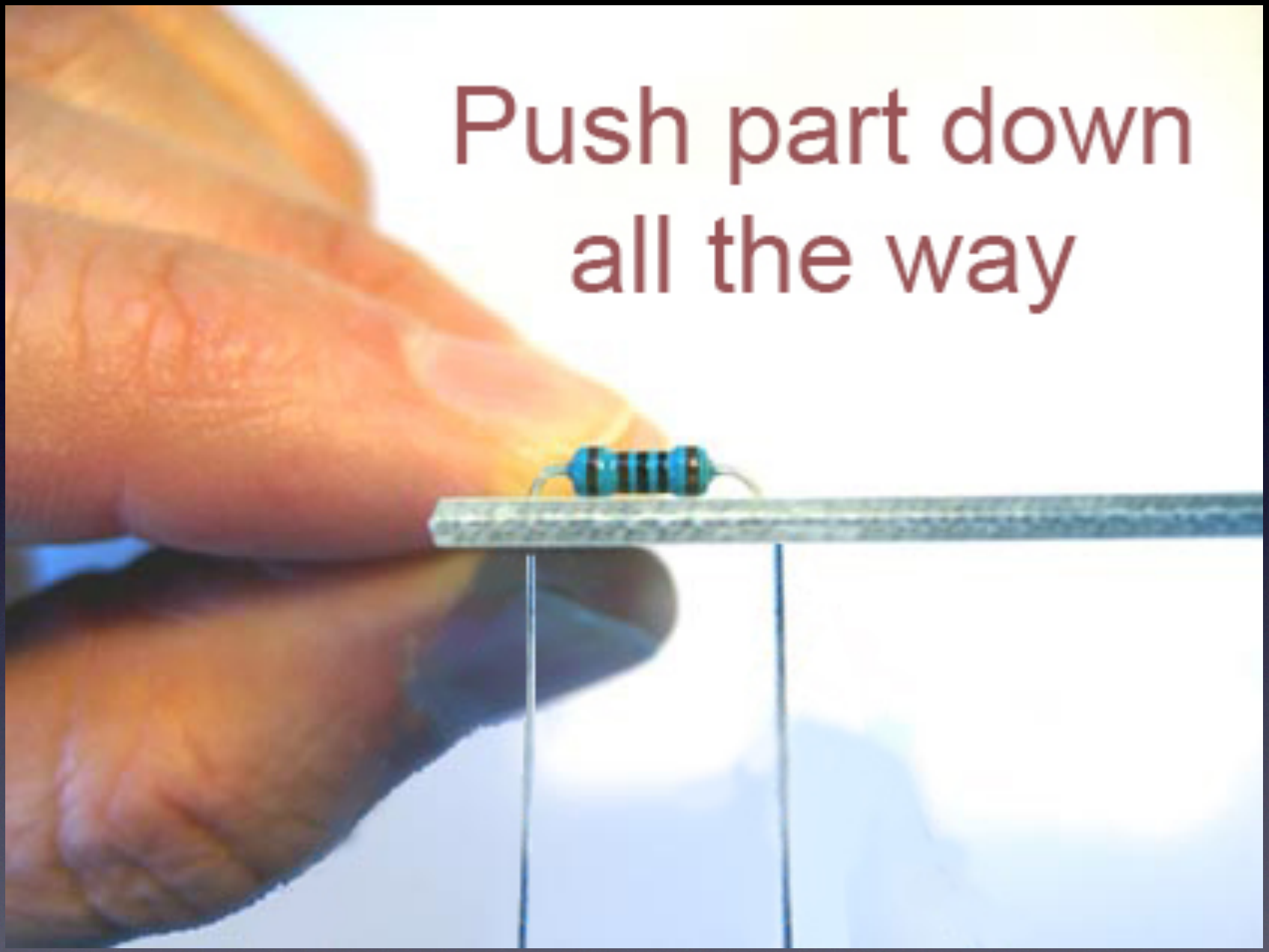
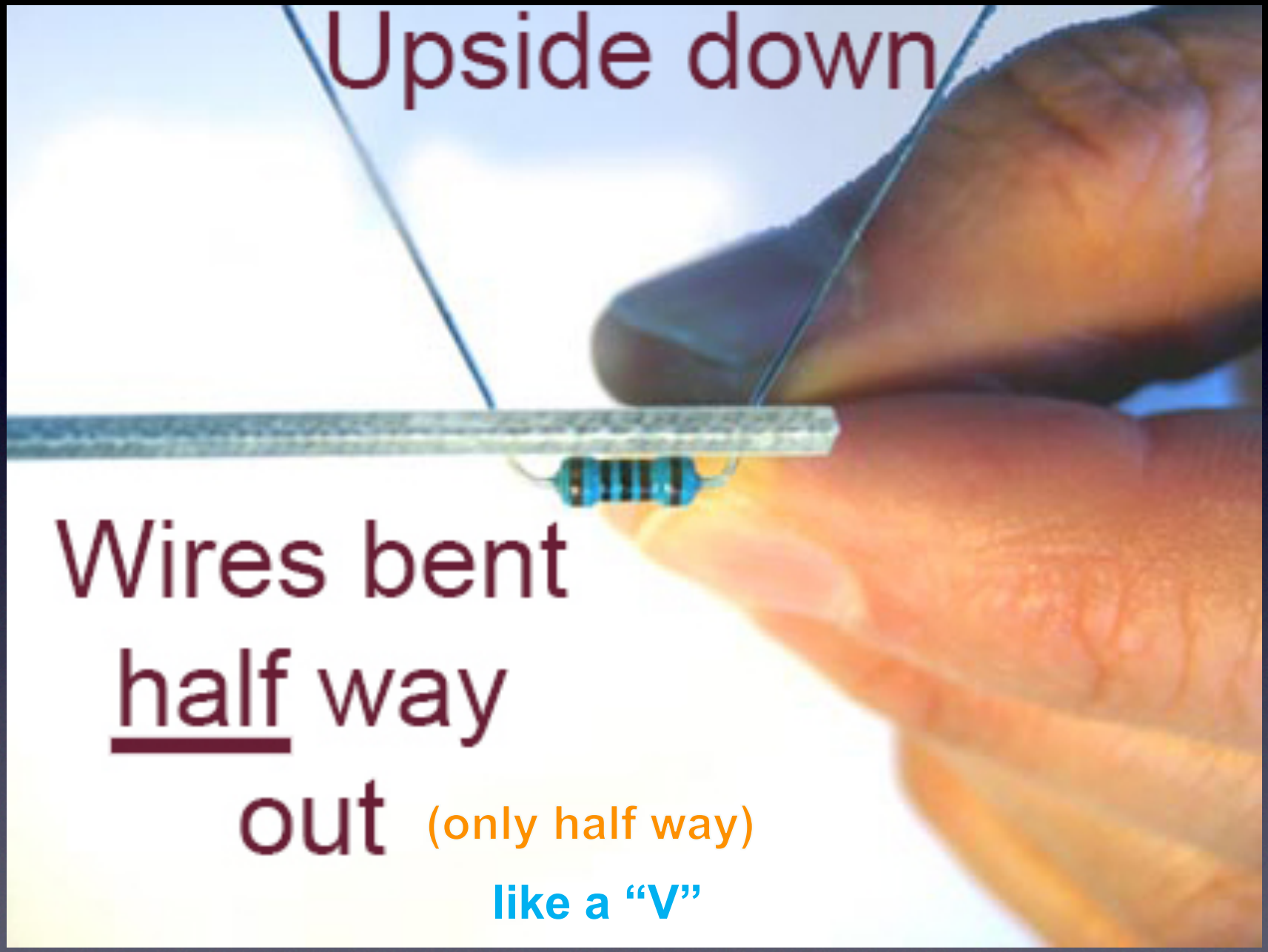
this is how a resistor looks *before* inserting it into the board

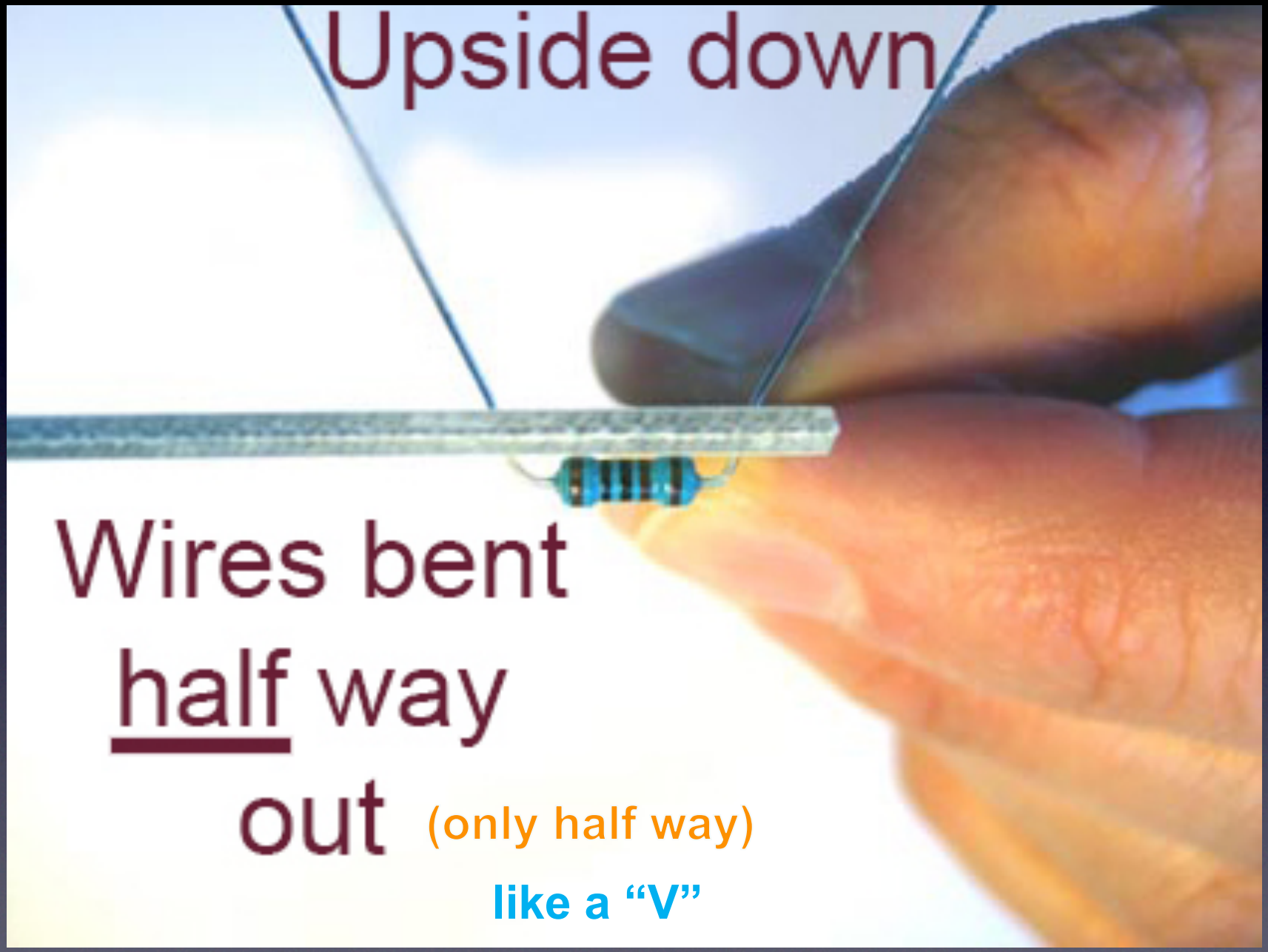
LEDs for this kit go into the board like this resistor




Push part down
all the way



so that the part won’t fall out while soldering it



Ready to Solder !

How to hold a soldering iron

(Like a pencil – held from underneath)

Important

The best kind of solder for DIY electronics:

(Sn – Tin / Pb – Lead)

63/37 rosin core,

0.031” (0.8mm) diameter (or smaller)

(60/40 is also good)

Note:

Most
Lead-Free **solder**
has poisonous fumes!

This is what we will use:

A good kind of solder for DIY electronics:

This is the only good Lead-Free ***solder I have found!***

(after years of searching)

Kester
K100LD Rosin
(not "No Clean")
0.031" diameter (0.8mm)

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AMTECH NC-559-ASM

99%

Note:

Since we will use *Lead-Free* solder
it is *helpful*
to also have
***flux paste* in a syringe**
and Isopropyl Alcohol

Another good kind of solder for DIY electronics:

This is another good Lead-Free solder I have found!

