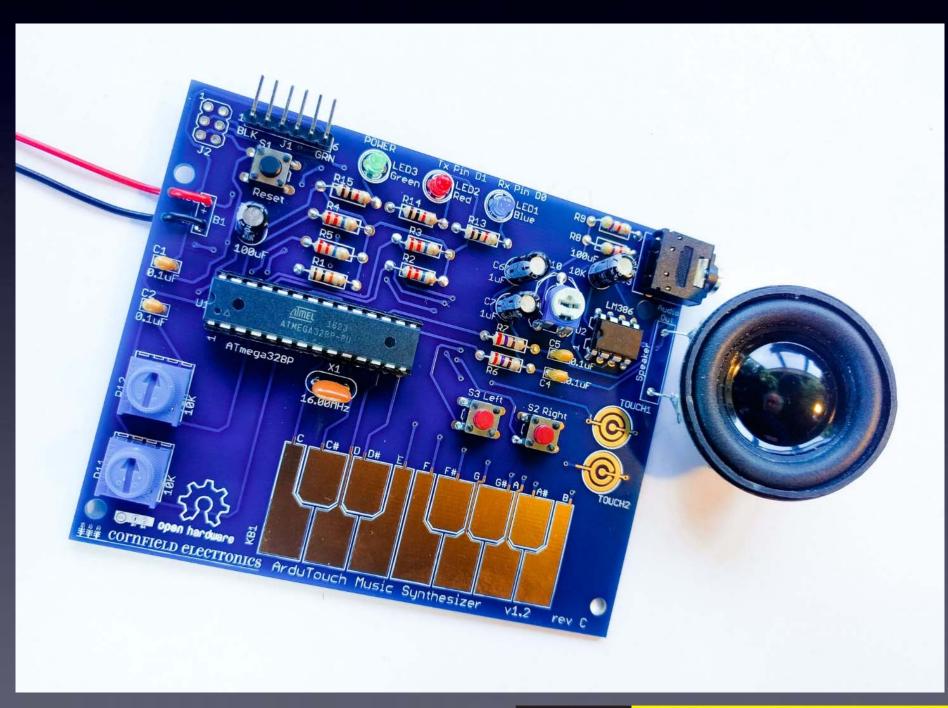
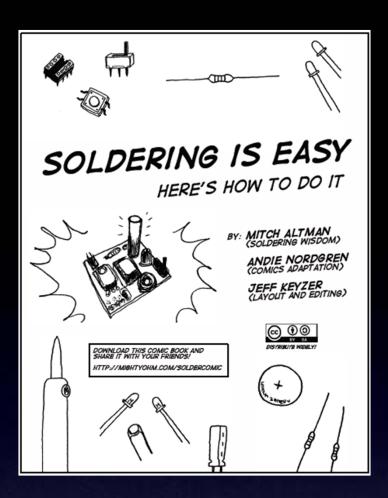
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Assembly Instructions



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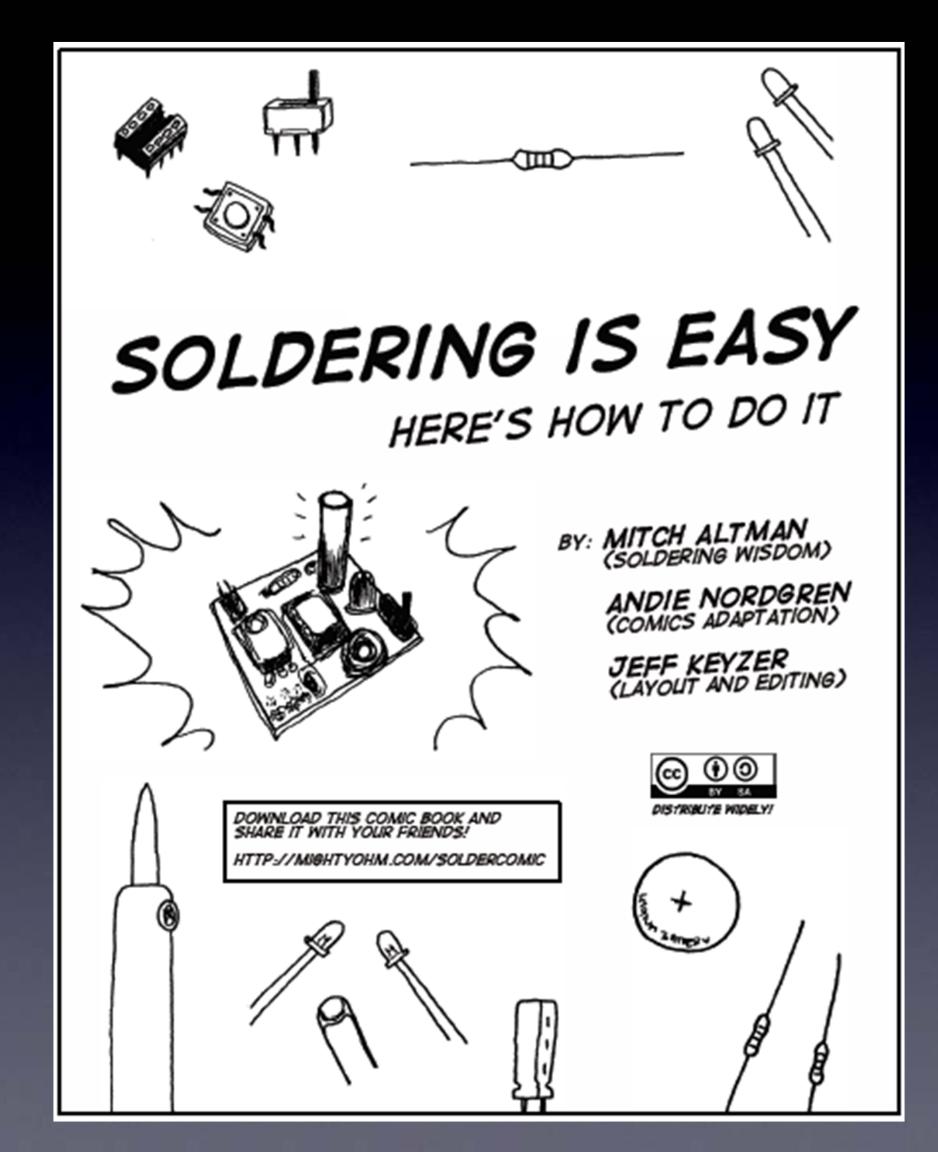


The following photos will show you how to solder.

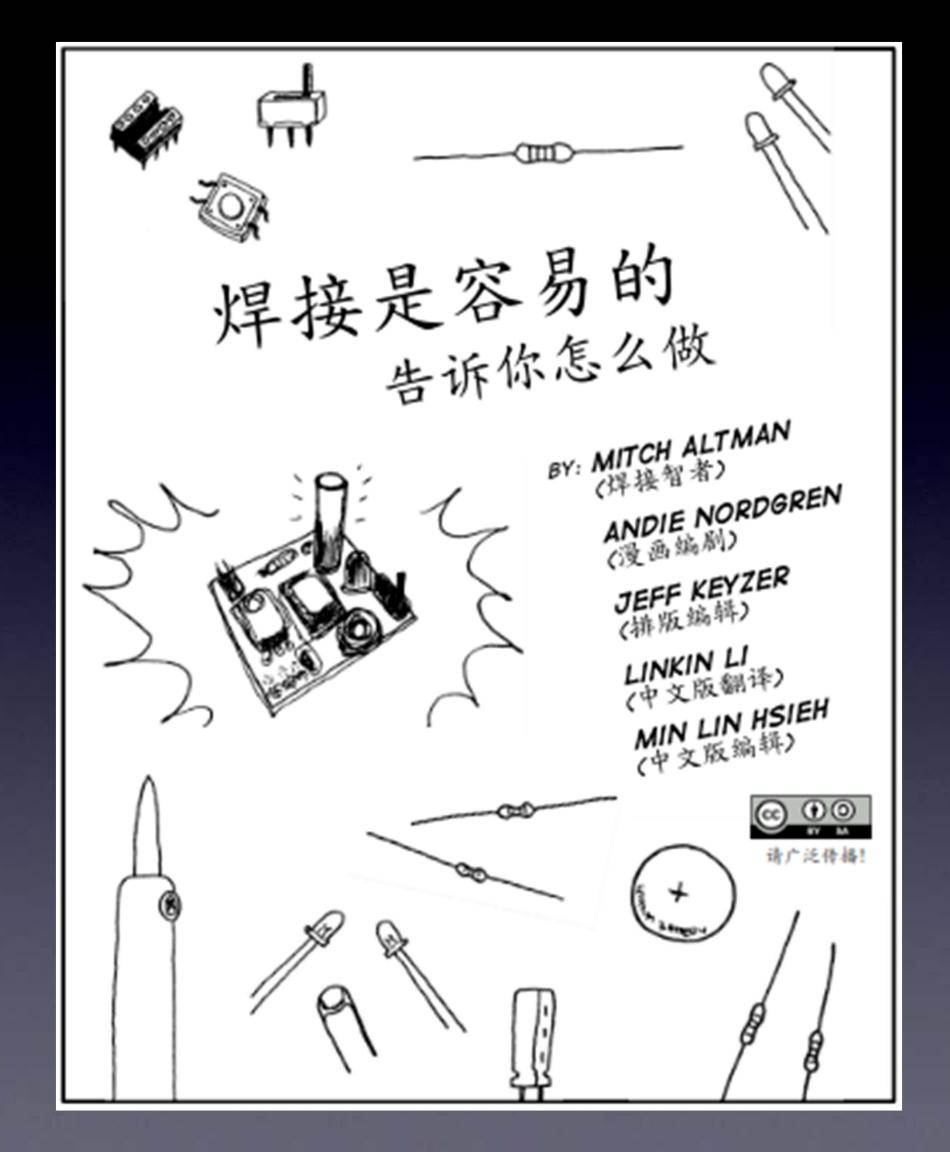
But feel free to download the "Soldering Is Easy" comic book for free!

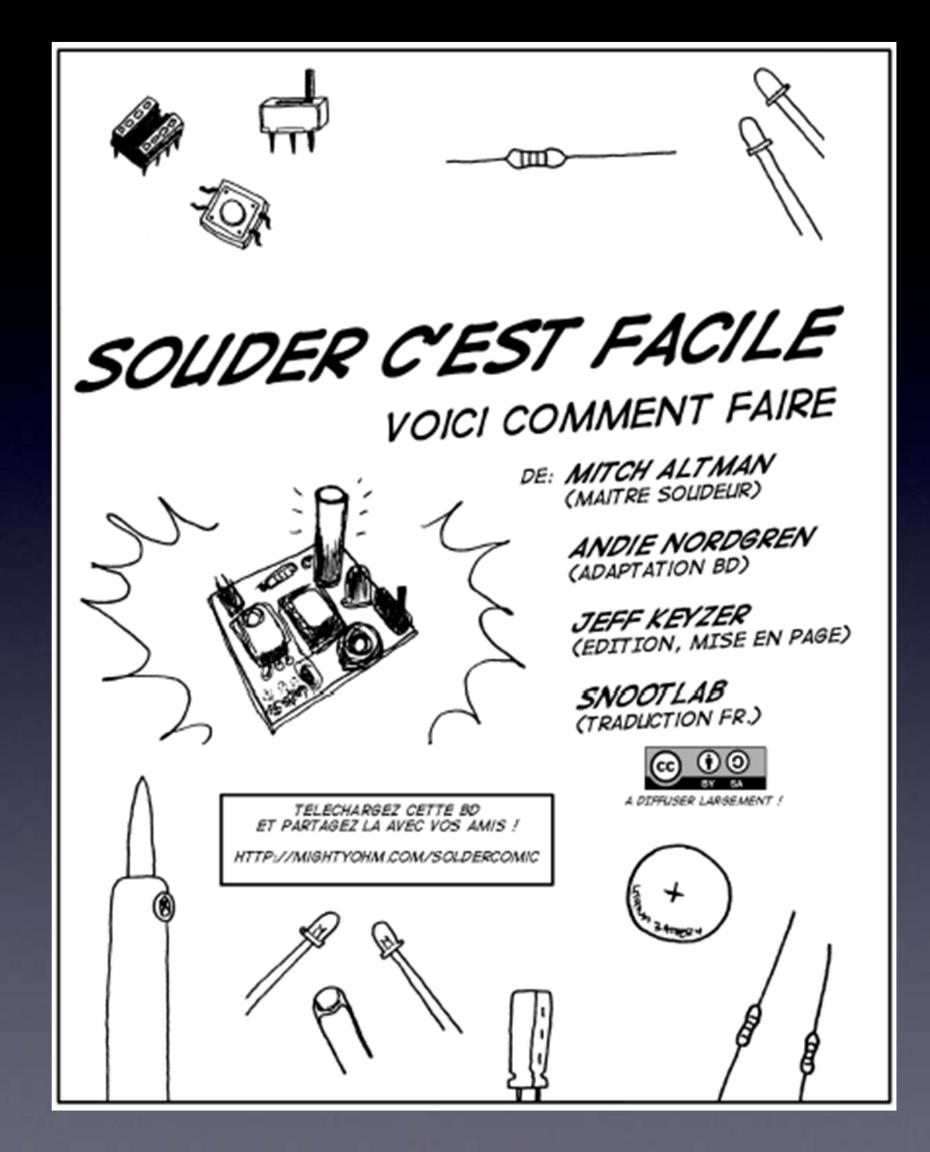
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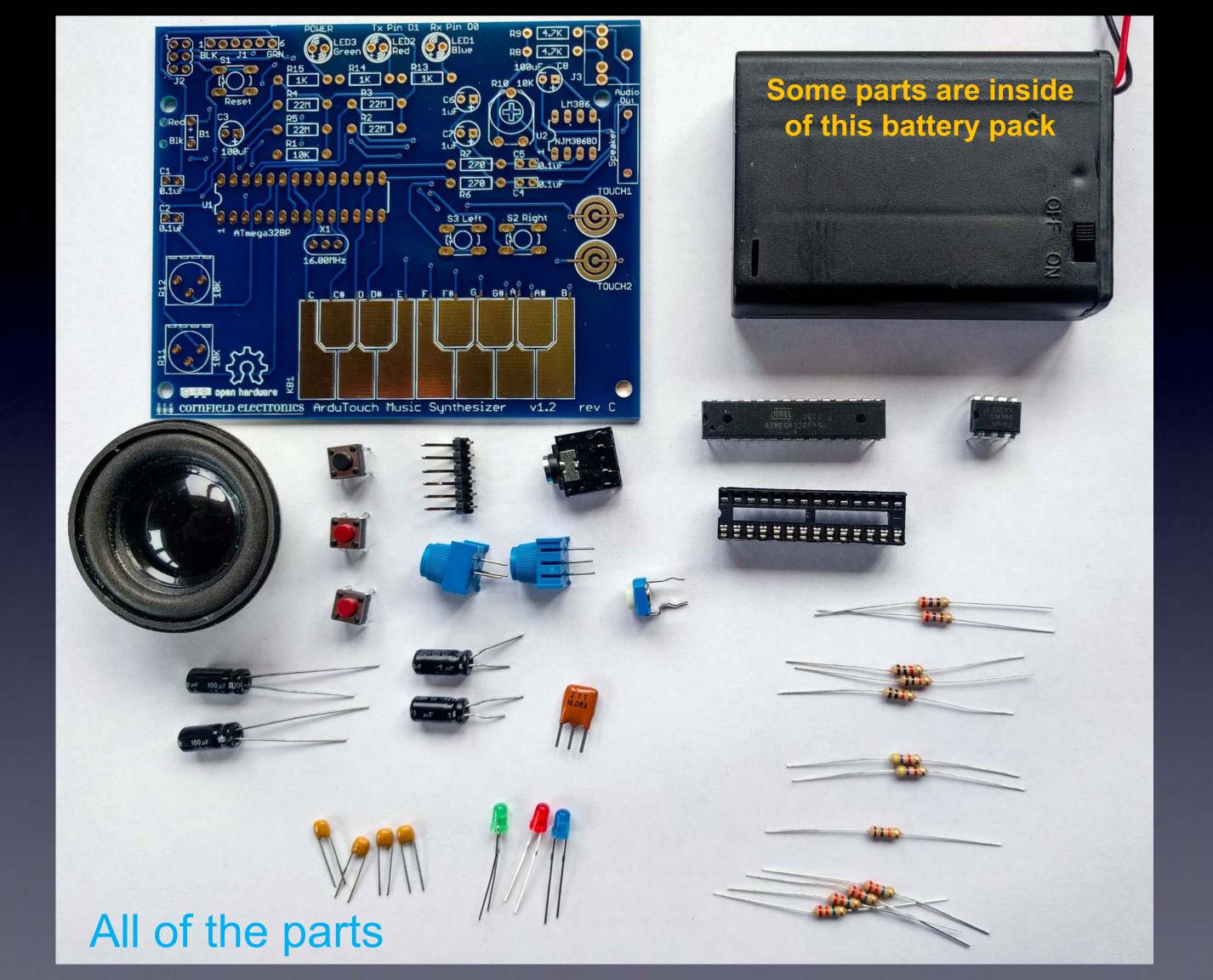
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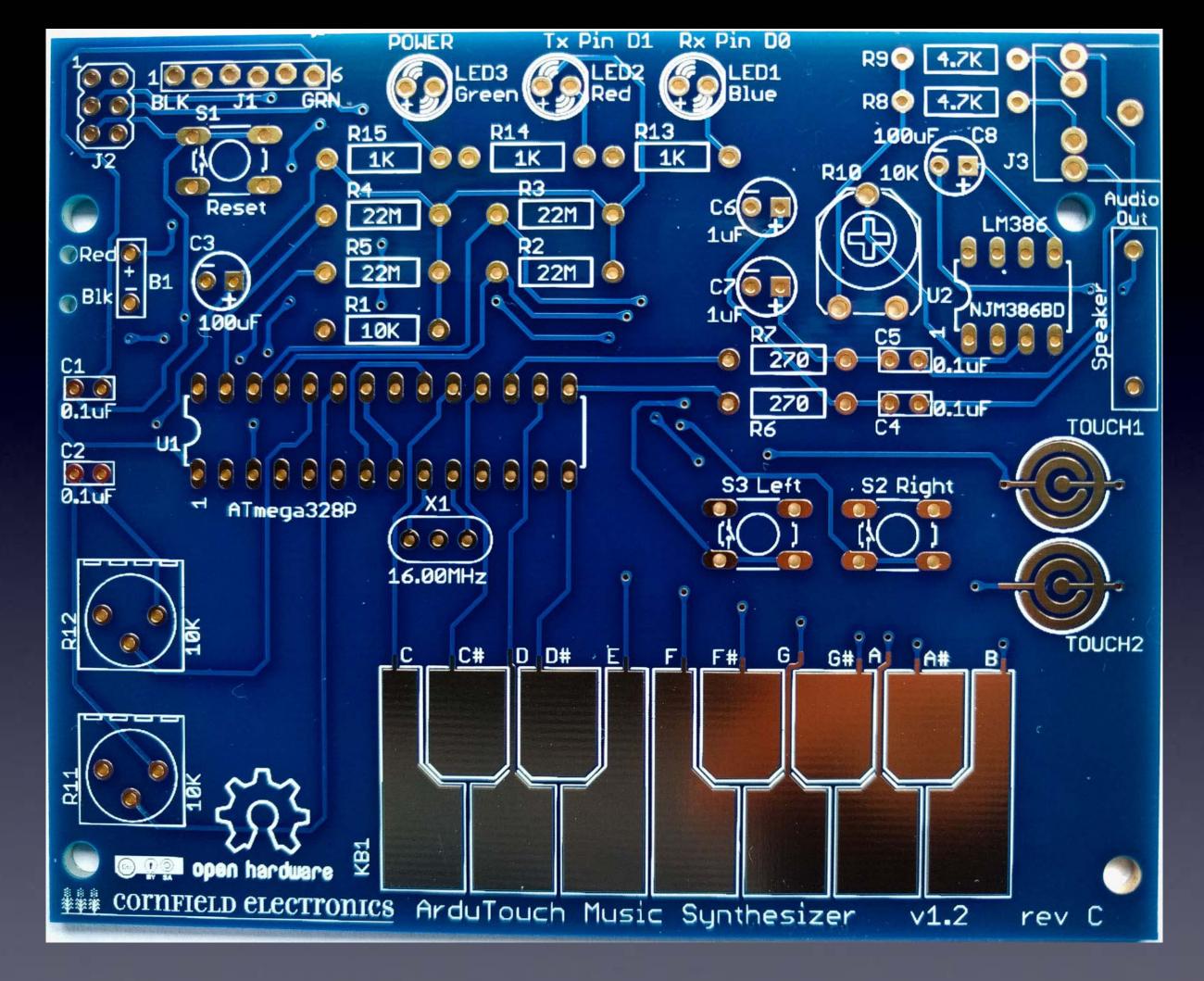












The board we'll solder the parts to

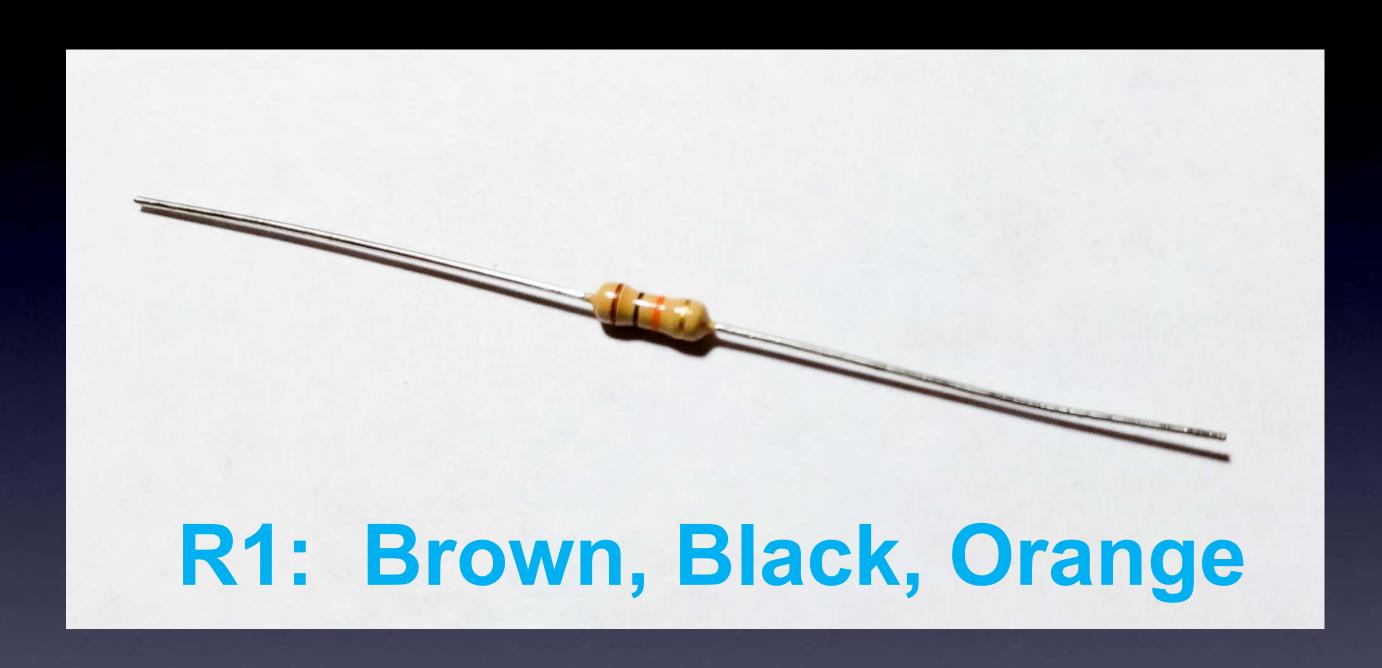


has lead Most solder solder sumes!

The tools you'll need:

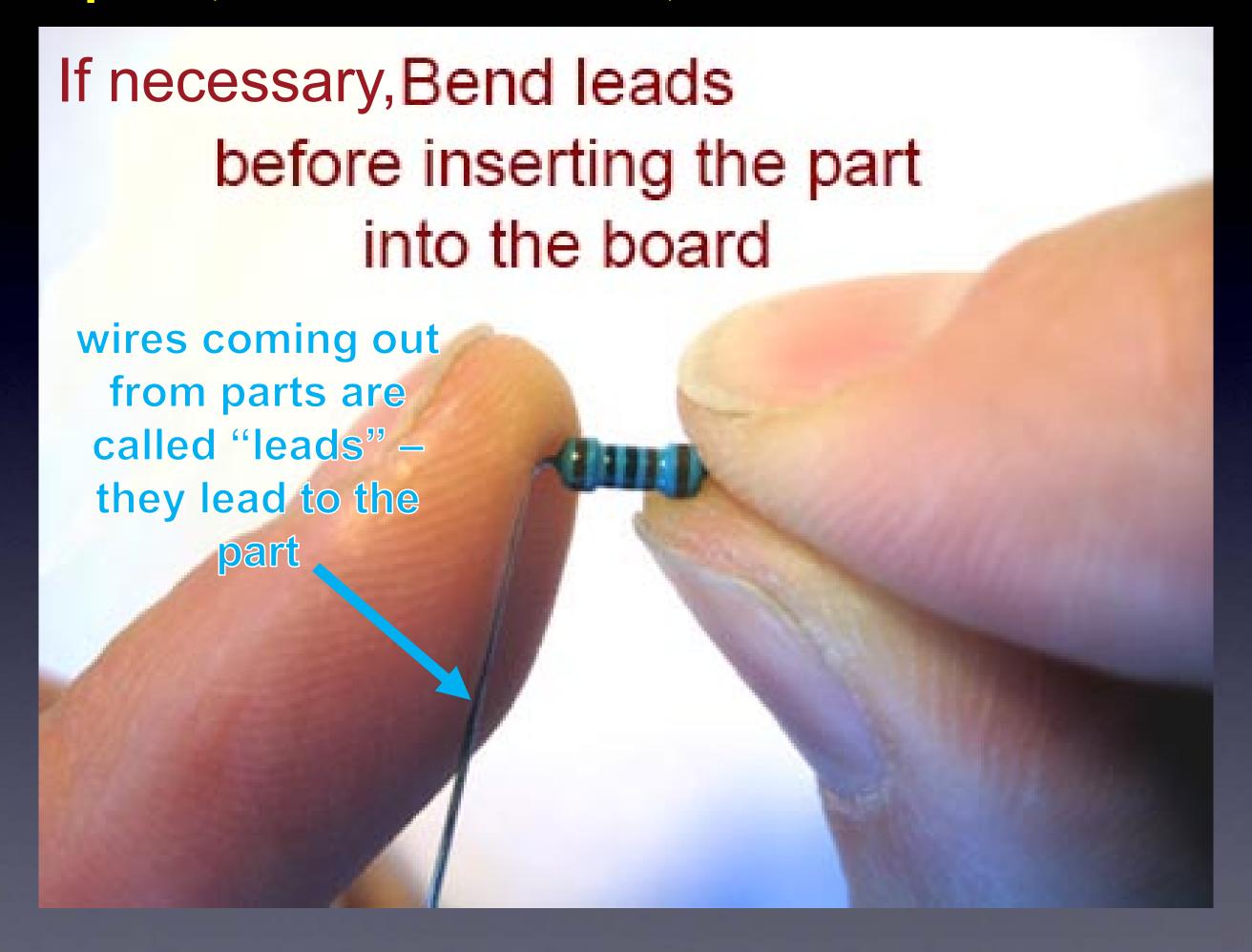
- soldering Iron (35W or less) (0.7mm)
- solder (60/40 Sn/Pb, rosin core, 0.031" diameter or less) (63/37 is also good)
- soldering iron stand
- cellulose kitchen sponge (not plastic!)