Duratool
D01685 Rosin

0.7mm diameter

(as good as the Kester K100LD Rosin)

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MG Chemicals
4900 Rosin (112g, 227g, 454g)

0.8mm diameter

(as good as the Kester K100LD Rosin)

Another good kind of solder for DIY electronics:

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iFixit
IF145-077-2 (12g)
1.0mm diameter

(as good as the Kester K100LD Rosin)

3 Safety Tips…

Safety Tip #1:

Hot!!

(When you touch the tip,
you *will* let go quickly every time!)

Safety Tip #2:

Soldering chemicals are toxic

But they easily wash off your hands with soap and water

Safety Tip #3:

(coming soon…)

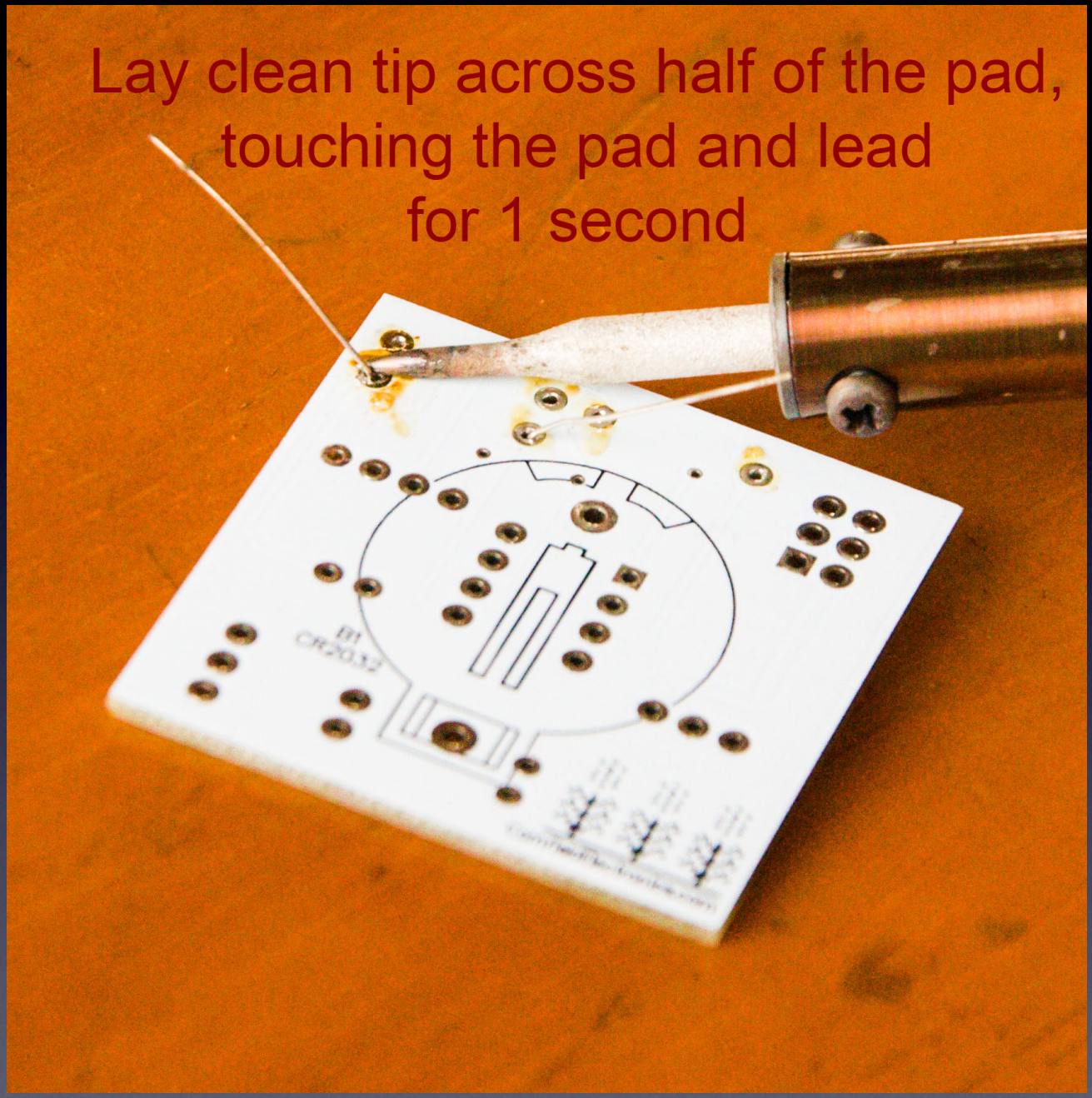
2 secrets
to good soldering…

Secret #1:

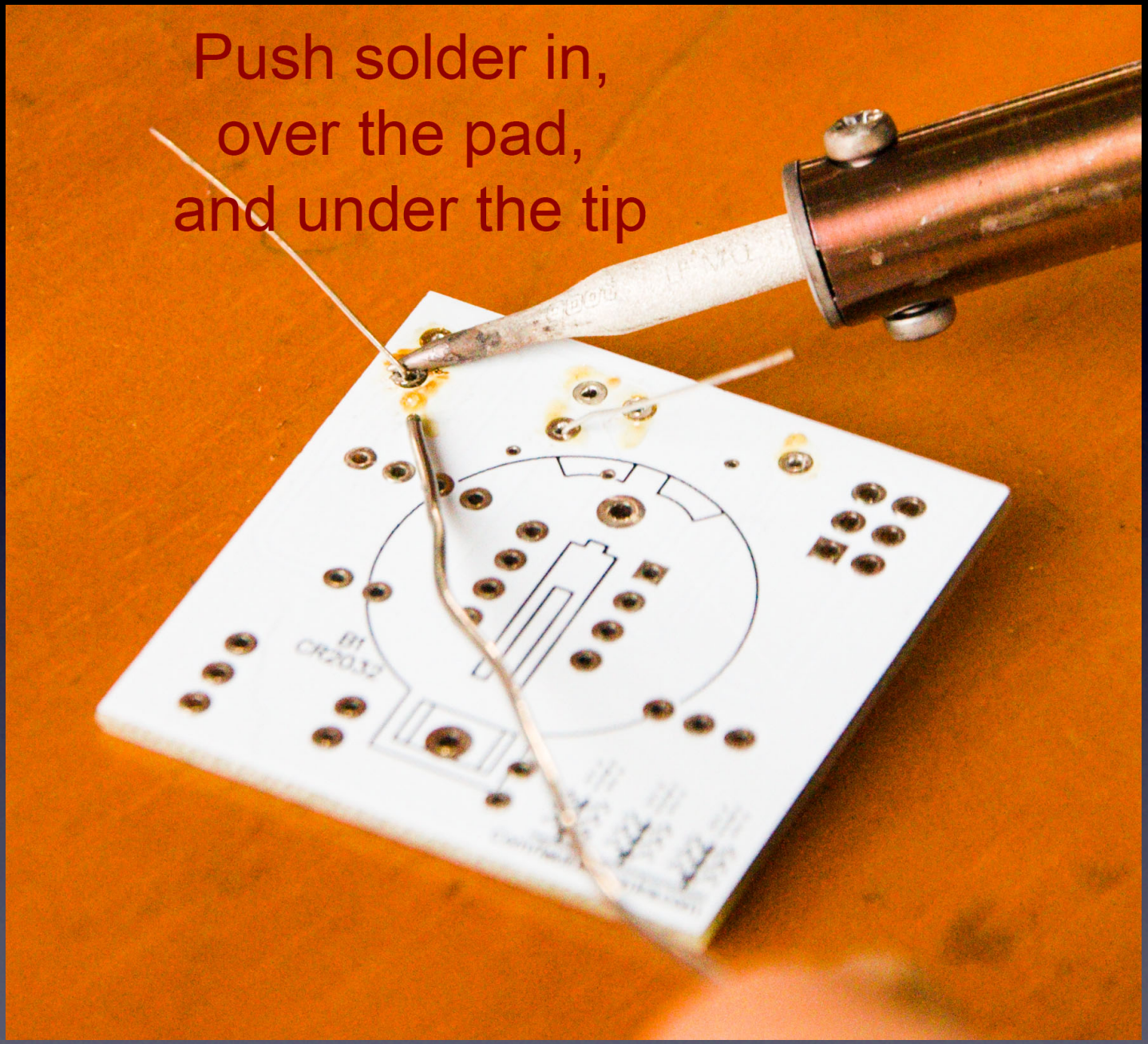
Clean the tip!
(before every solder connection)

Bang (lightly) 3 times,
Swipe, Rotate, Swipe (on the sponge):

Keep the tip shiny silver!


Lay clean tip across half of the pad,
touching the pad and lead
for 1 second

Do this quickly (slowly doesn't work well) – solder in & out in about 1 second



IMPORTANT: Make sure solder melts on the underside of the soldering iron tip (not the side or top of the soldering iron tip)!

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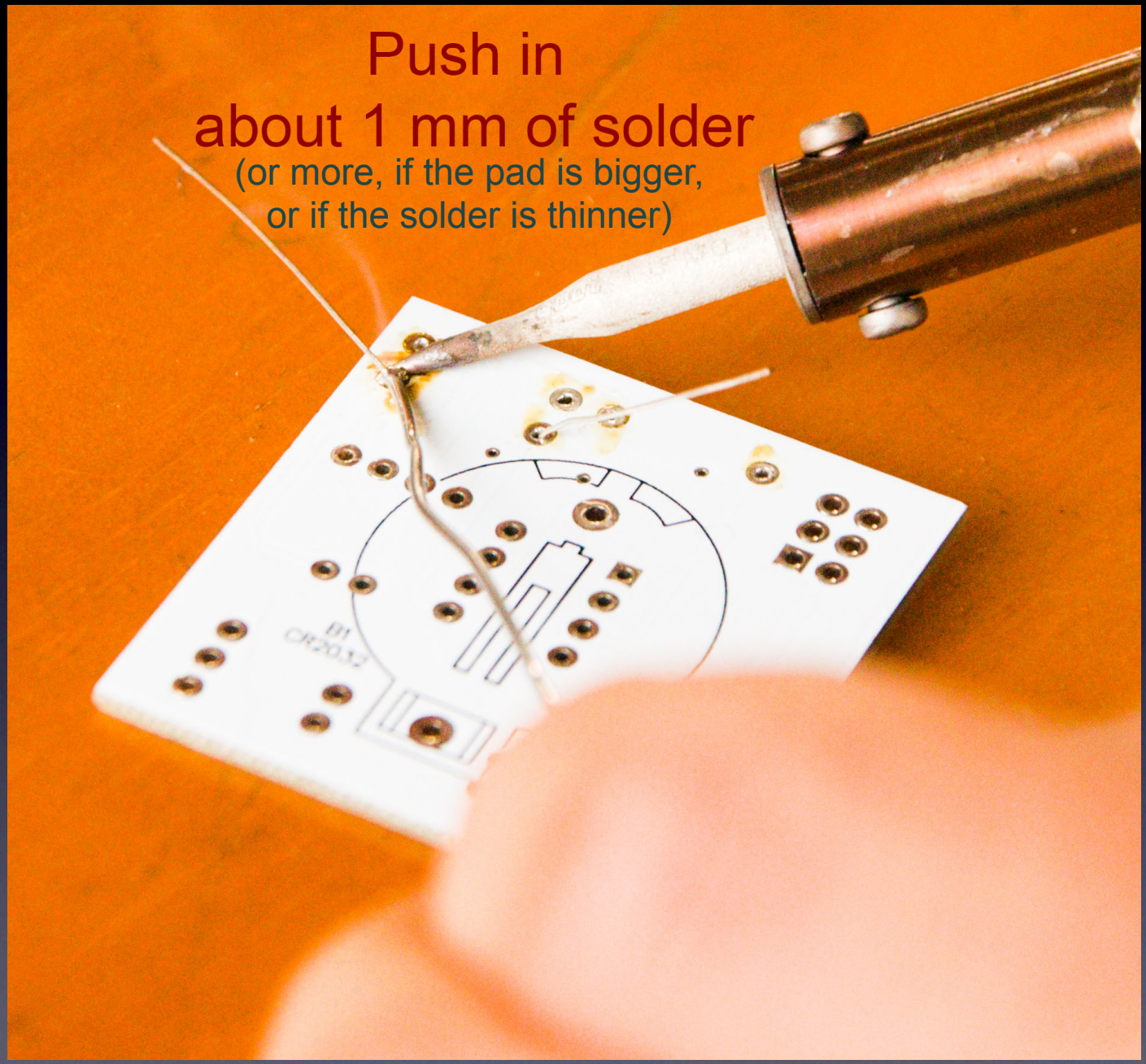


Make sure solder melts on the <u>underside</u> of the soldering iron tip
(not the side or top of the soldering iron tip)!