Our first part



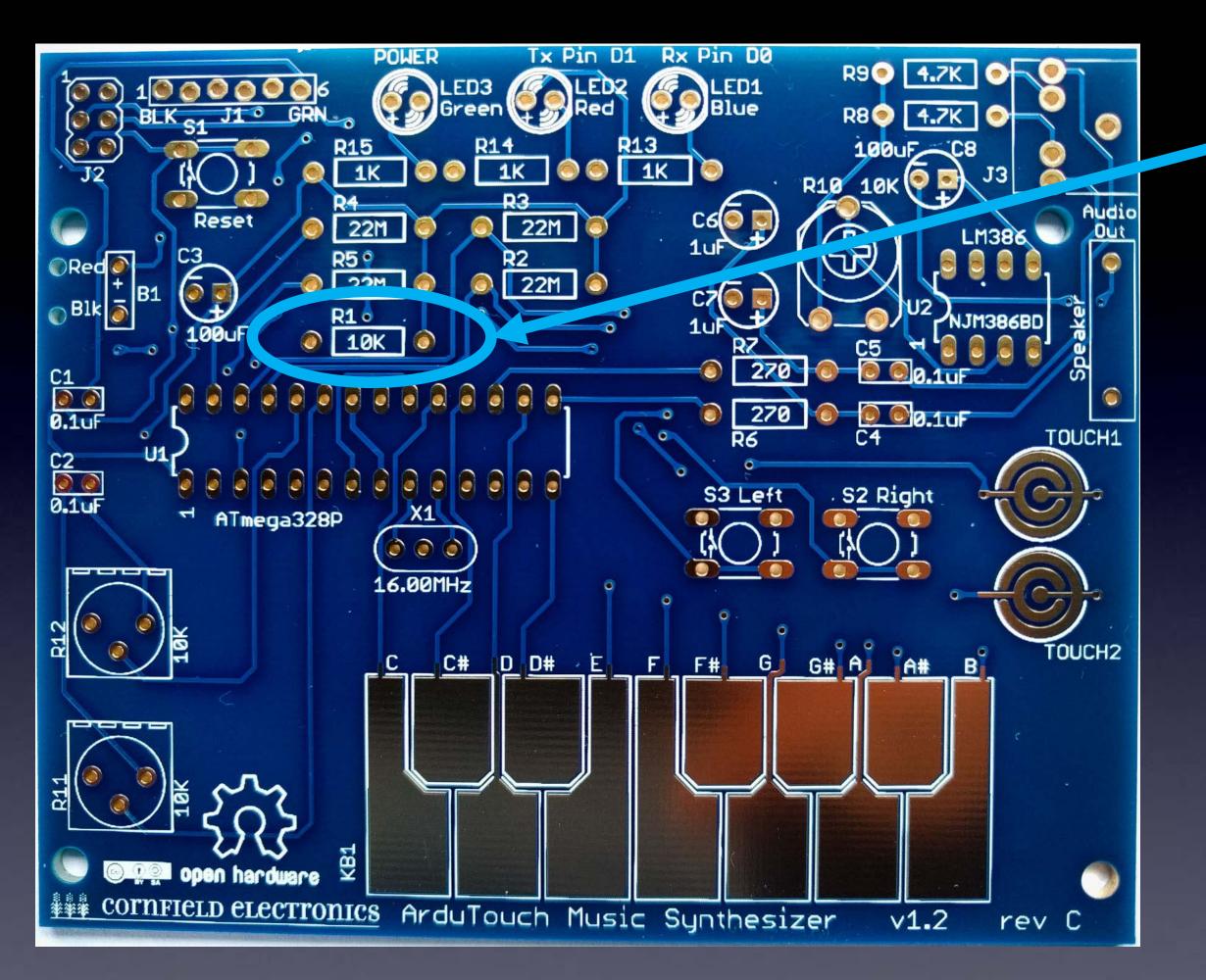
(not Brown, Black, Red)

Some parts, such as resistors, need their leads bent first



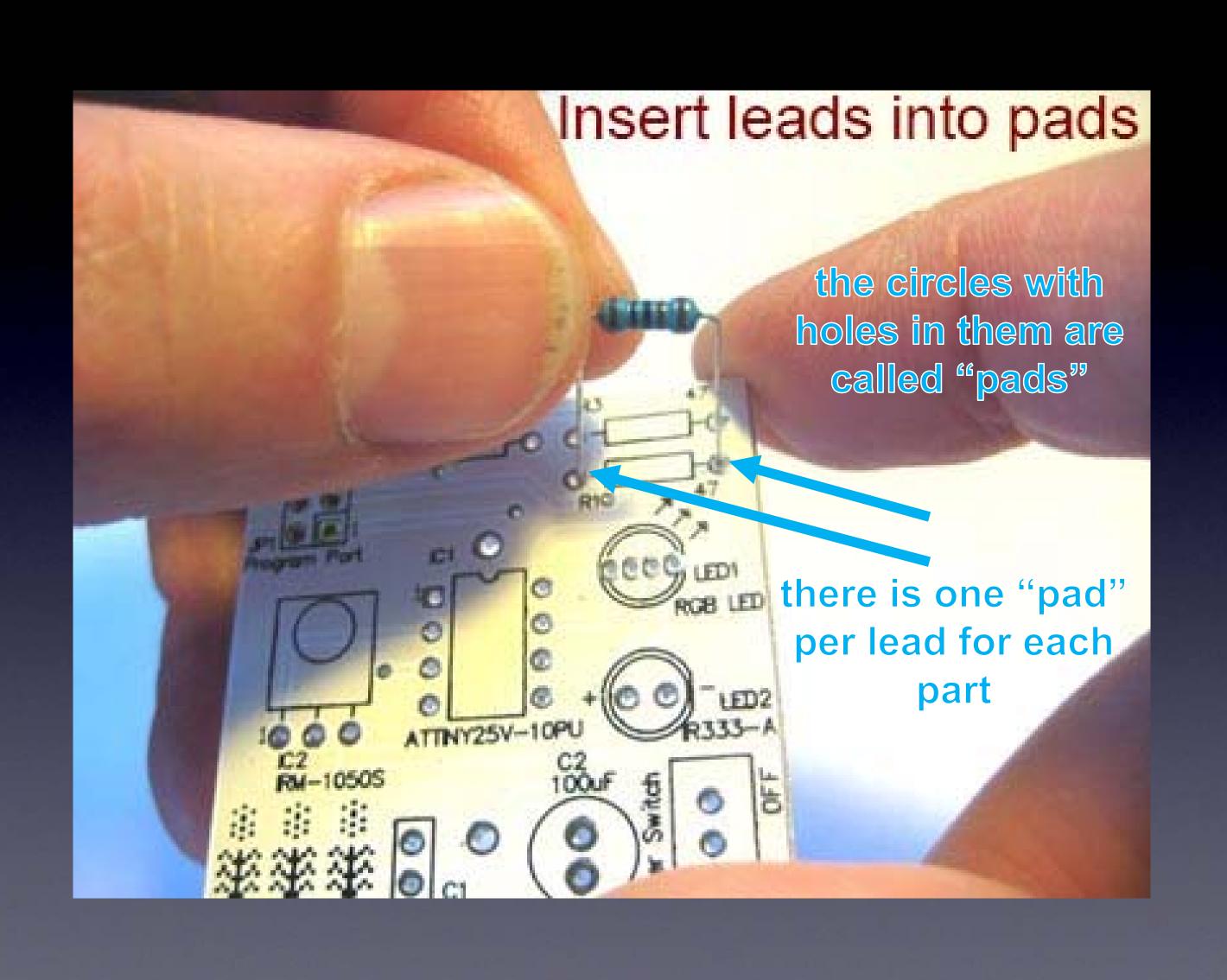


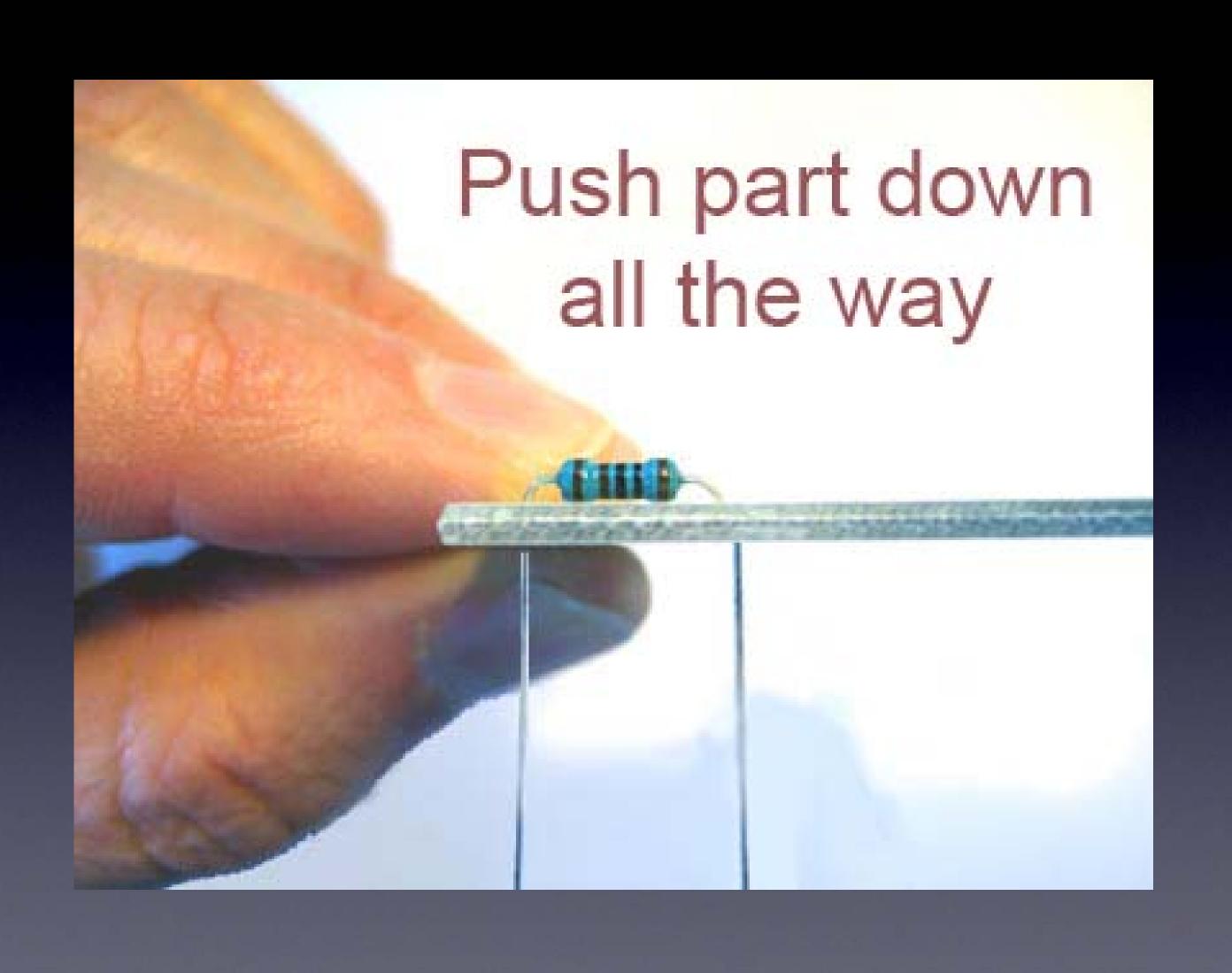
R1 – this is how it will look *before* inserting it into the board

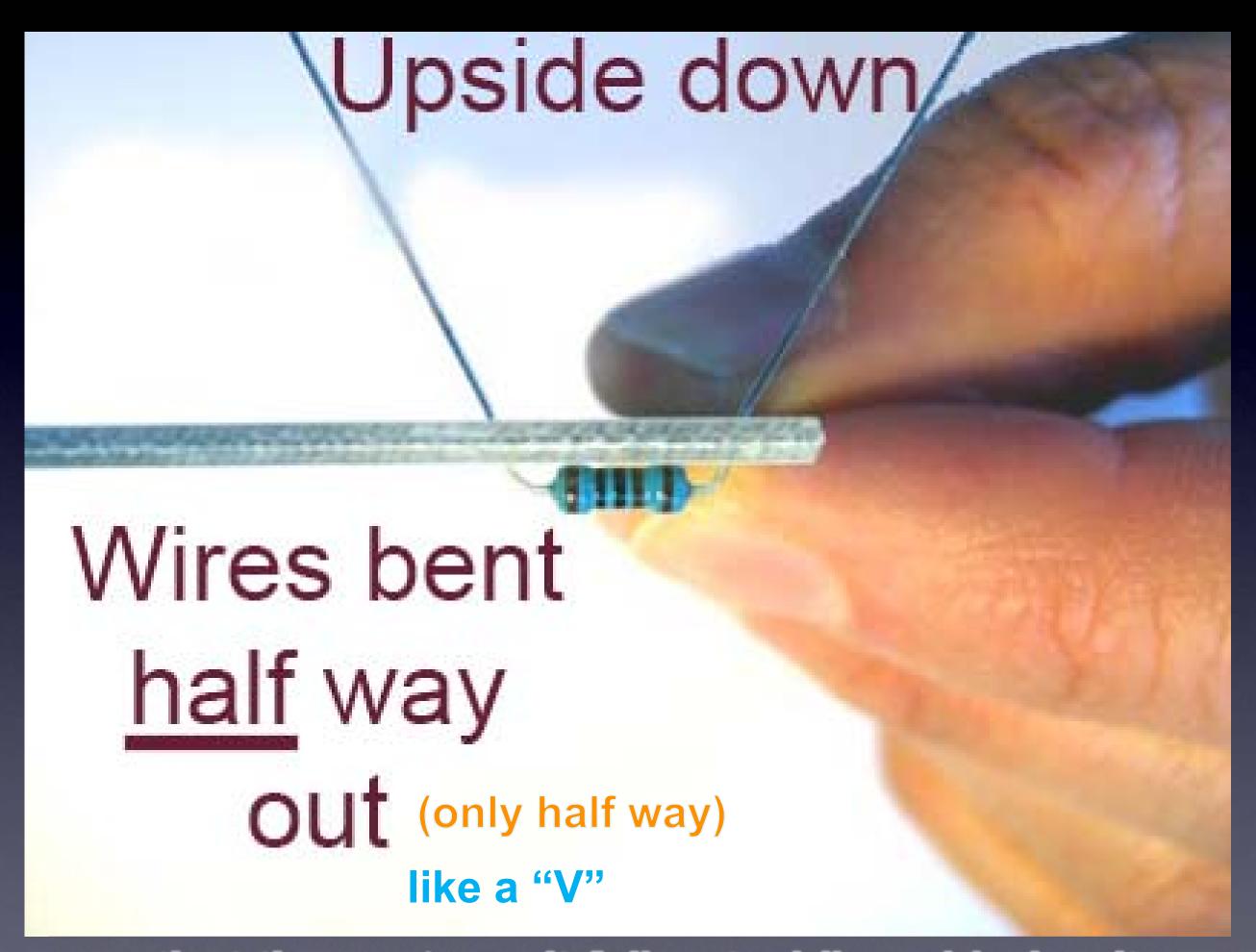


R1 – this is where it goes

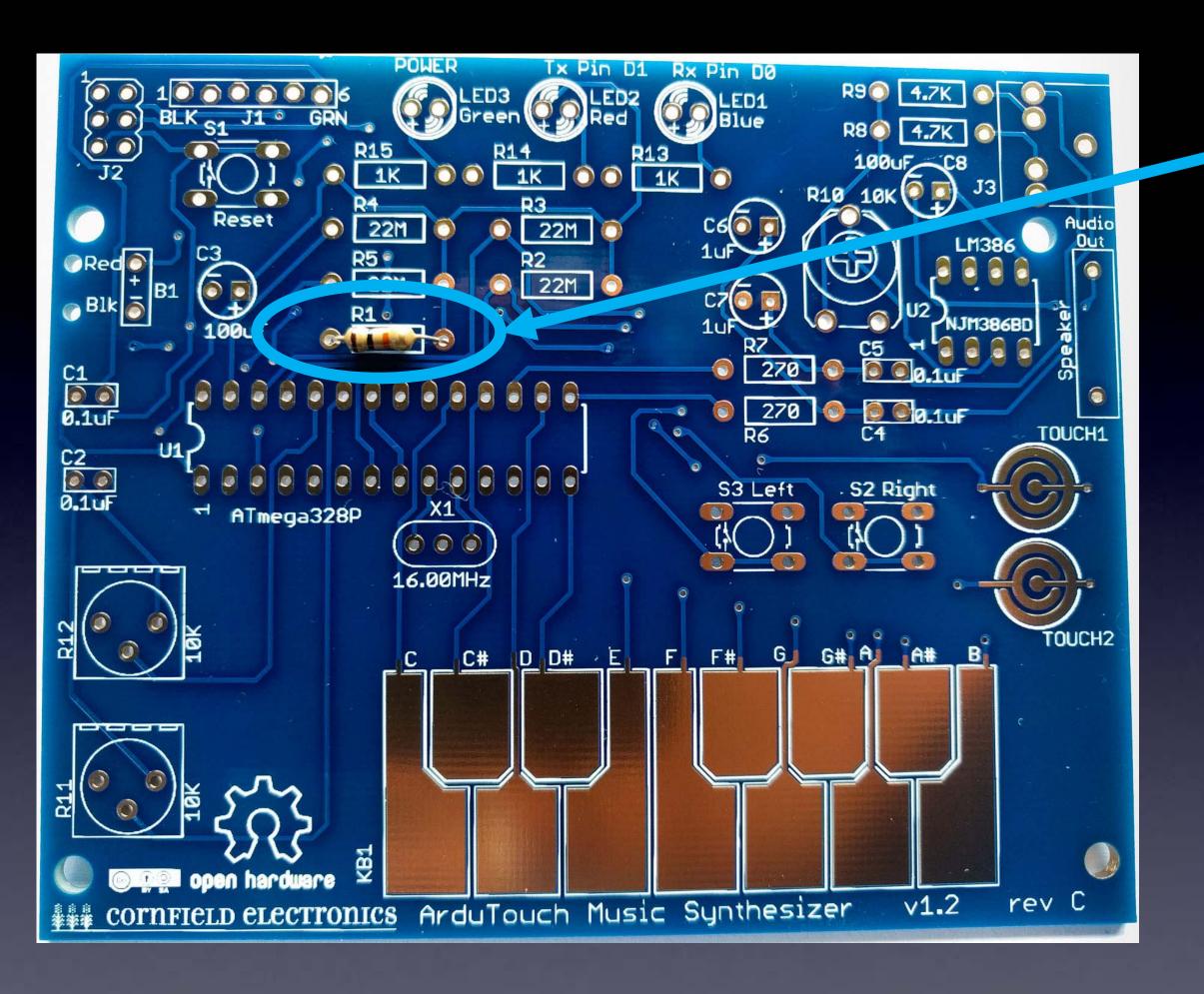
R1







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



R1 – inserted into the board



How to hold a soldering iron

(Like a pencil – held from underneath)



The perfect kind of solder for electronics:

0.031" (0.7mm) diameter (or smaller)

Note:

Most lead-free solder has poisonous fumes!

The perfect kind of solder for electronics:

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

(after years of searching)



Chip Quik Germanium-Doped Solder Sn/Cu0.7/Ni0.05/Ge0.006

3 Safety Tips...

Safety Tip #1:

Hot!!

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

Safety Tip #2:

Lead (Pb) is toxic

But it easily washes off your hands with soap and water

Safety Tip #3:

(coming soon)

2 secrets to good soldering...

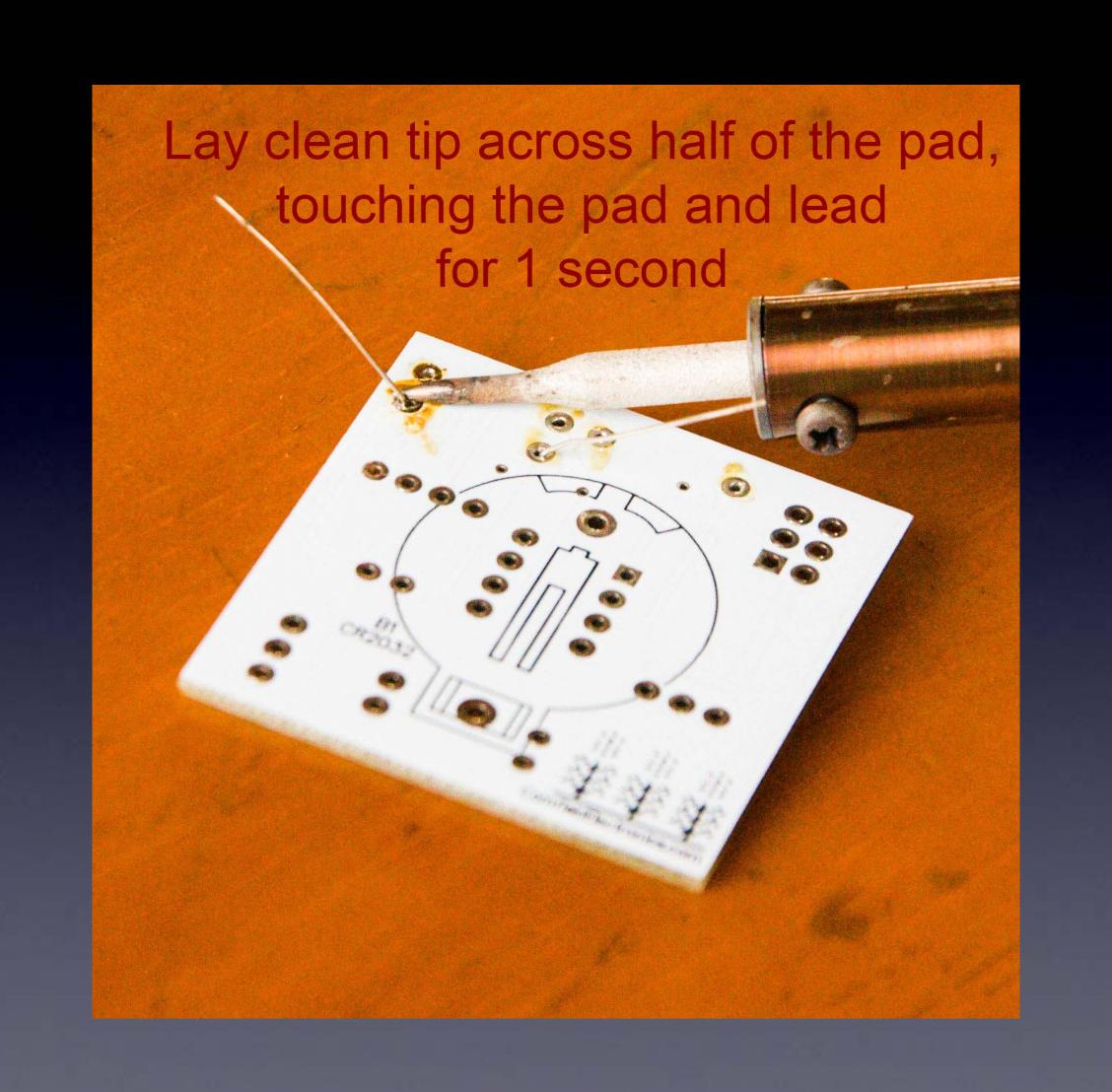
Secret #1:

Clean the tip!

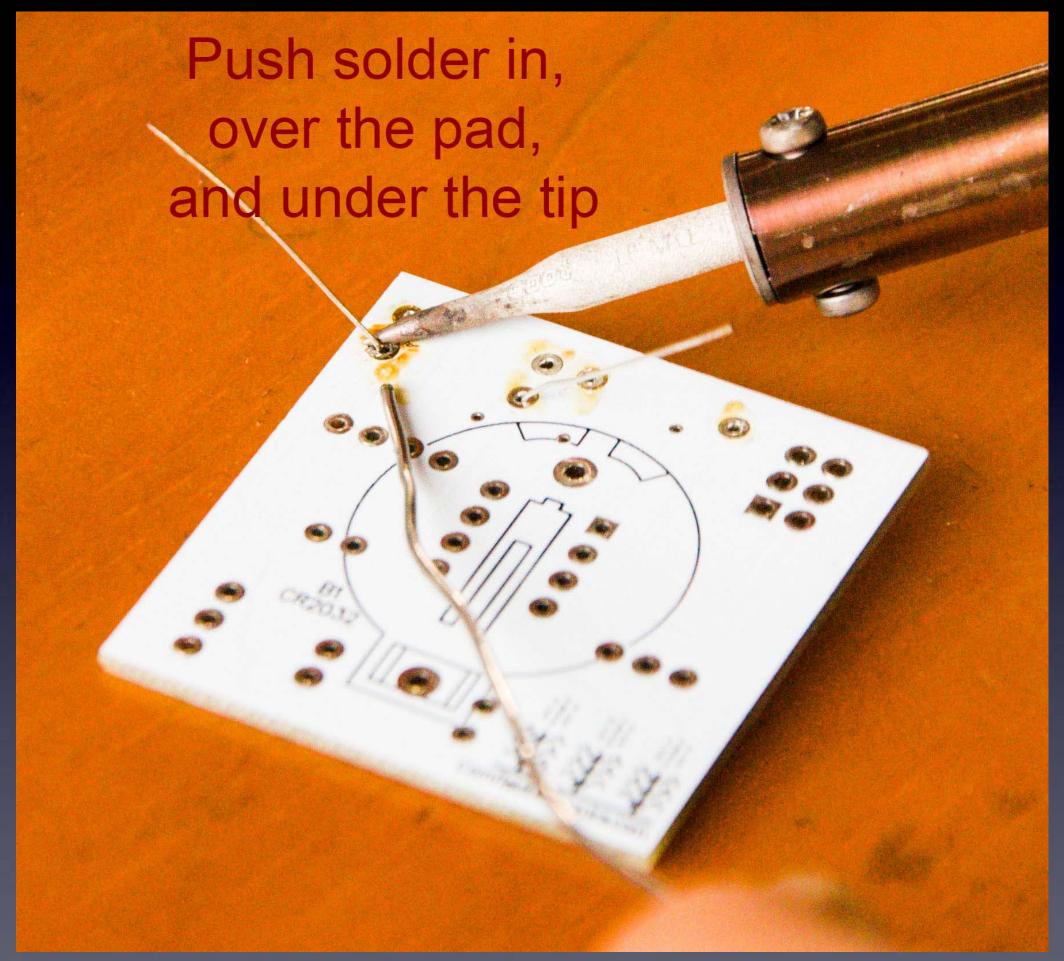
(before every solder connection)

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

Keep the tip shiny silver!