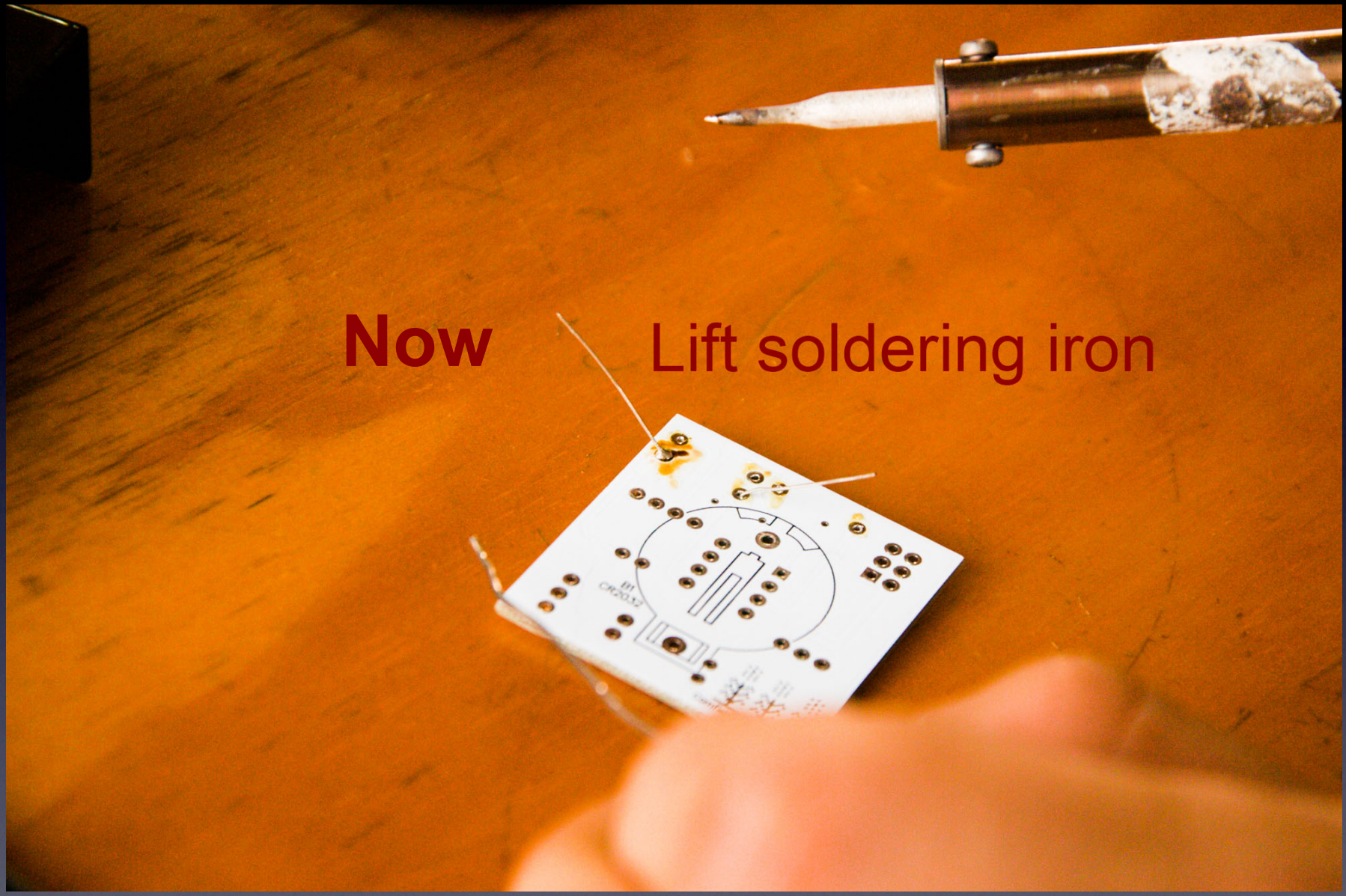
HEY !!!

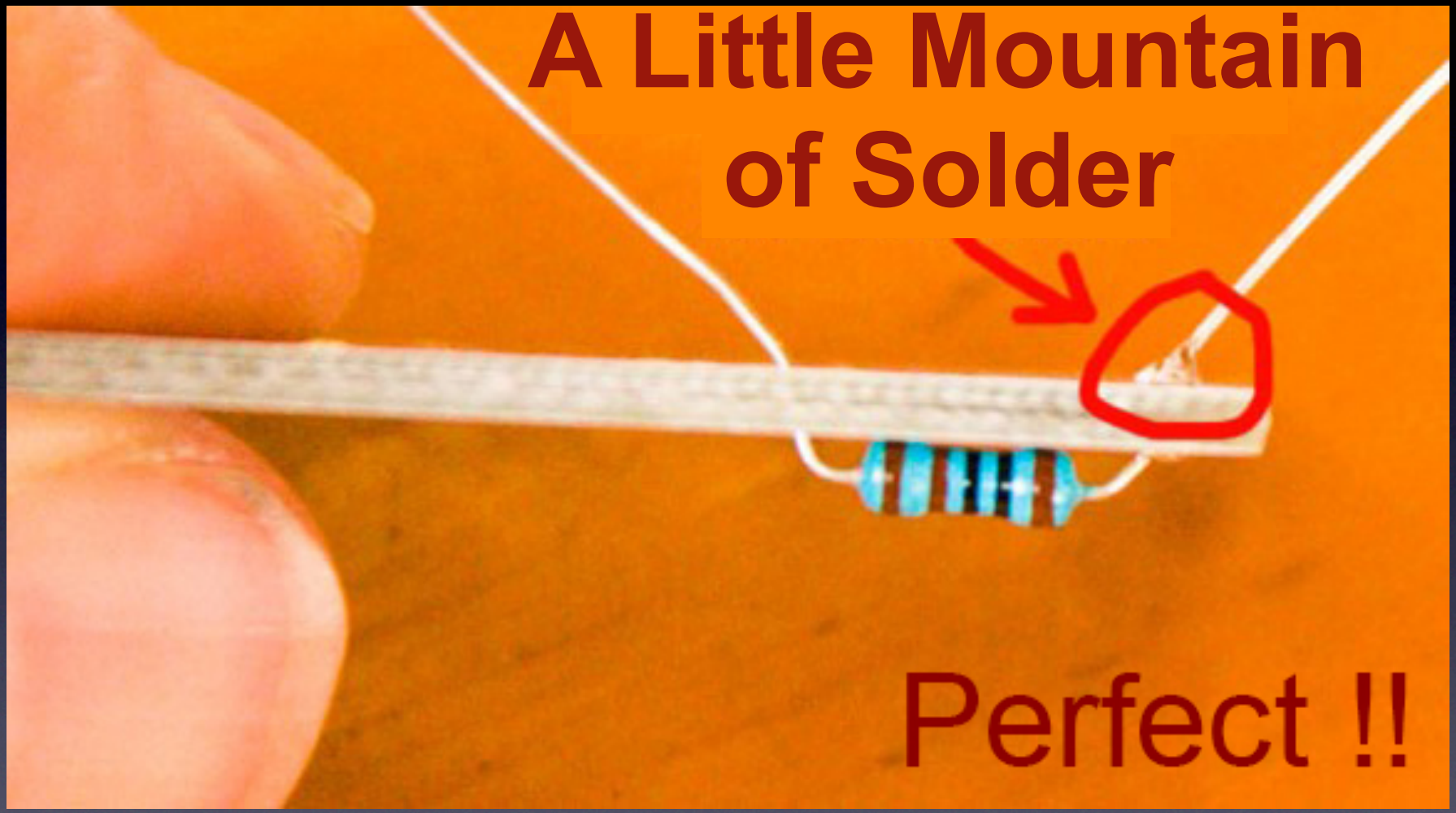
KEEP HOLDING TIP DOWN FOR 1 MORE SECOND !!

WAIT !!
Don’t lift the tip !!

Secret #2:

Keep hot tip down
1 second
For solder to flow !!


Now
Lift soldering iron



If you can see any of the pad, or the hole, you need more solder – so, just do all the steps again to make it perfect.

The Rhythm !

is just as important as the preceding steps!

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

Clean the tip

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

Tip Down

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

Solder In

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

Solder Out

The Rhythm !

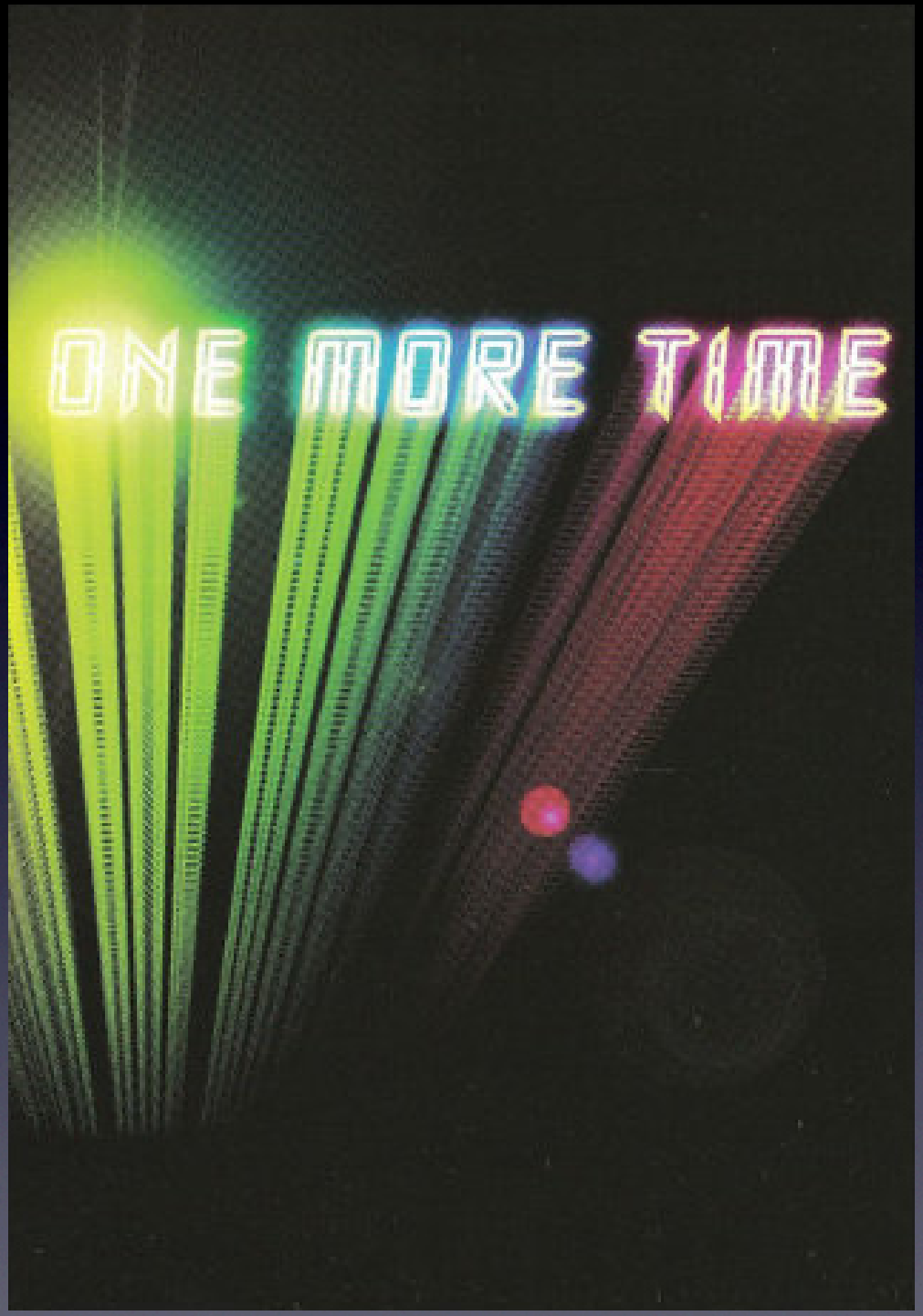
and speed (about 1 second per step)

WAIT !

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

Lift Tip


ONE MORE TIME

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

Clean the tip

The Rhythm !

and speed (about 1 second per step)

Tip Down

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Solder Out

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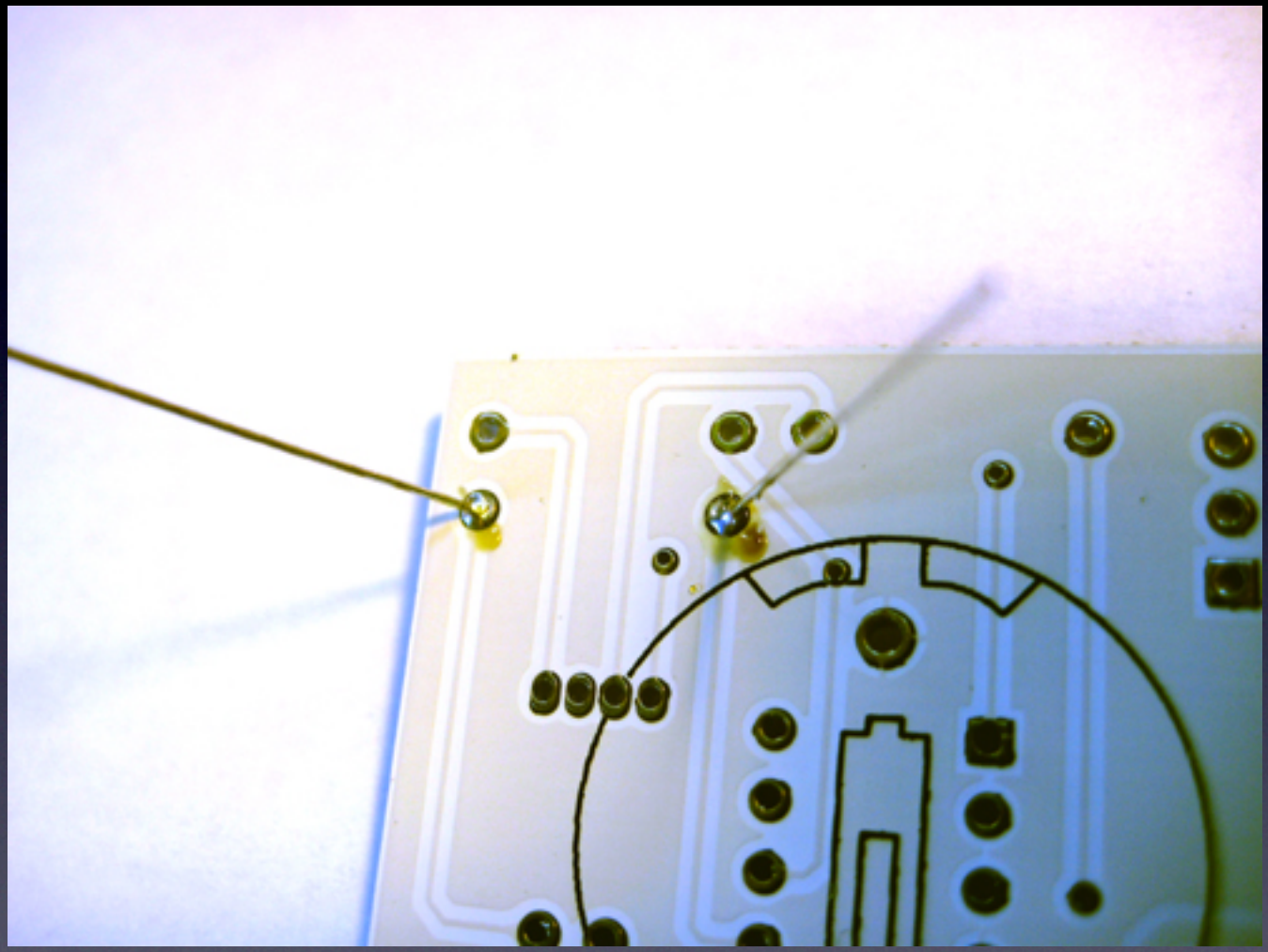
Lift Tip

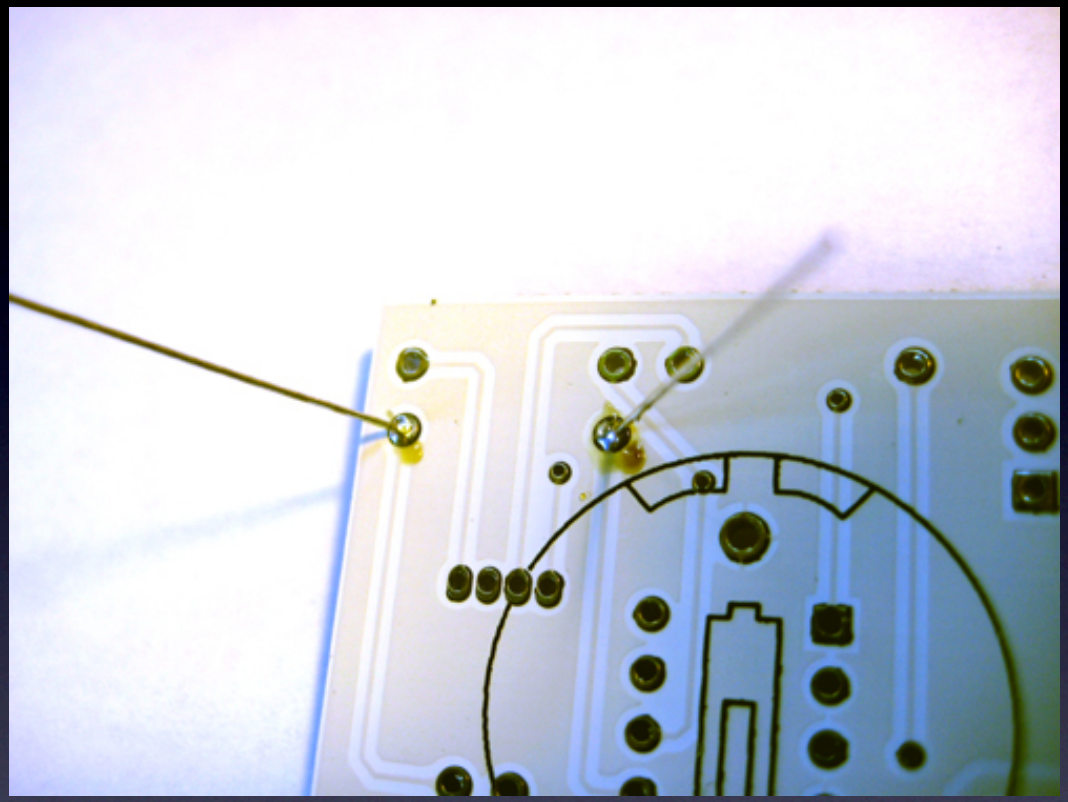
Solder all of the leads of the part to the board



For this part, there are two leads

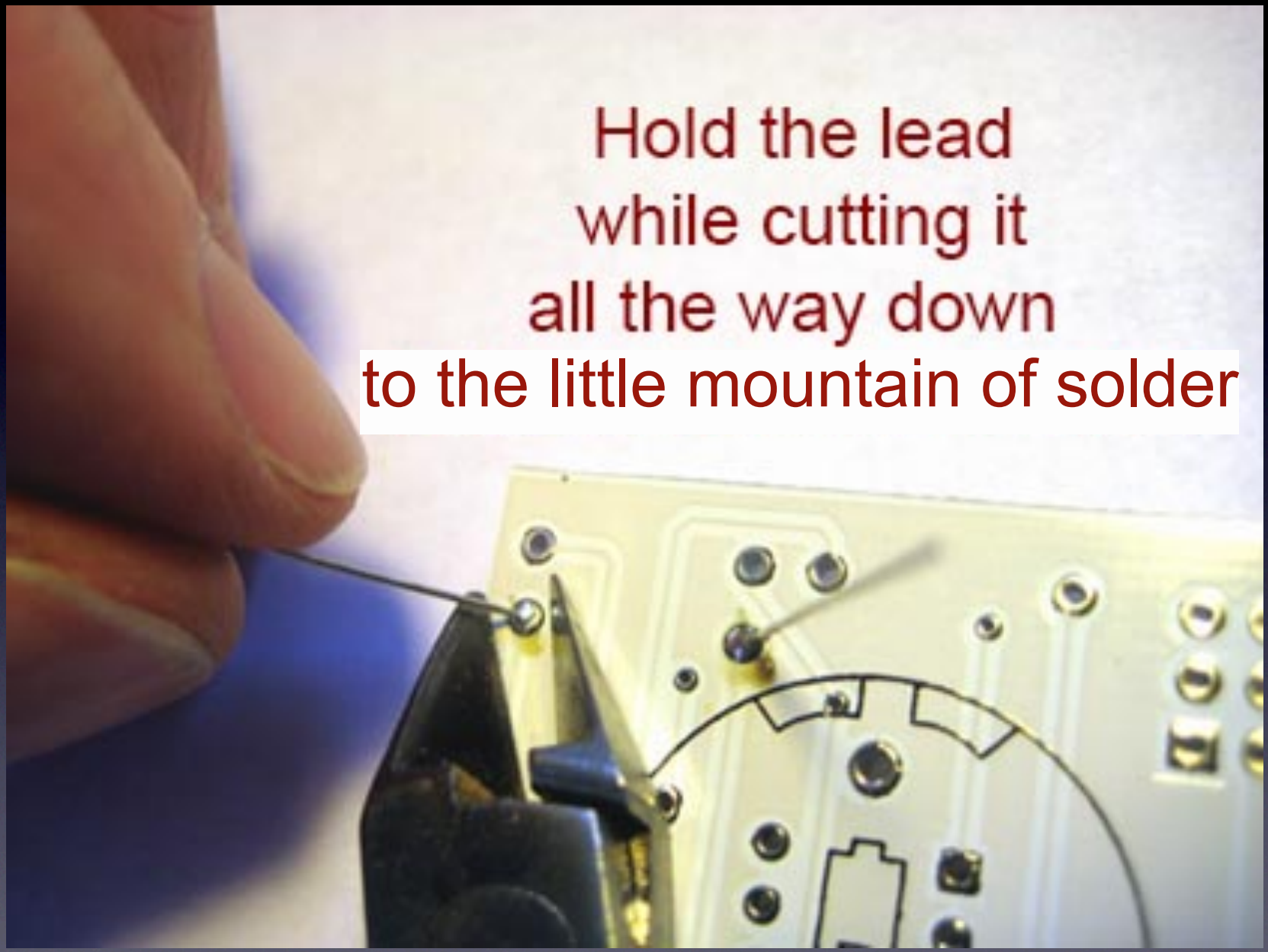
Here you can see two good solder connections

Two good solder connections



- Little mountains (not flat)
- Pads totally covered in solder
- Can’t see the hole
- No connections to other pads

Now cut the leads short



Cutting with the tip of the wire cutter gives you more control

Safety Tip #3:

Hold or cover the lead !

(or it will fly into your eye!)

(They like doing that – so please hold or cover the lead when you cut.)

No wires sticking out

A closer look at good solder connections

Notice that:

- Each connection is a small mountain (not flat)
- You cannot see any pad (they're totally covered with solder)
- You cannot see the holes (they're totally covered with solder)
- No connections to other pads

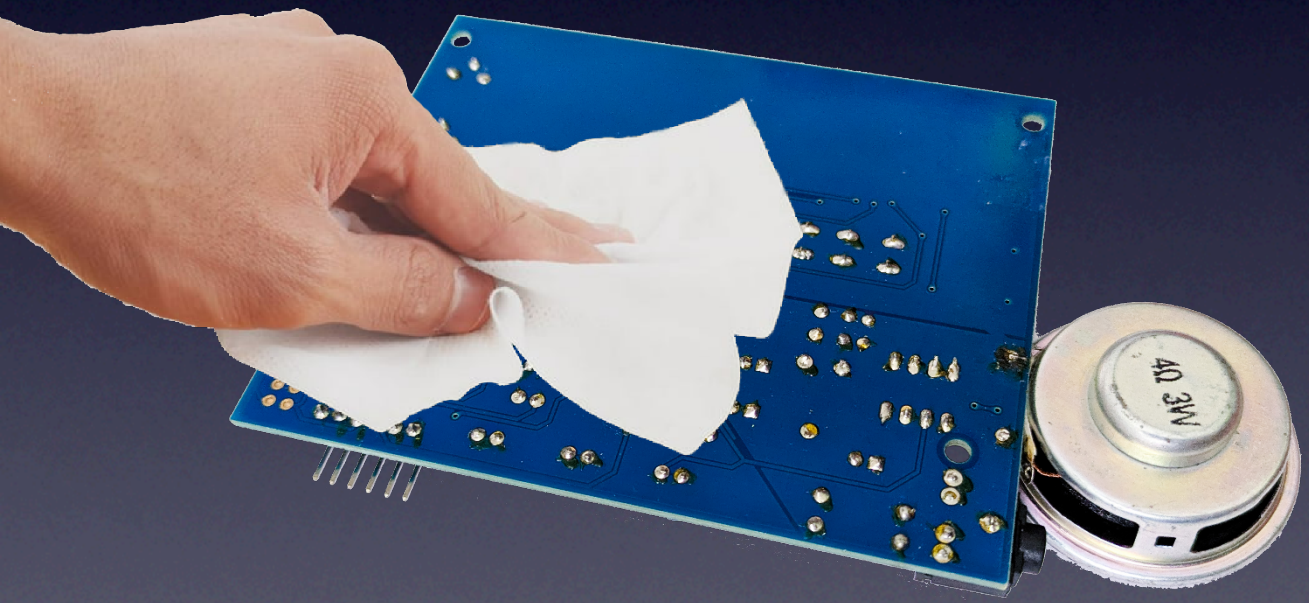
One part at a time

Till all the parts are soldered

And it will look like this when you're done.