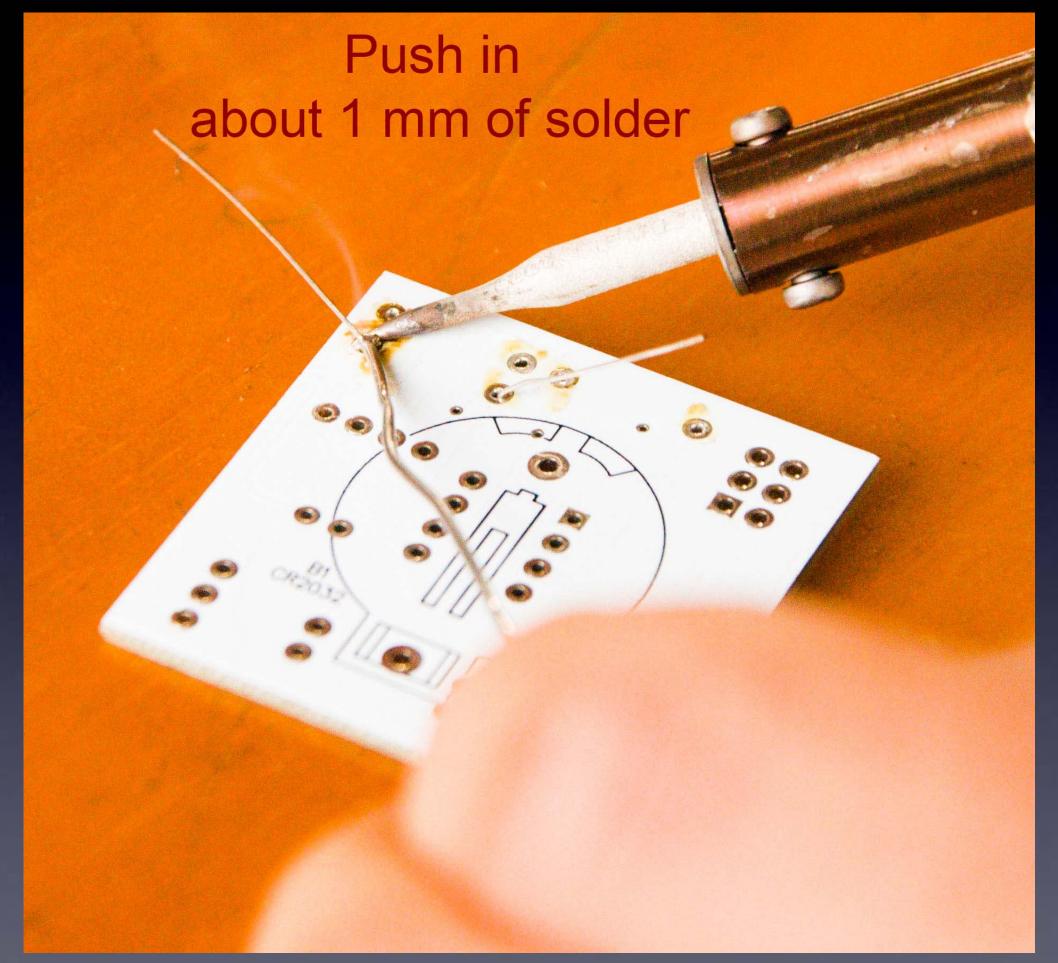


Do this quickly (slowly doesn't work well) – solder in & out in about 1 second

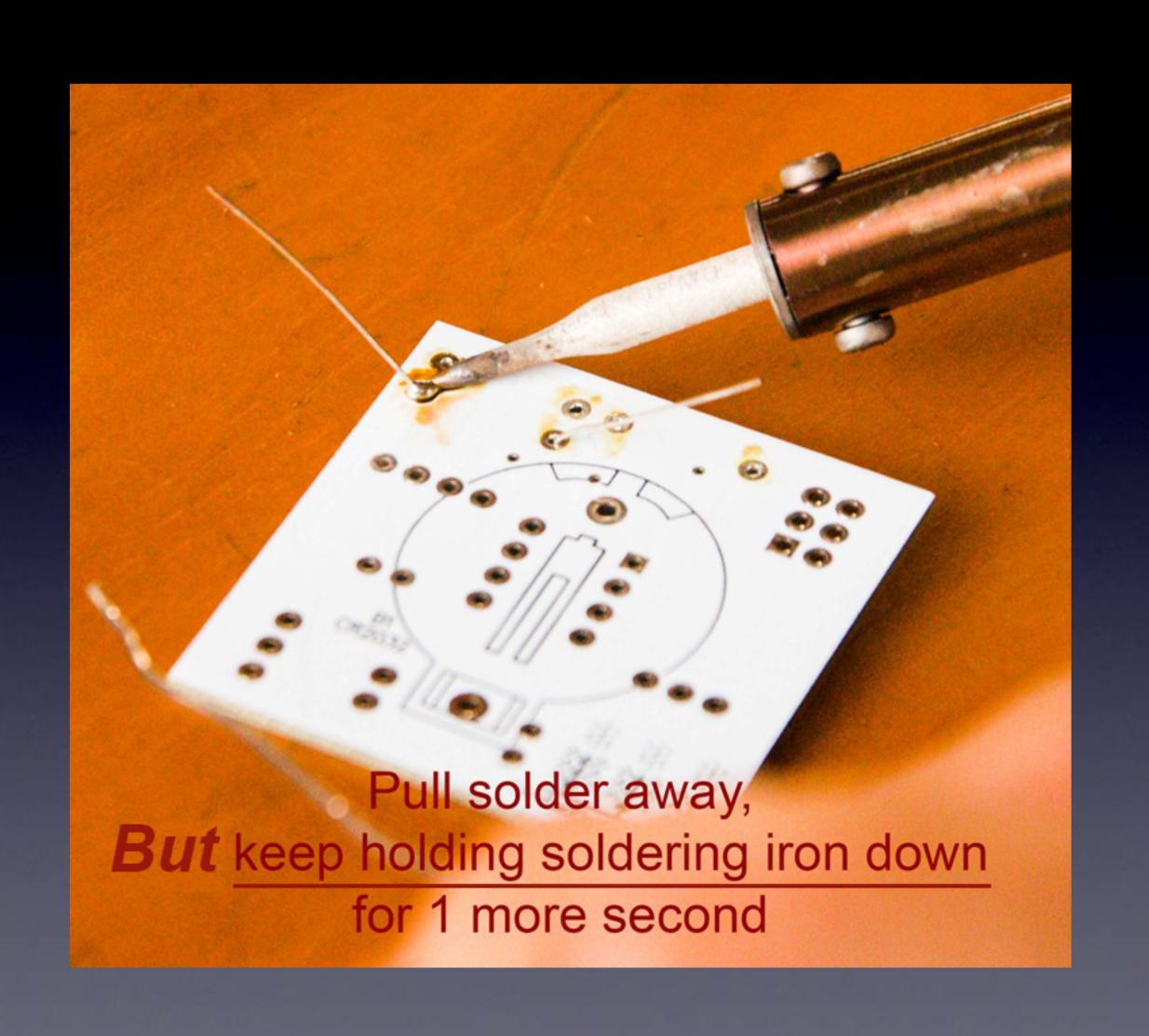


Make sure solder melts on the <u>underside</u> of the soldering iron tip (not the side or top of the soldering iron tip)!

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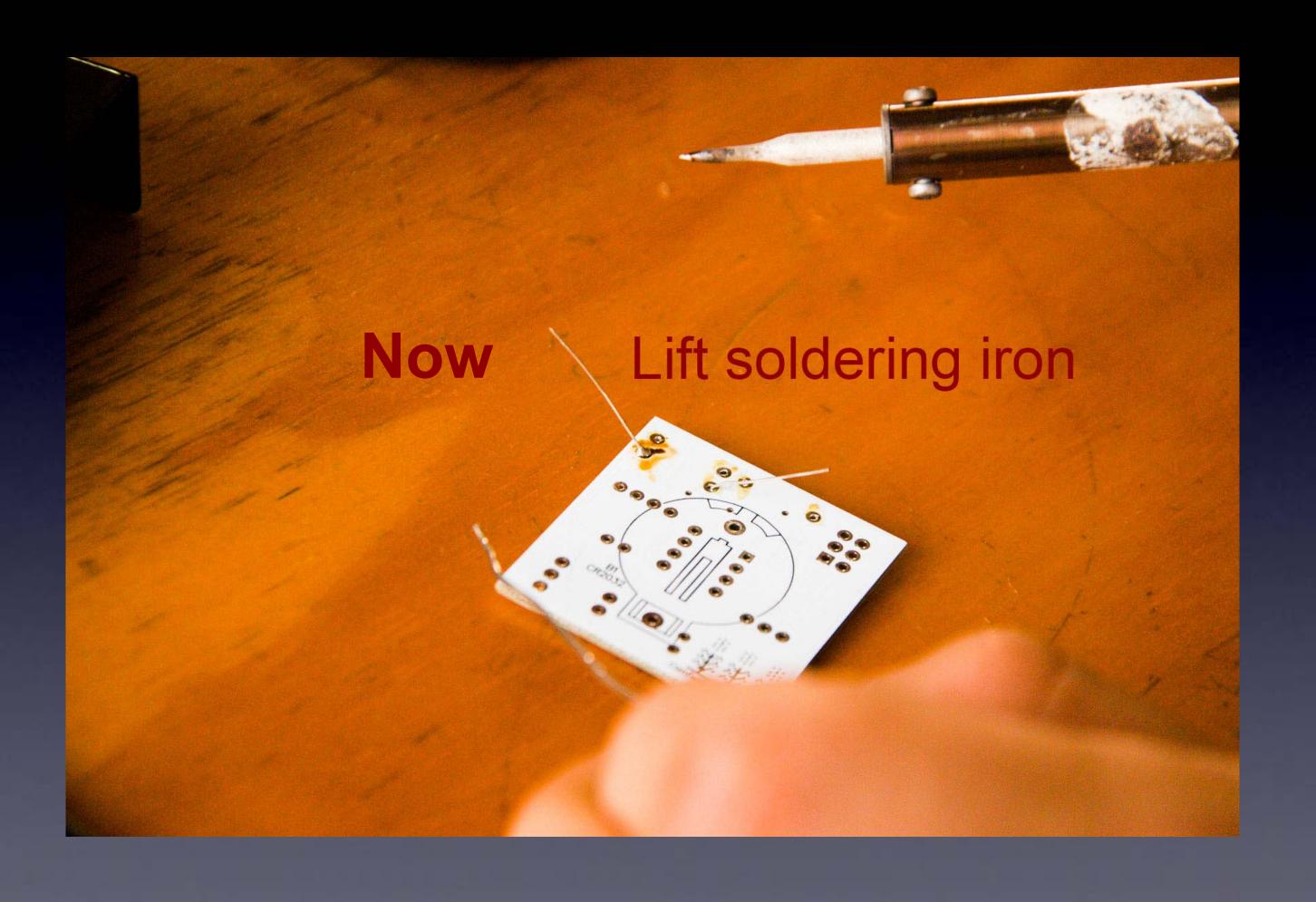


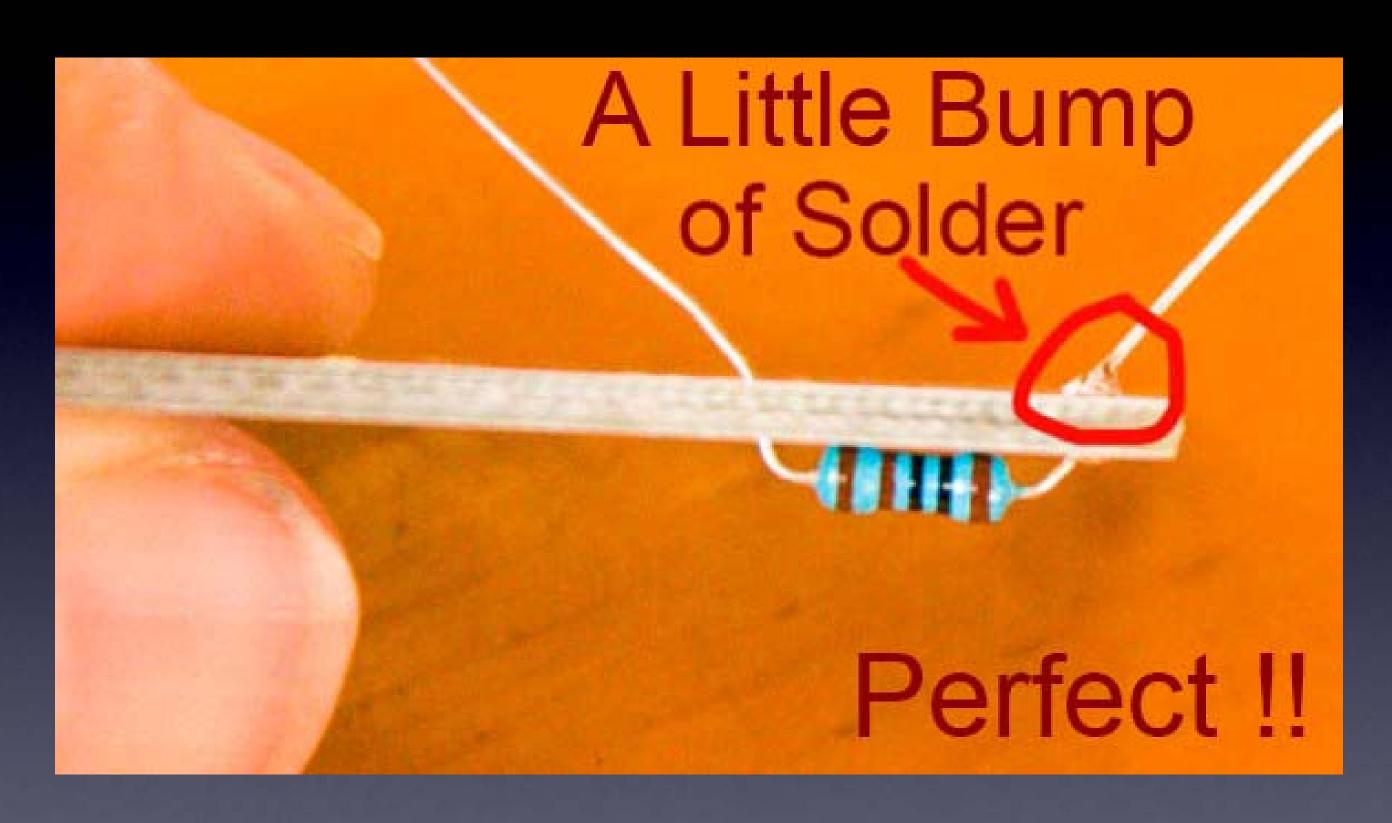
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Secret #2:

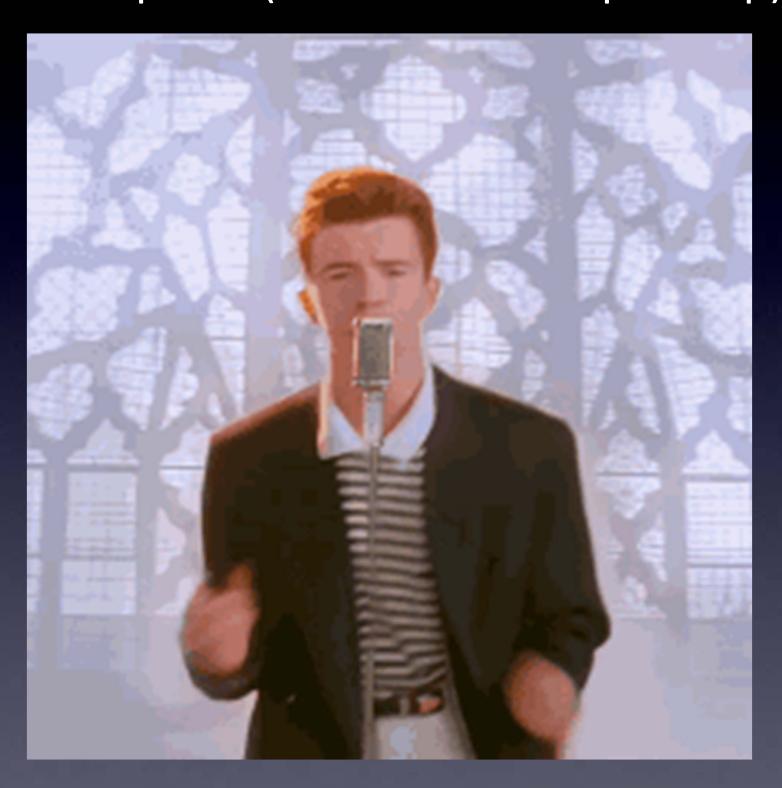
Keep hot tip down
1 second
for solder to flow!!





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! and speed (about 1 second per step)



The Rhythm!

and speed (about 1 second per step)

Clean the tip



and speed (about 1 second per step)



Tip Down

and speed (about 1 second per step)



Solder In

The Rhythm! and speed (about 1 second per step)



Solder Out

and speed (about 1 second per step)



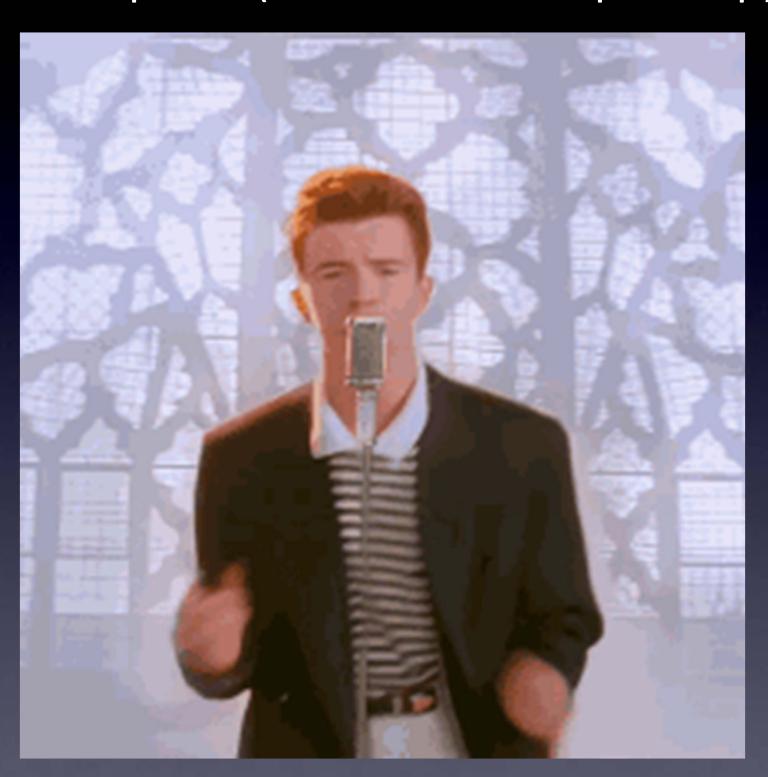


The Rhythm! and speed (about 1 second per step)





The Rhythm! and speed (about 1 second per step)



and speed (about 1 second per step)

Clean the tip



and speed (about 1 second per step)



Tip Down

and speed (about 1 second per step)



Solder In

The Rhythm! and speed (about 1 second per step)



Solder Out

and speed (about 1 second per step)



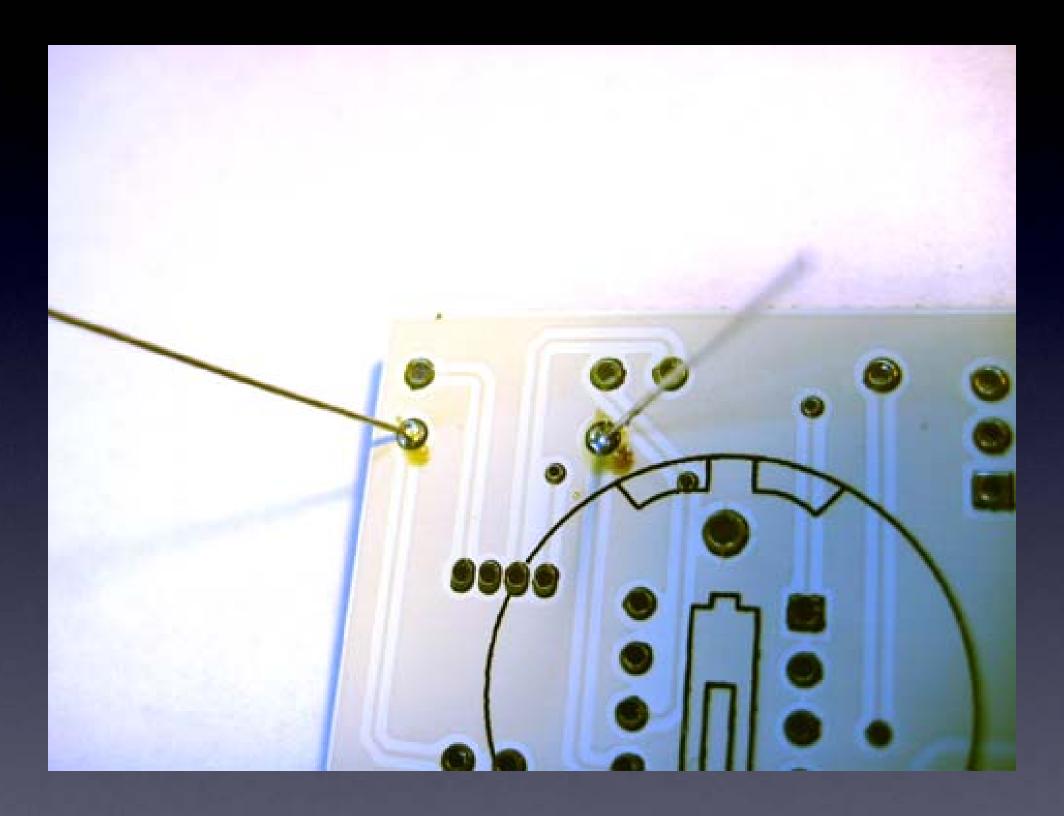


The Rhythm! and speed (about 1 second per step)



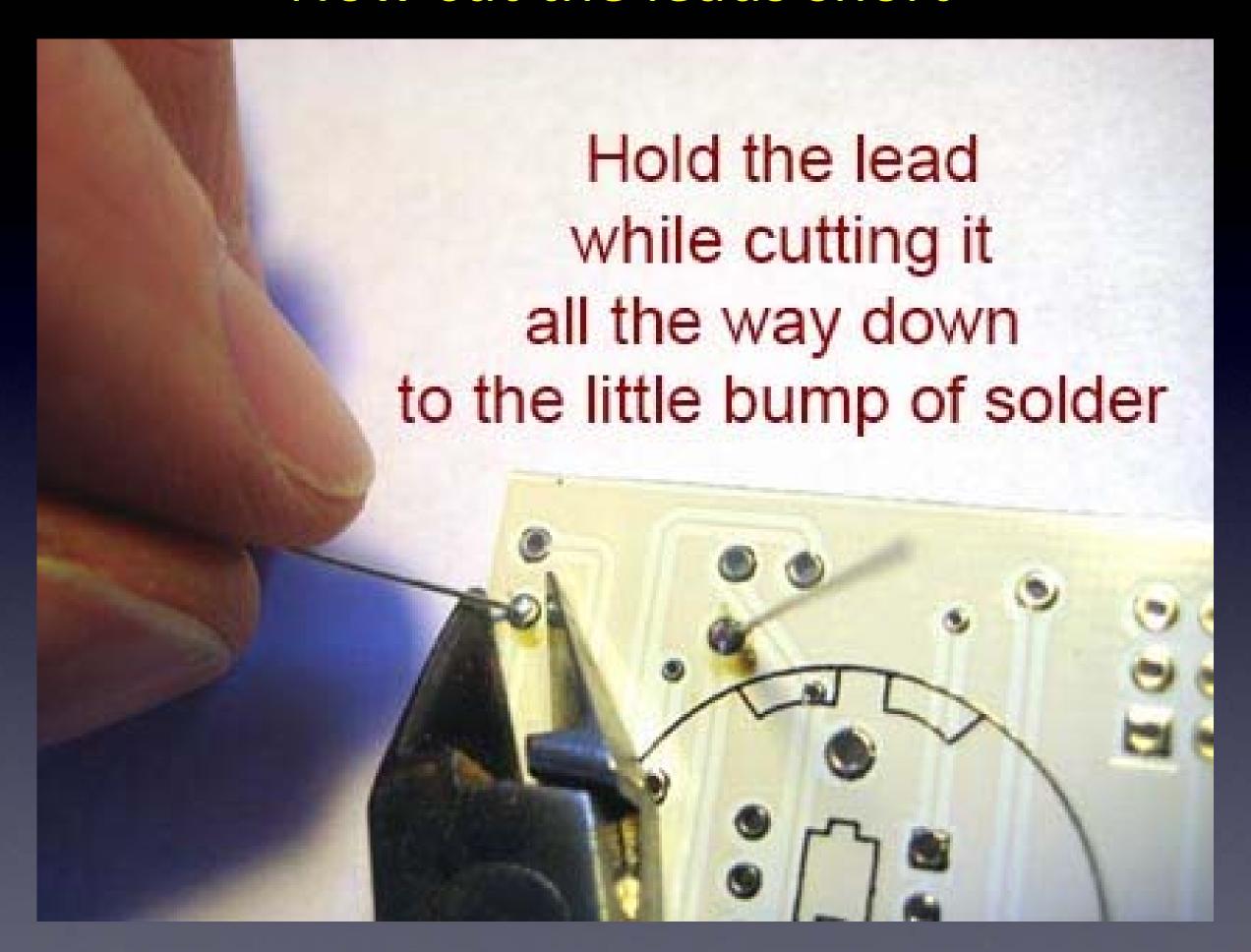


Solder all of the leads of the part to the board



For this part, there are two leads
Here you can see two good solder connections

Now cut the leads short



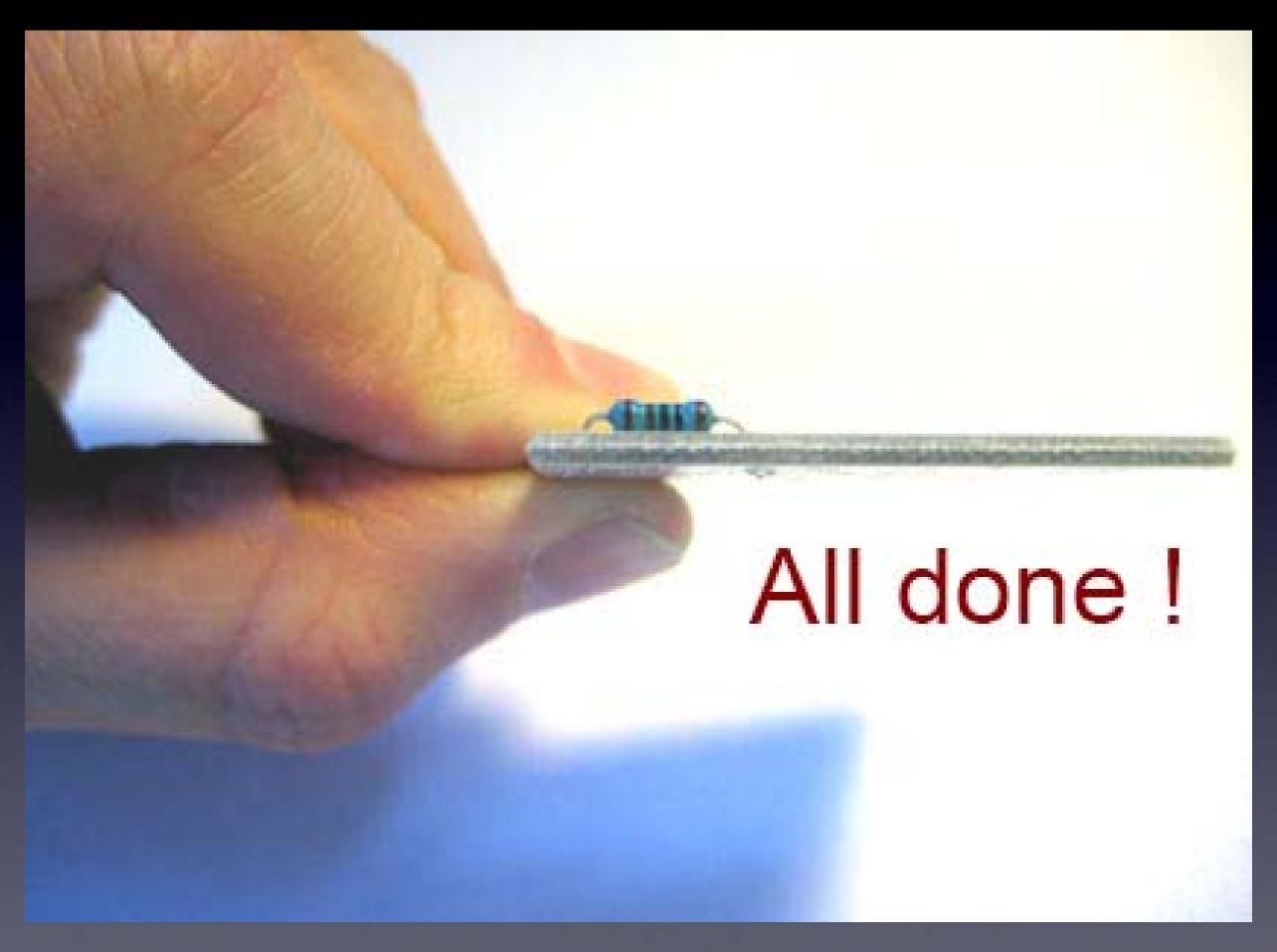
Cutting with the tip of the wire cutter gives you more control

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



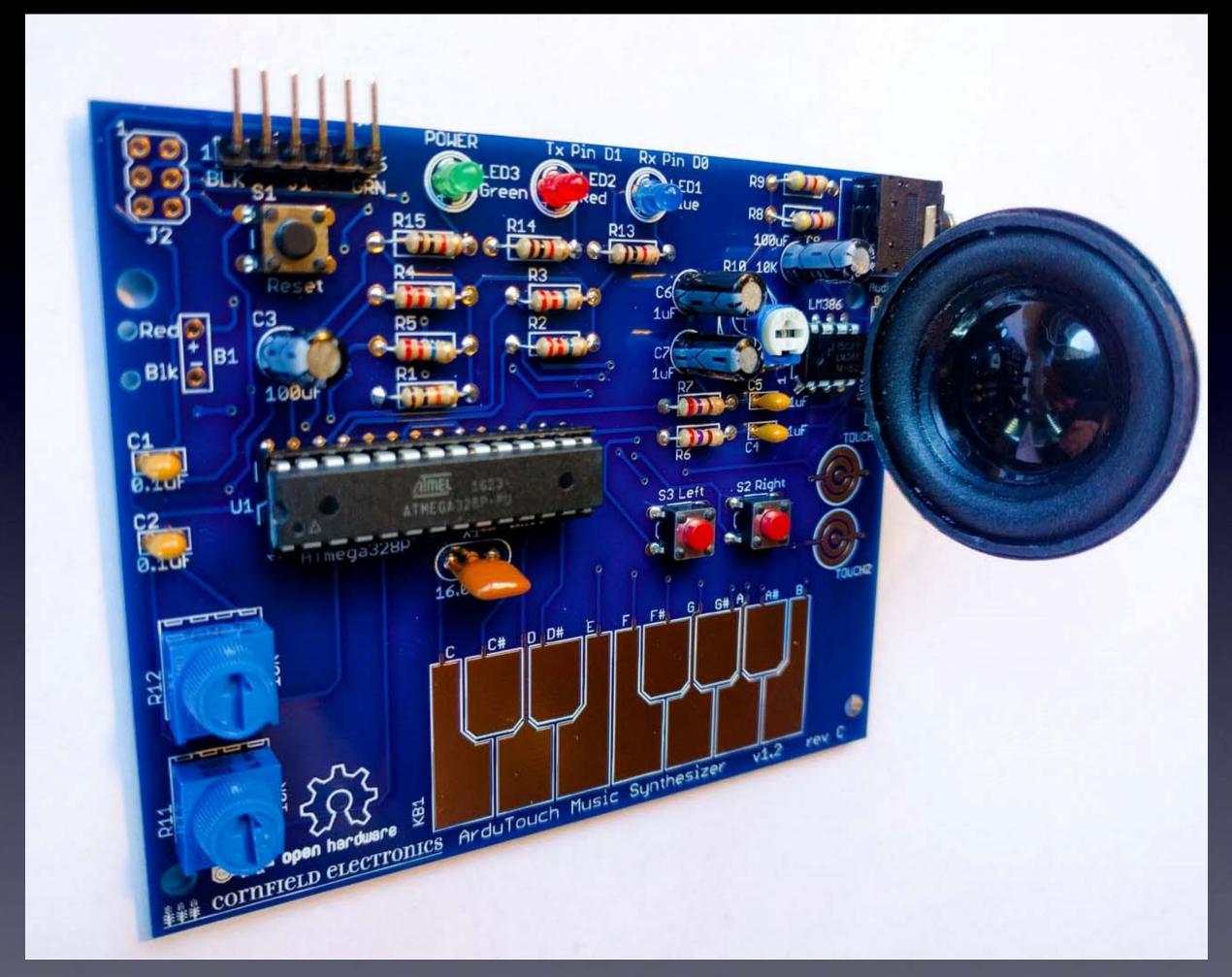
R1 soldered to the board

Notice that:

- each connection
 is a small bump
 (not flat)
- you cannot see any pad (it's totally covered with solder)
- you cannot see the hole (it's totally covered with solder)