If you used any *flux paste for re-working problems*

The bottom of the PCB will be sticky from the flux



You can clean it with a cloth wet with Isopropyl Alcohol

Then put in the batteries,

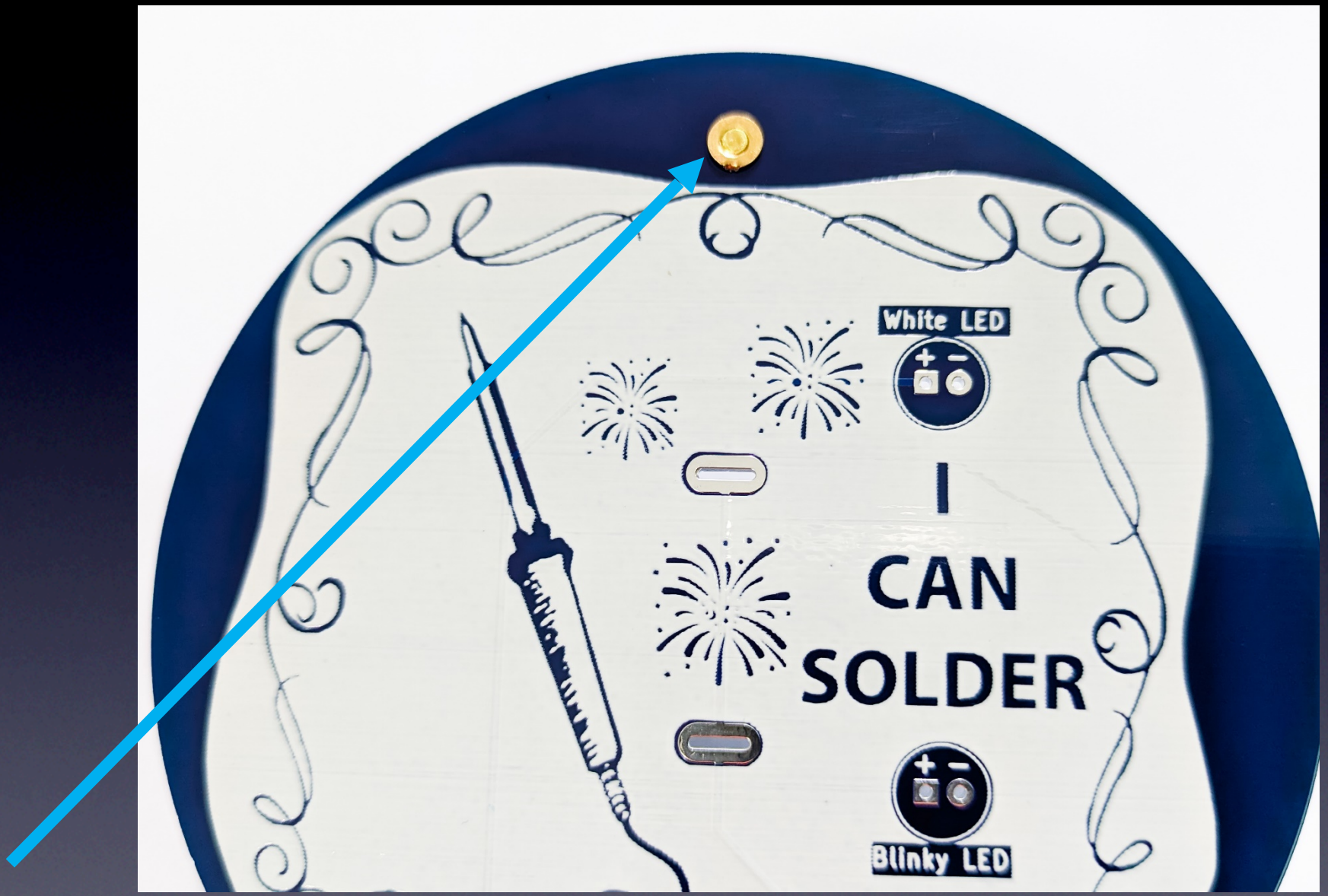
Turn it on,

And it works!

(Or you start debugging.)

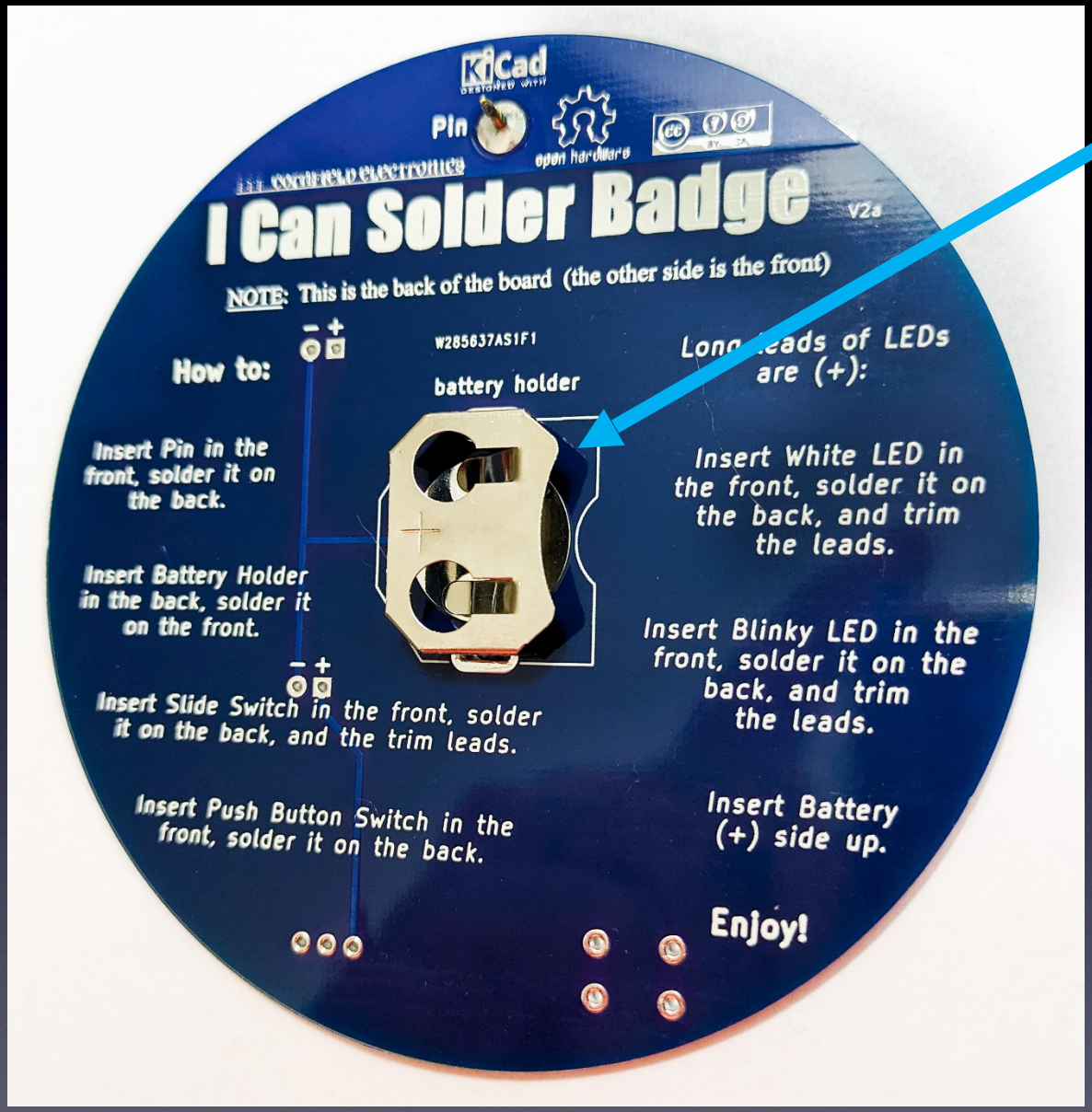
Let’s start!

Insert Pin in the front



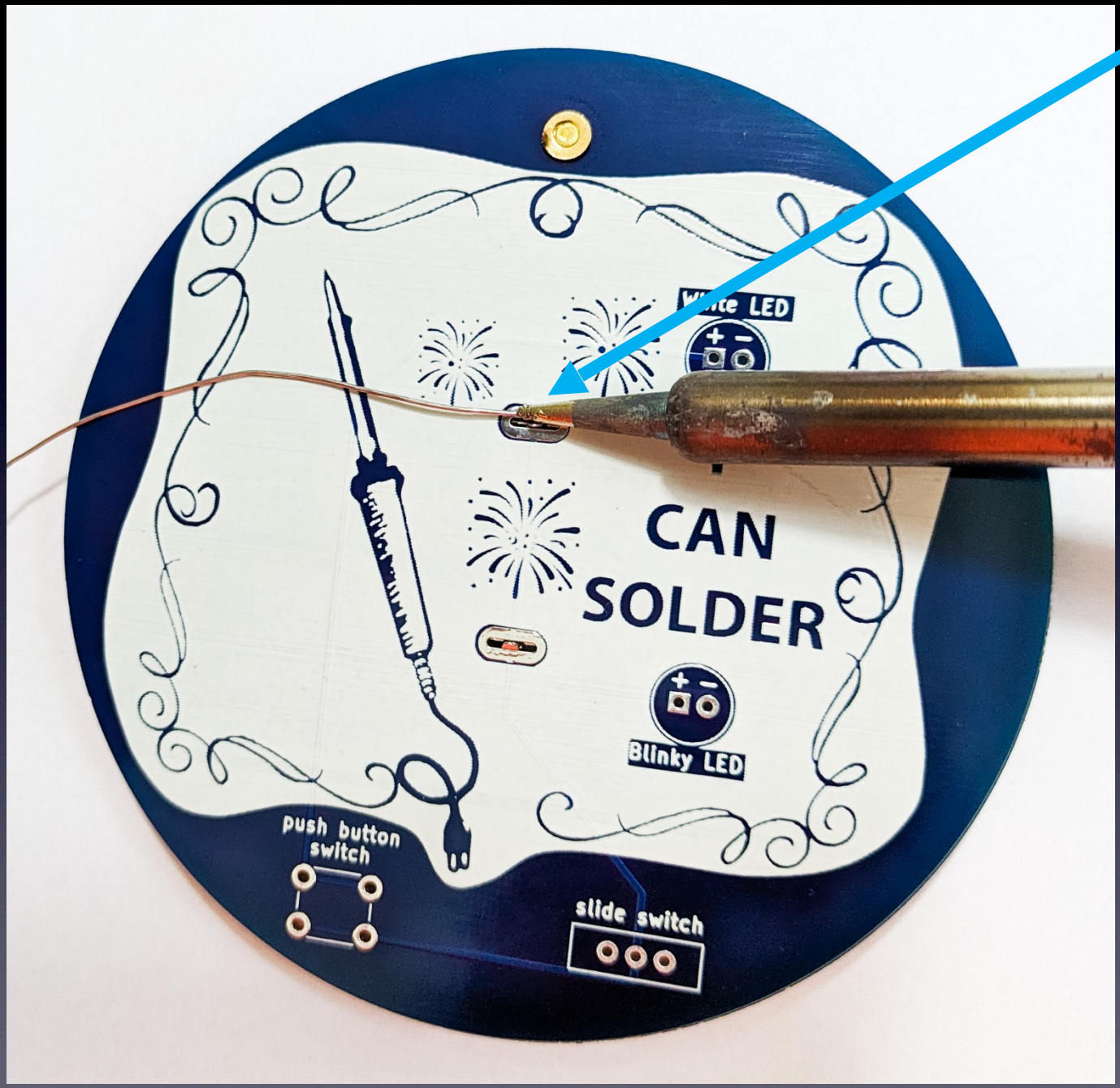
Solder Pin on the back

Insert Battery Holder in the back

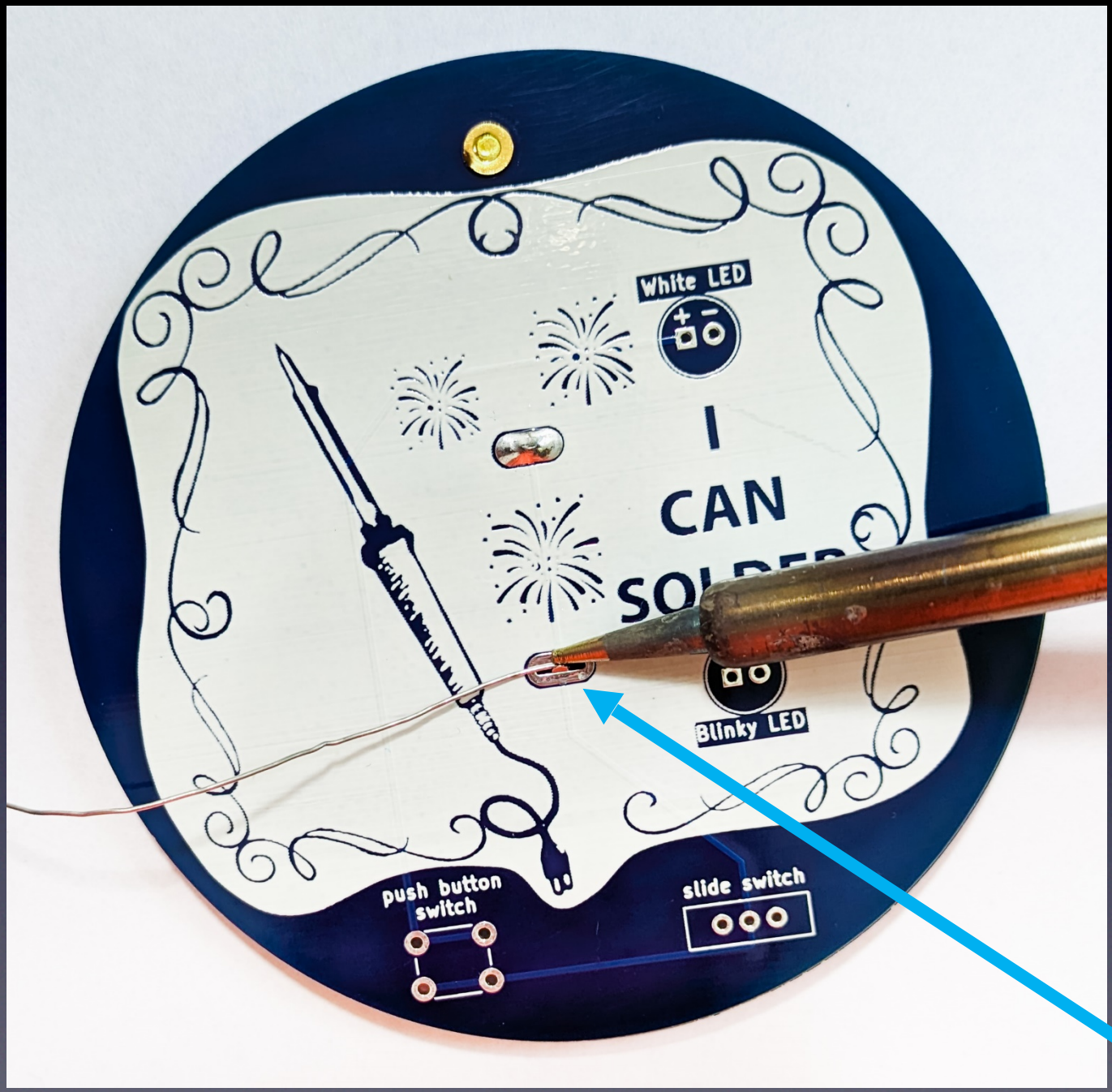


The correct orientation of the battery holder is like this photo

Solder Battery Holder on the front (1st pad)



Solder Battery Holder on the front (2nd pad)



Insert Slide Switch in the front

Orientation does not matter

Solder Slide Switch on the back (1st pad)

Solder Slide Switch on the back (2nd pad)

Solder Slide Switch on the back (3rd pad)

Trim Slide Switch leads (1st lead)

REMEMBER:

Cover the lead with your finger when you cut !

Trim Slide Switch leads (2nd lead)

REMEMBER:

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Trim Slide Switch leads (3rd lead)

REMEMBER:

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Insert Push Button Switch in the front

It fits in two ways, and either way is OK

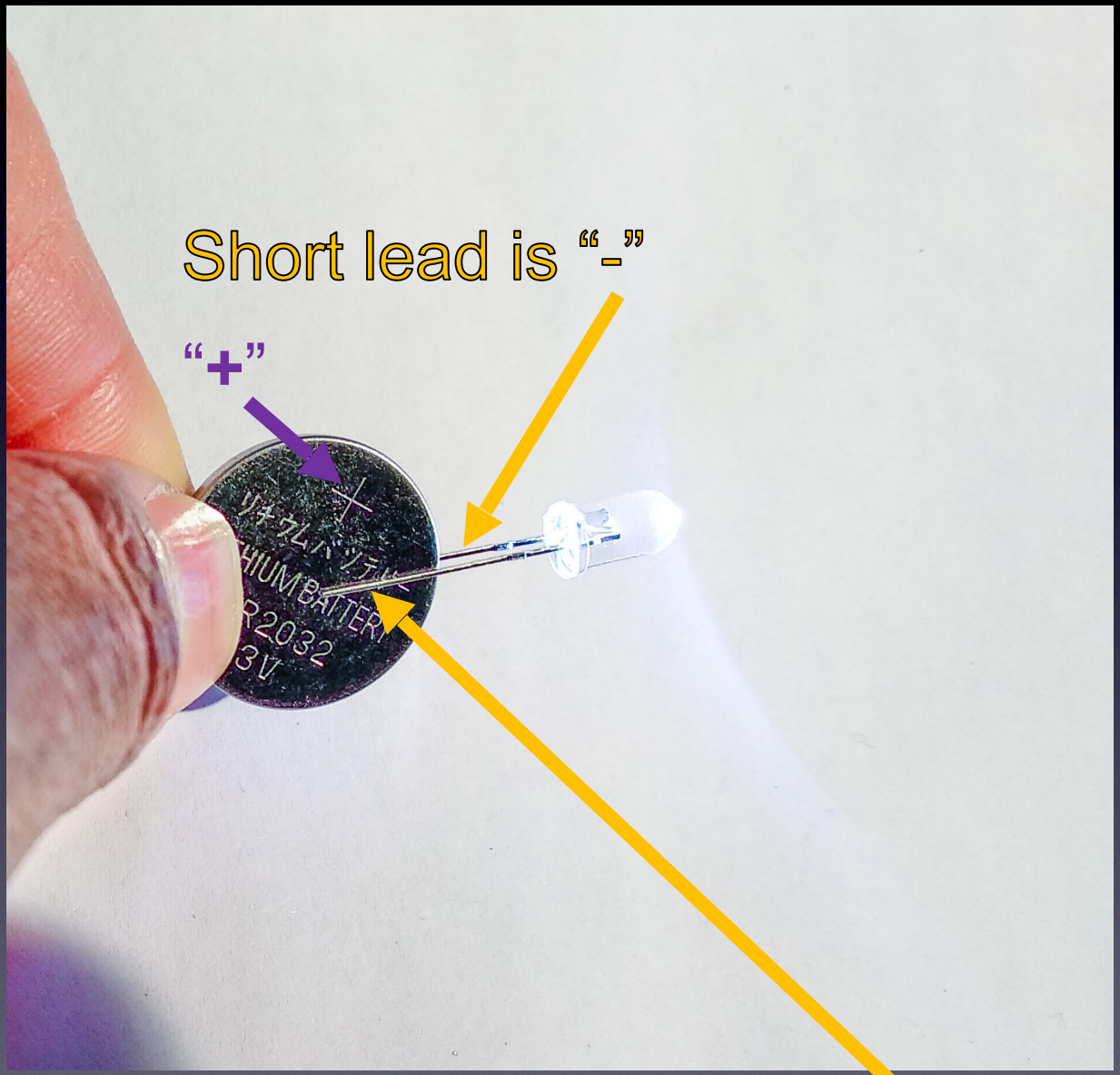
Solder Push Button Switch on the back (1st pad)

Solder Push Button Switch on the back (2nd pad)

Solder Push Button Switch on the back (3rd pad)

Solder Push Button Switch on the back (4th pad)

Test each LED to see which is the White LED and which is the Blinky LED



White LED

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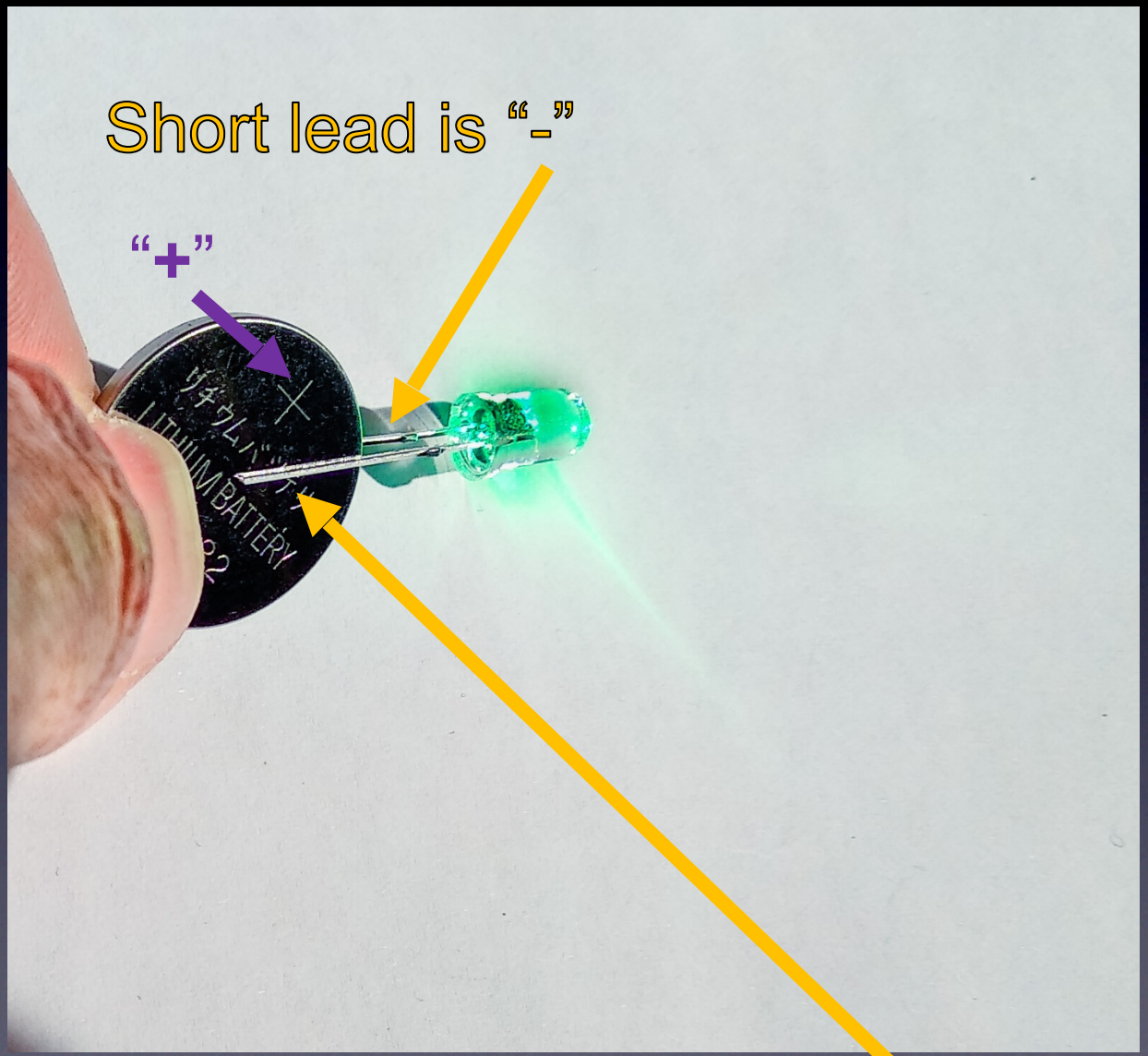

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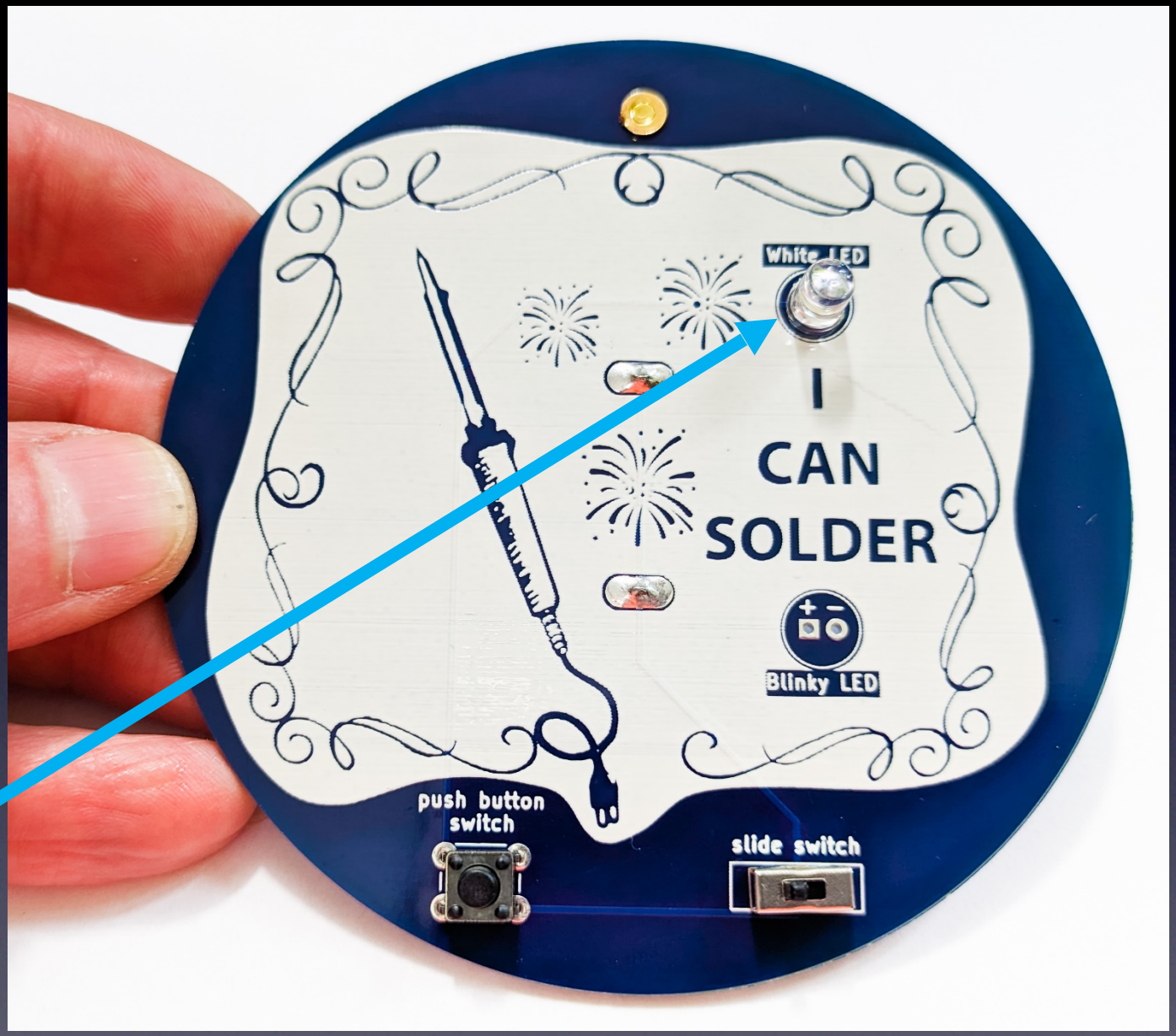
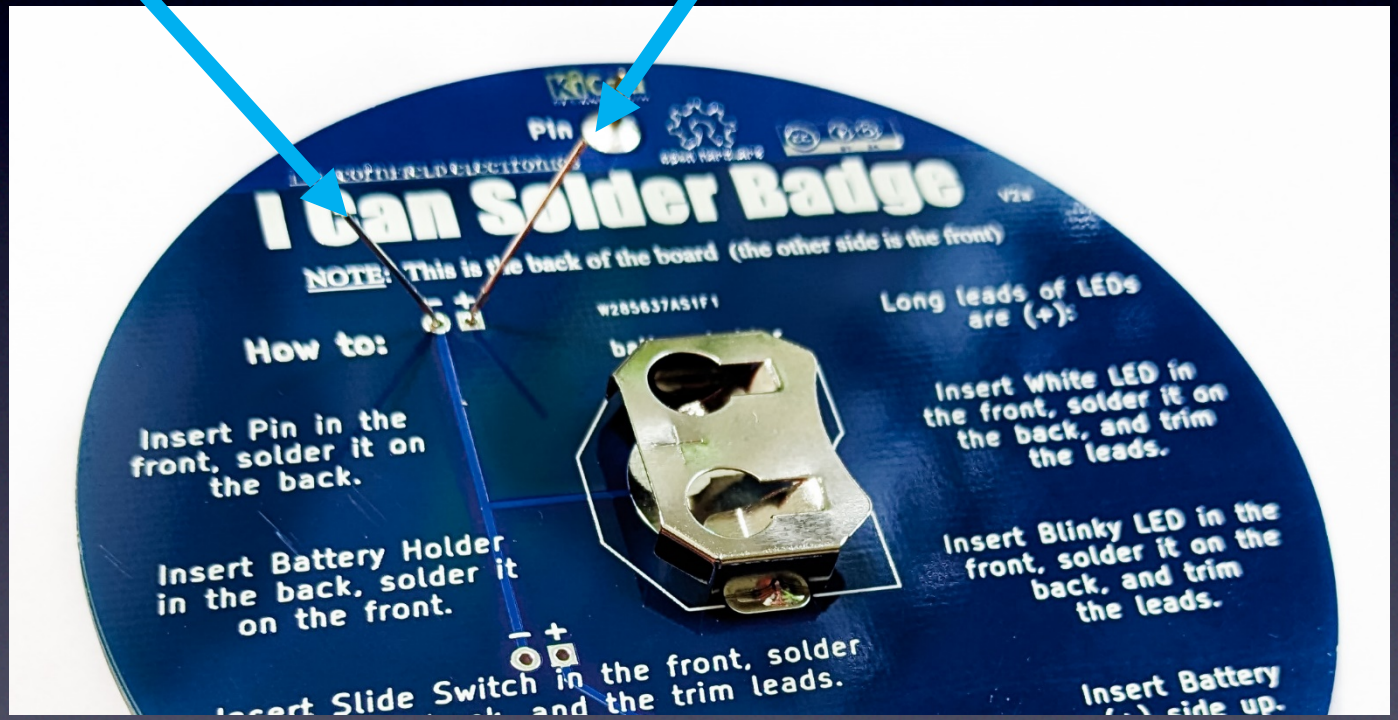


Leads of White LED bent like a “V”



Solder White LED on the back (1st pad)

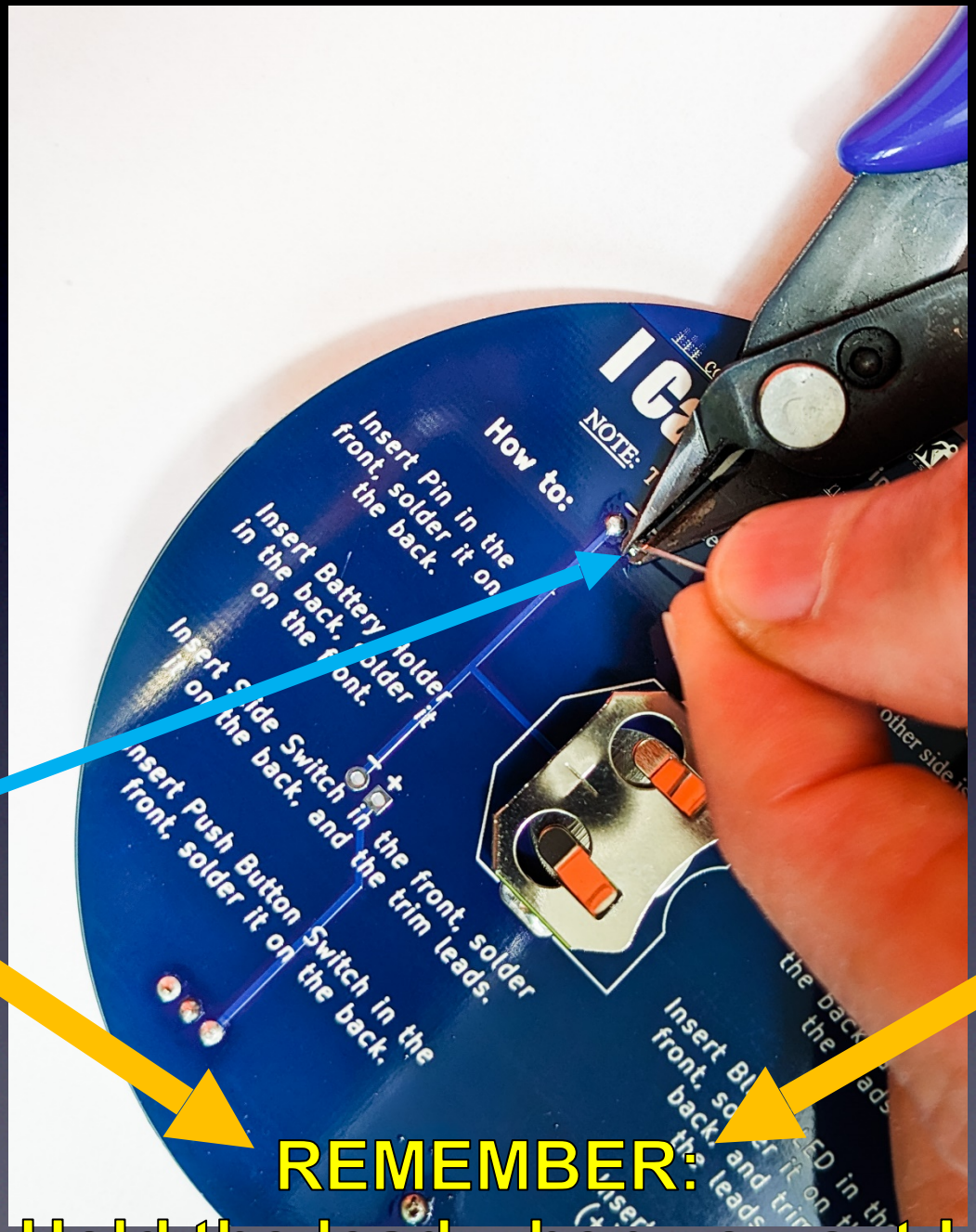
Solder White LED on the back (2nd pad)

Trim White LED leads (1st lead)

REMEMBER:

Hold the lead when you cut !

Trim White LED leads (2nd lead)

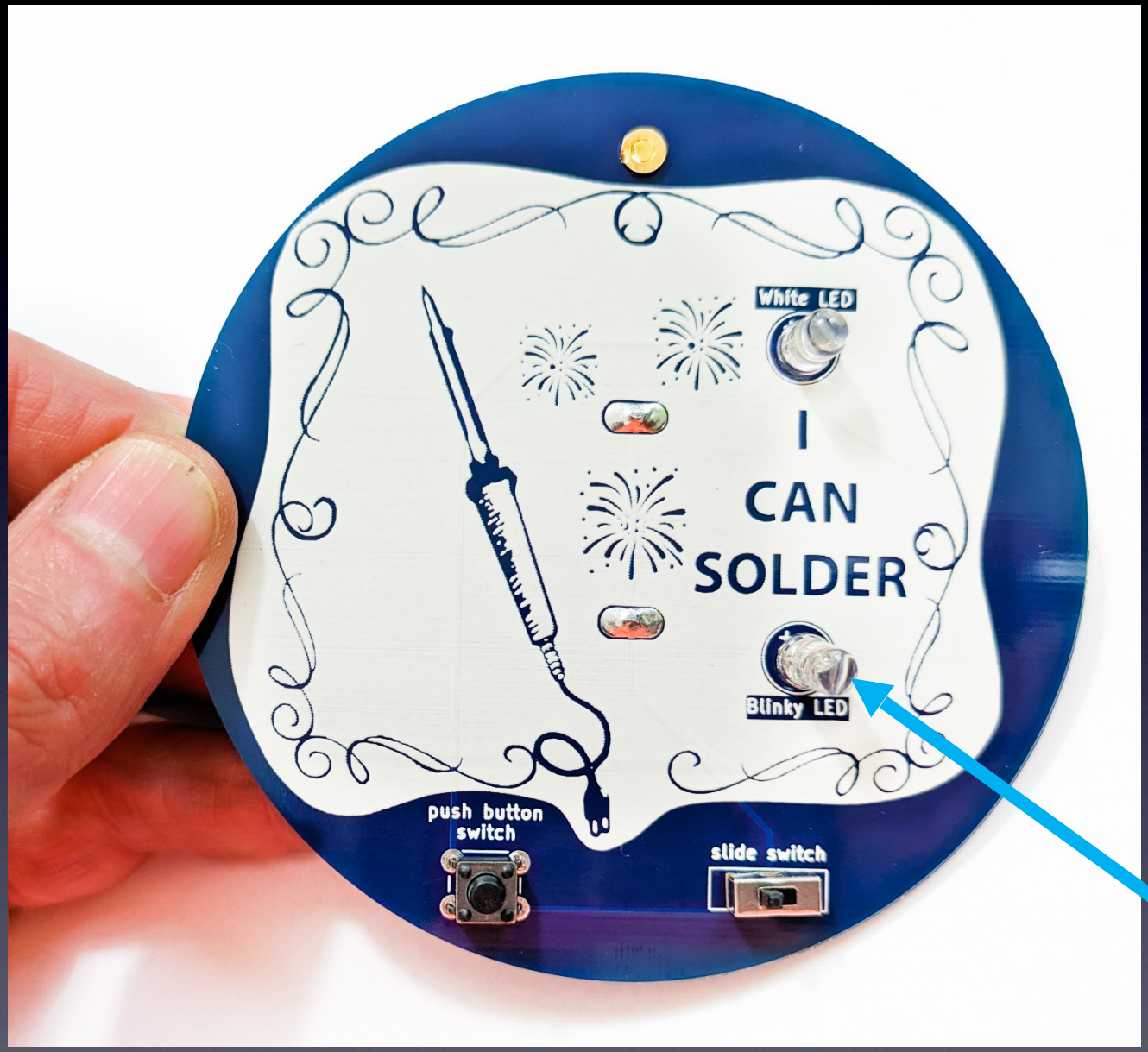


Insert Blinky LED in the front

Short lead is “-”

Long lead is “+”

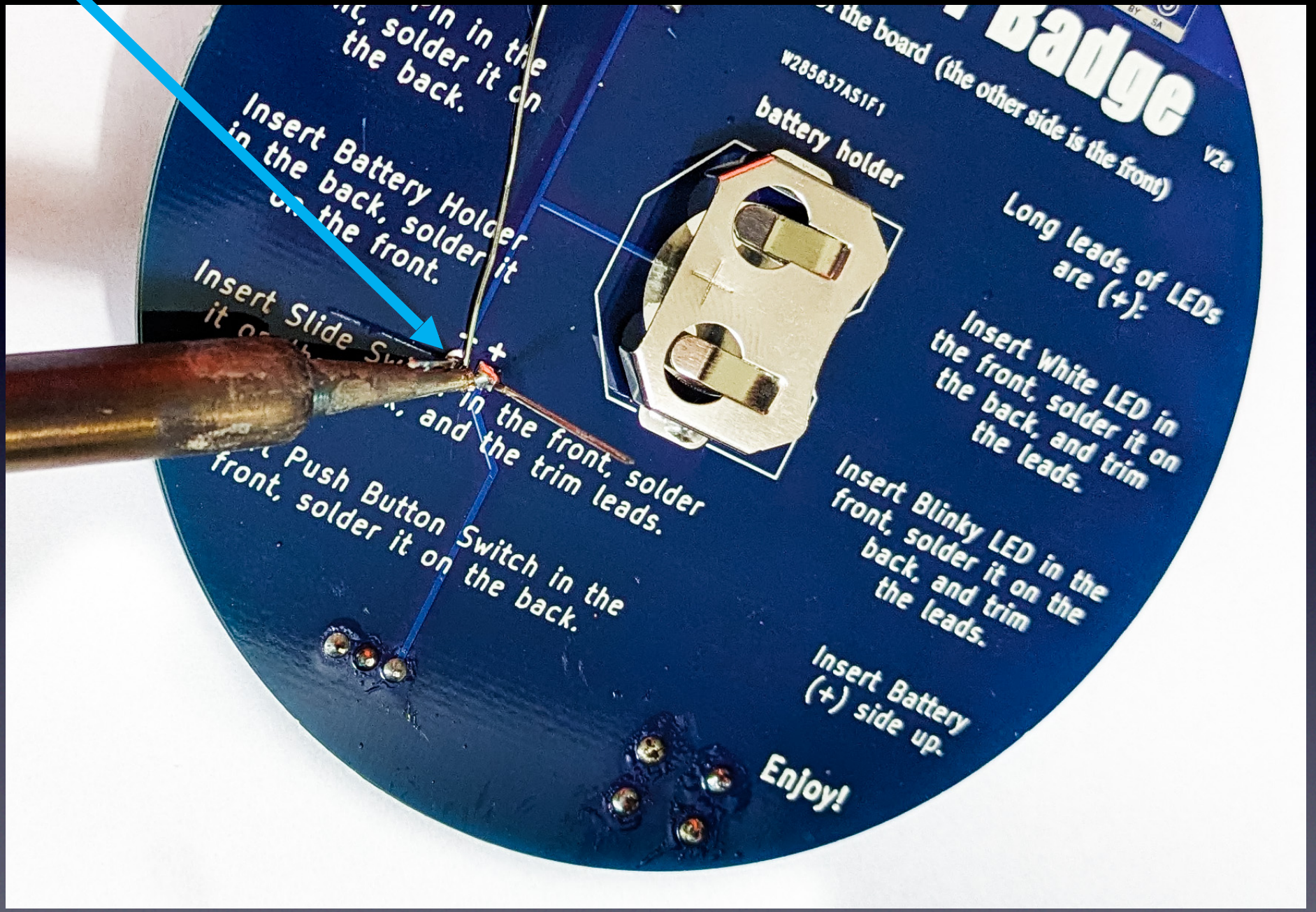
Insert Blinky LED in the front



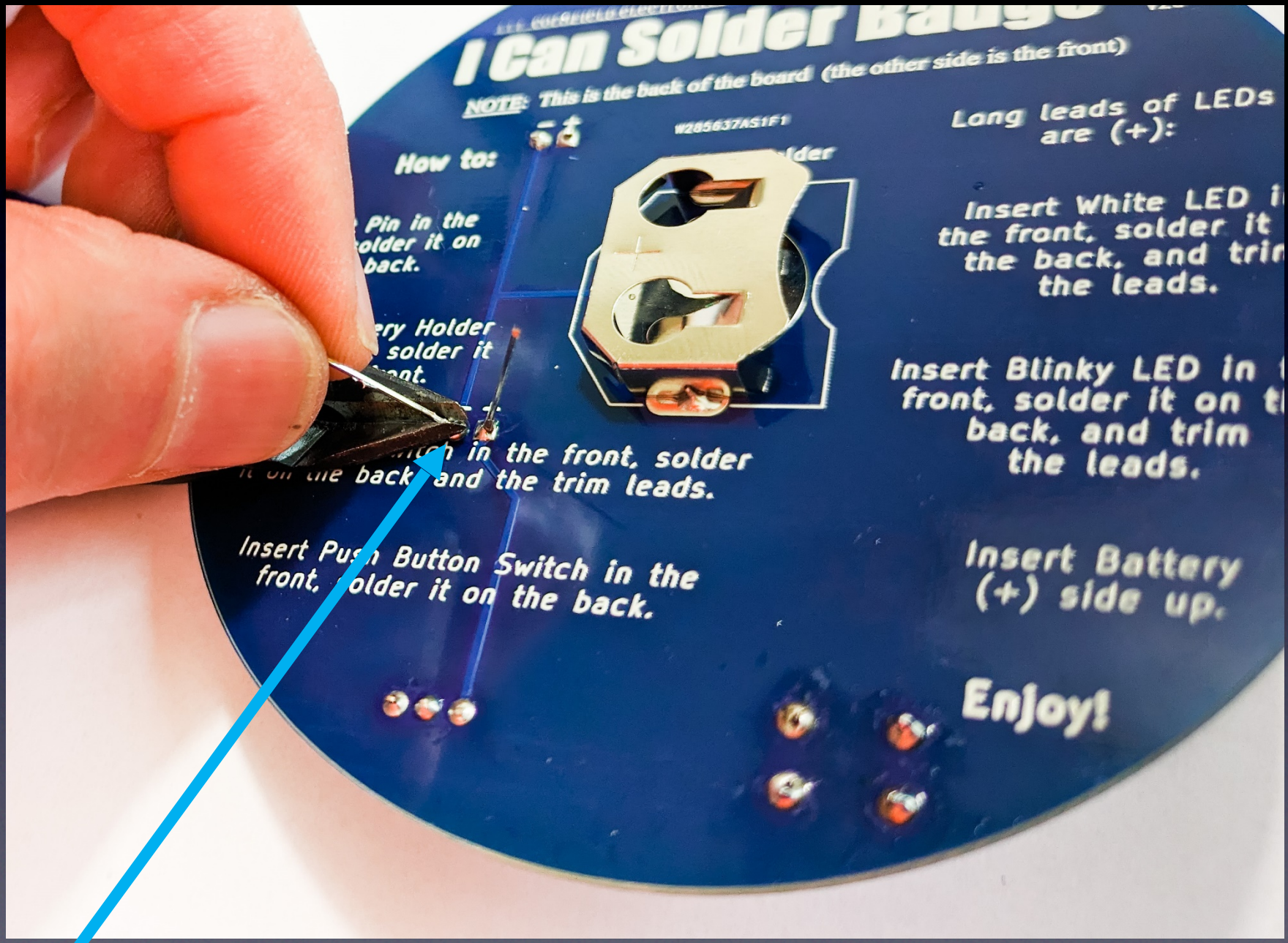
Leads of Blinky LED bent like a “V”

Solder Blinky LED on the back (1st pad)

Solder Blinky LED on the back (2nd pad)



Trim Blinky LED leads (1st lead)



Trim Blinky LED leads (2nd lead)

You are
now

finished

soldering!

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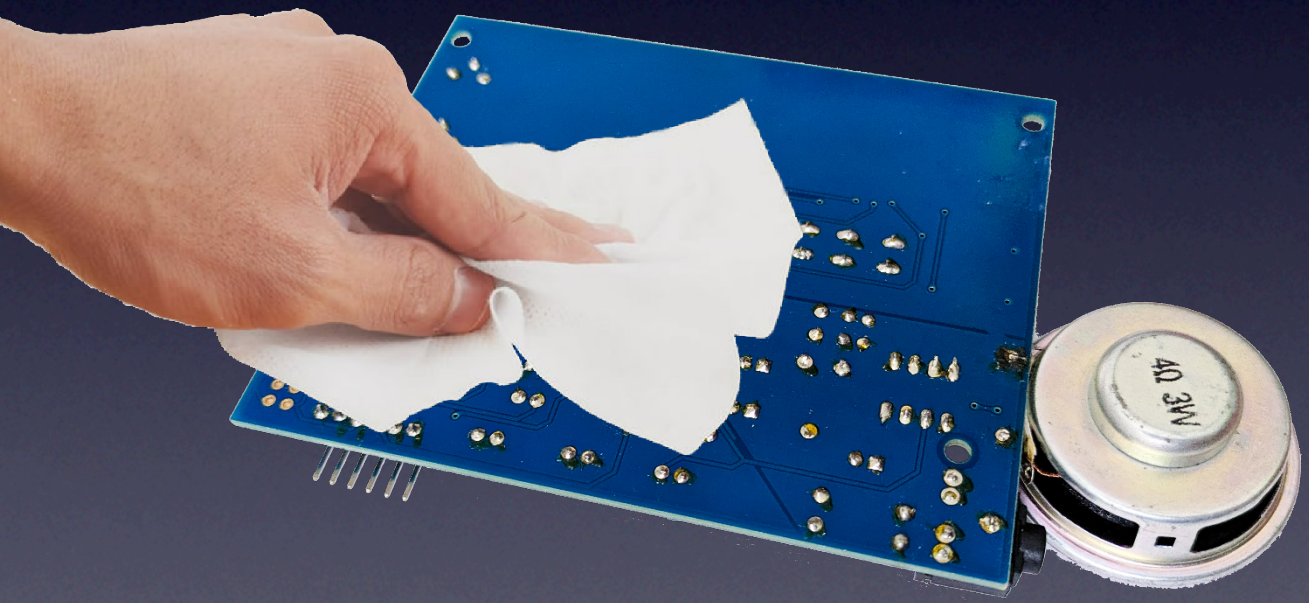

You can clean it with a cloth wet with Isopropyl Alcohol

Insert Battery (+) side up

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All done!

Turn on Blinky LED !

Move Slide Switch to the left to turn on the Blinky LED

Turn on White LED !

Press Push Button Switch to turn on the White LED

Turn on both White and Blinky LED !

Wear it !

Use the clasp

Please Remember:

to

Wash your hands

after soldering

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