One part at a time

Till all the parts are soldered



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

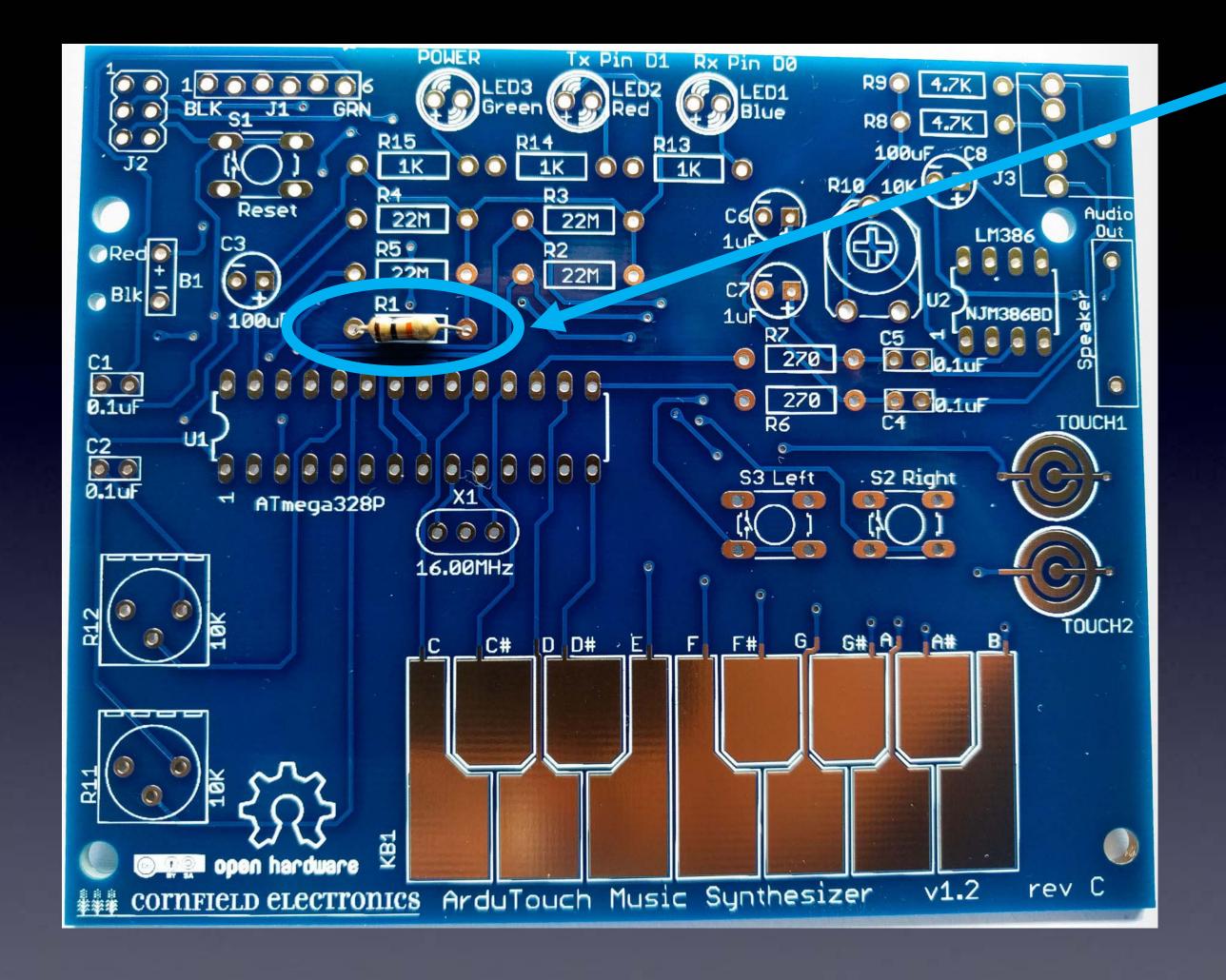
Then put in the batteries,

Turn it on,

And it works!

(Or you start debugging.)

Let's start!



If you haven't done so already, solder R1: brown, black, orange

R1:

10K: Brown, Black, Orange

R2, R3, R4, R5:

22M: Red, Red, Blue

R6, R7:

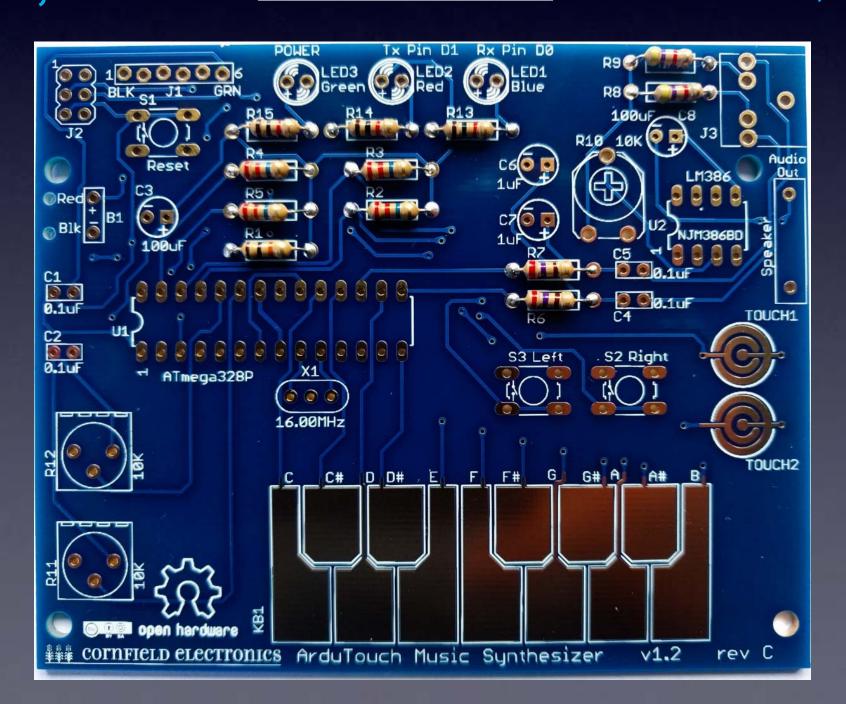
270: Red, Violet, Brown

R8, R9:

4.7K: Yellow, Violet, Red

R13, R14, R15:

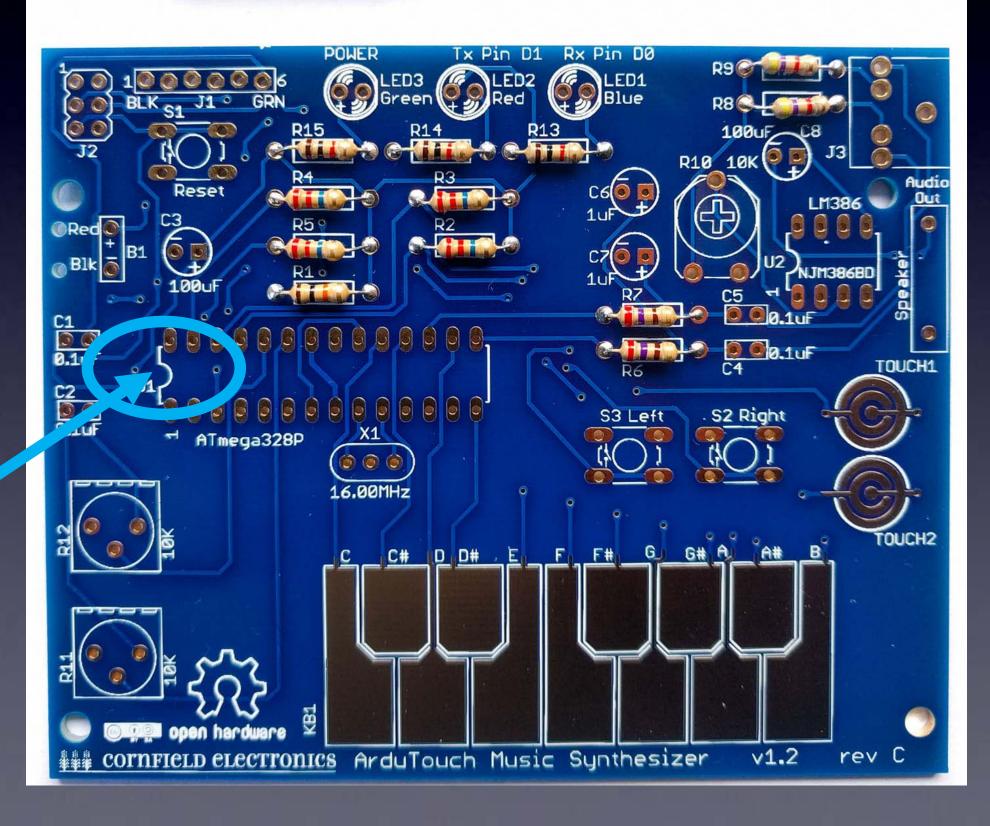
1K: Brown, Black, Red



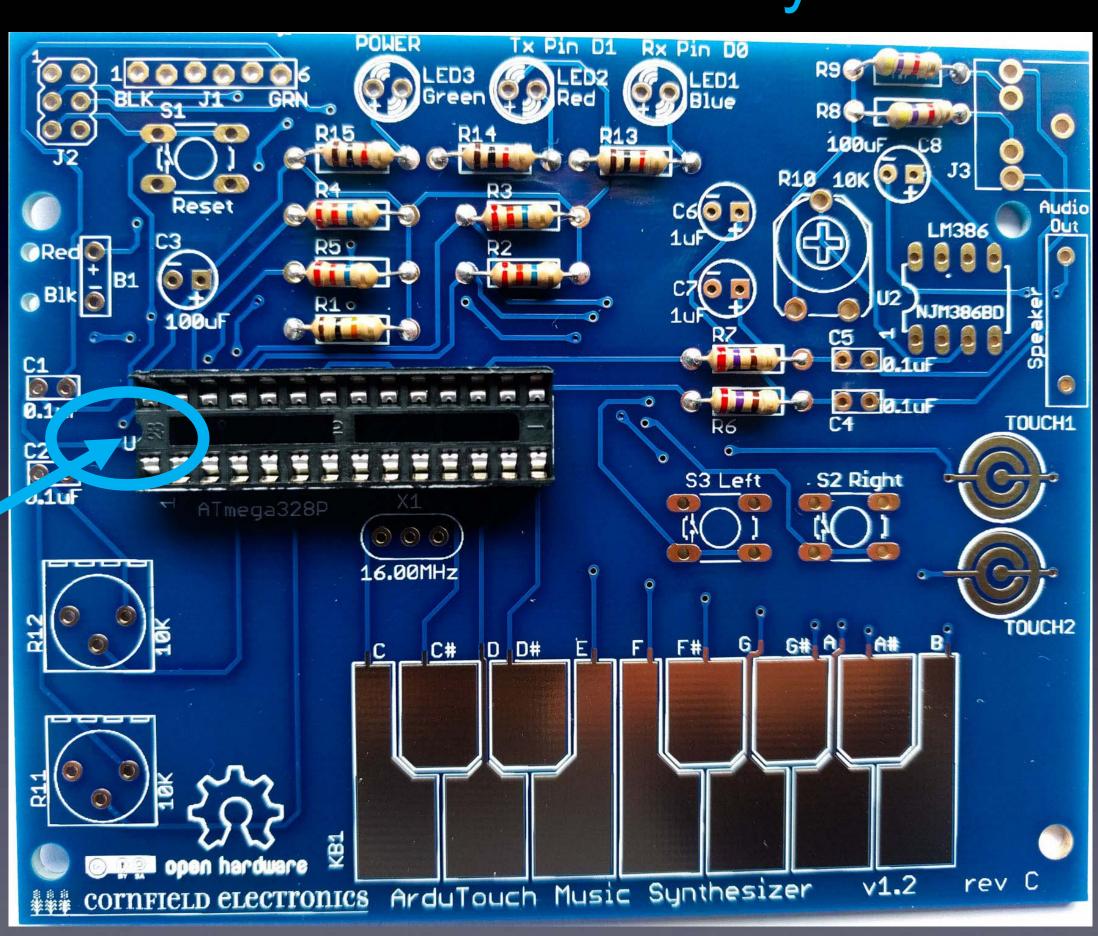
U1: microcontroller socket



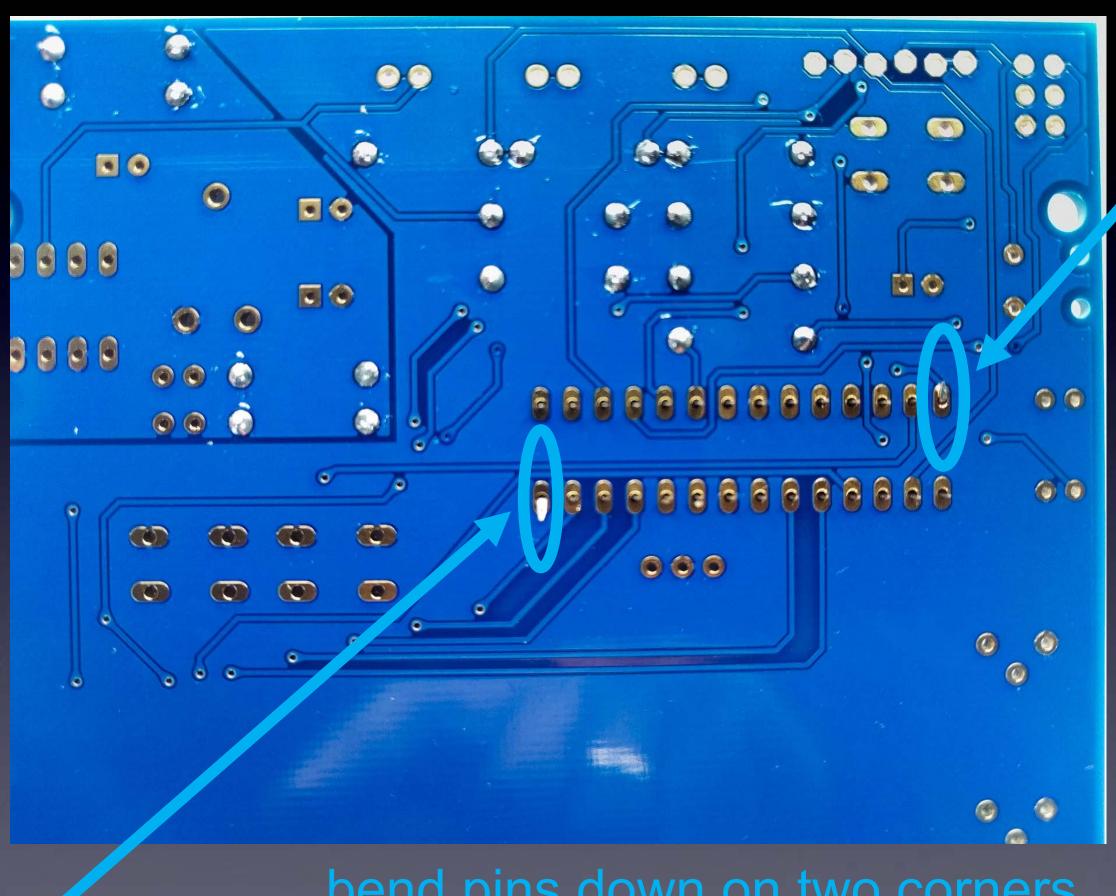
proper orientation



U1: microcontroller socket: inserted correctly

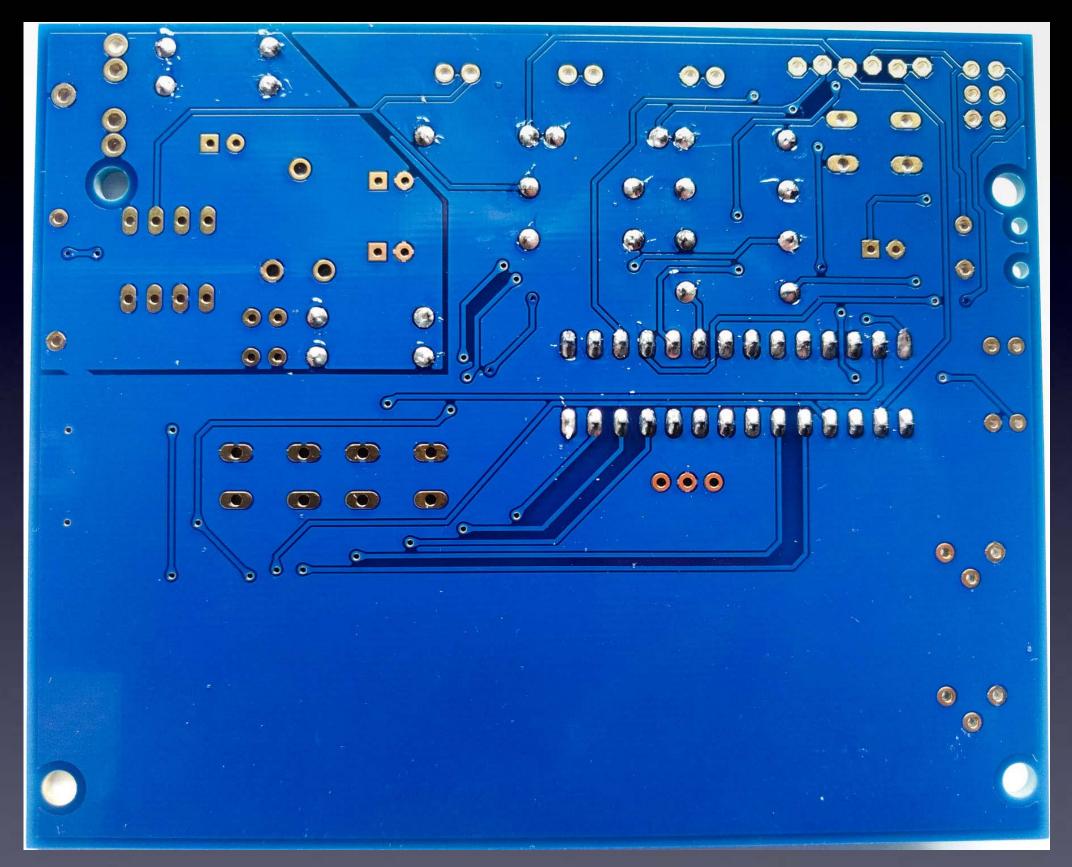


U1: microcontroller socket



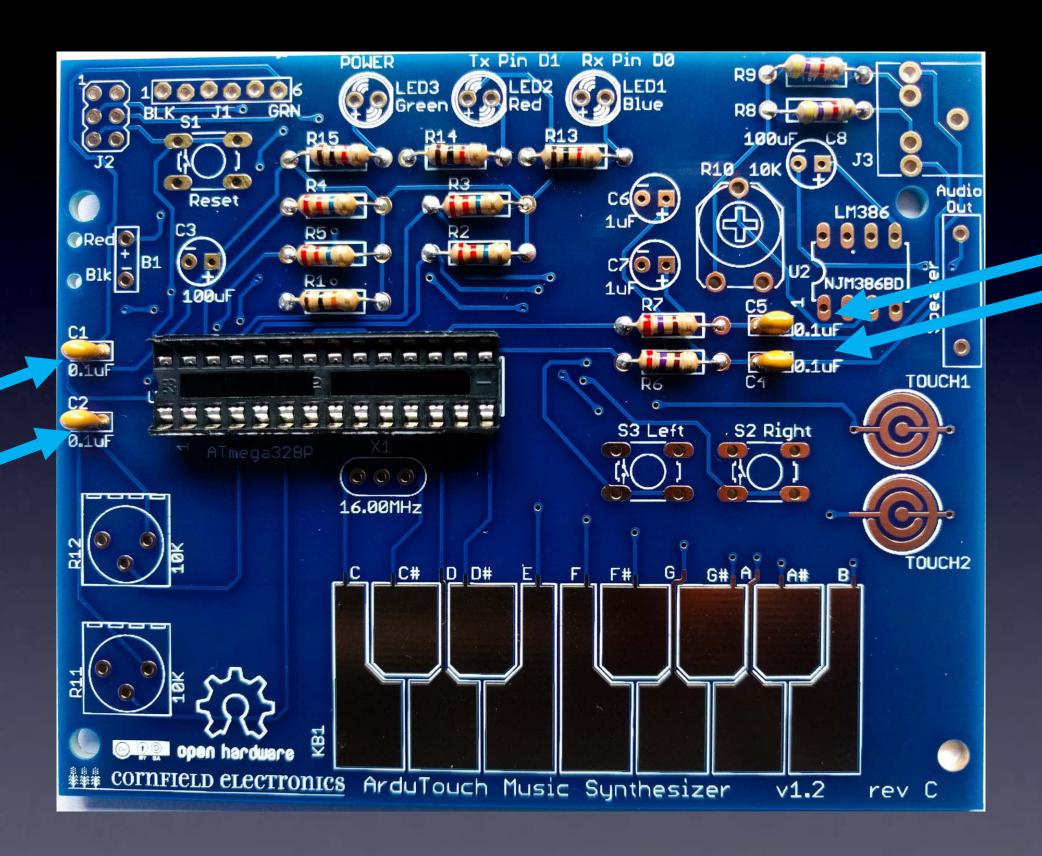
bend pins down on two corners, and solder all 28 leads to the board

U1: microcontroller socket

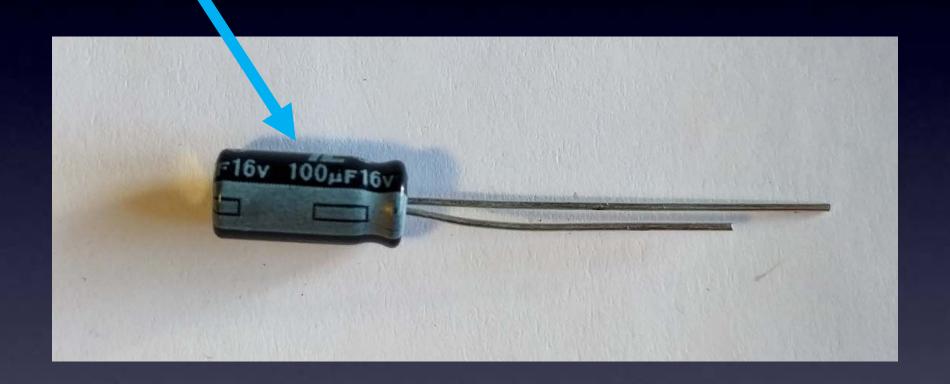


All 28 leads soldered to the board:

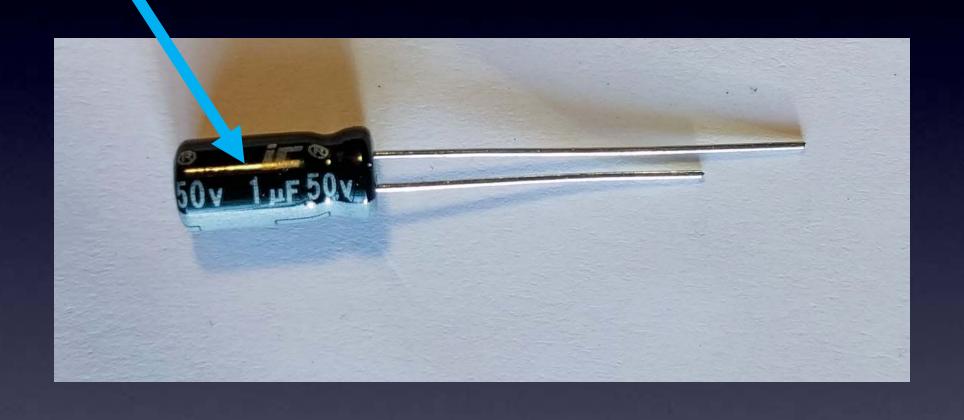
→ Notice that each has a little bump of solder (not flat). ←



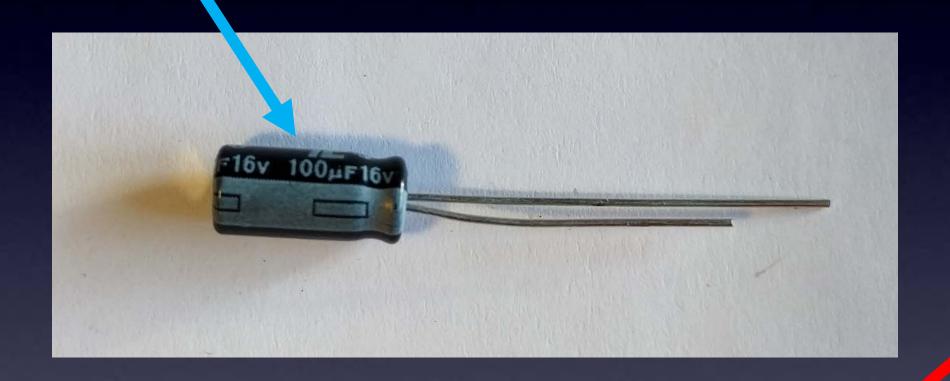
C1, C2, C4, C5



C3, C8: 100uF

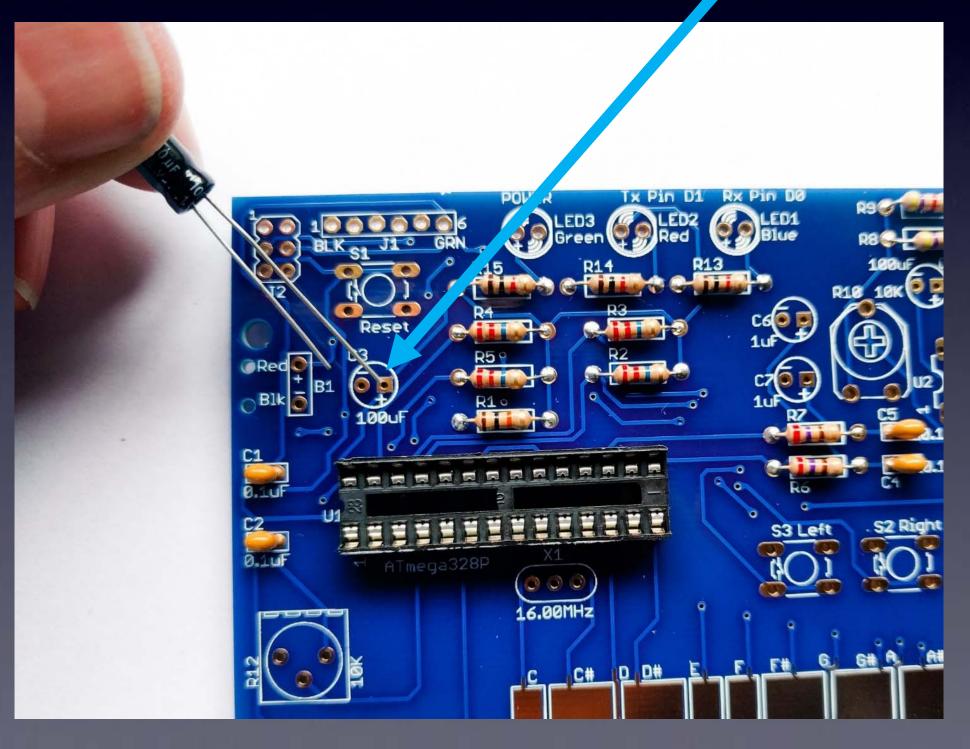


Different than C3, C8!
C6, C7: 1uF

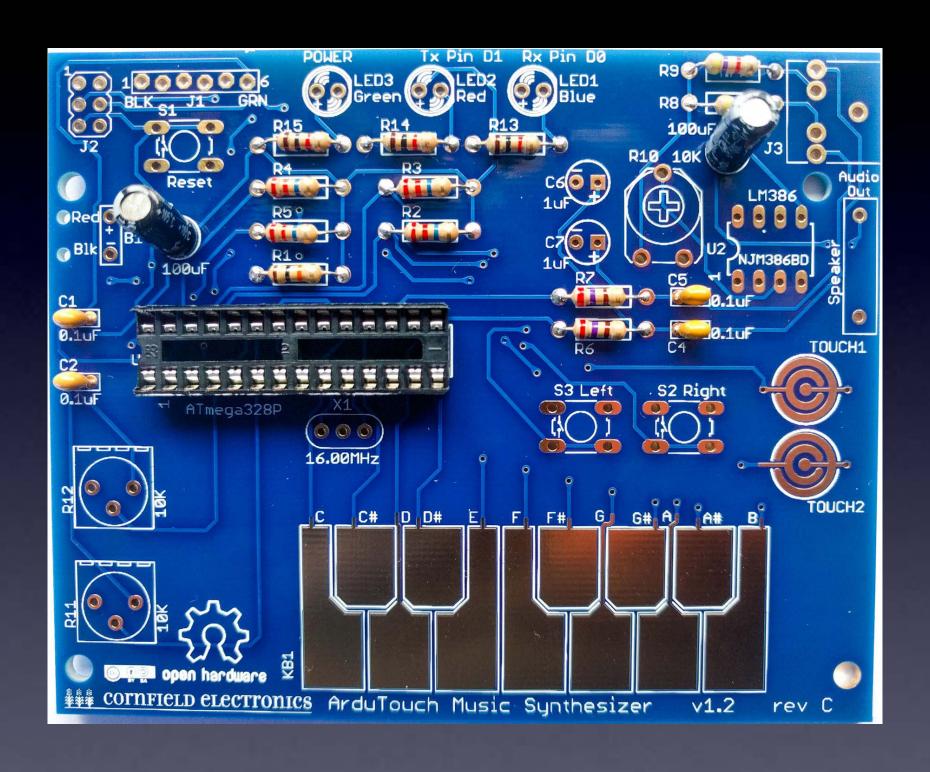


C3, C8: 100uF

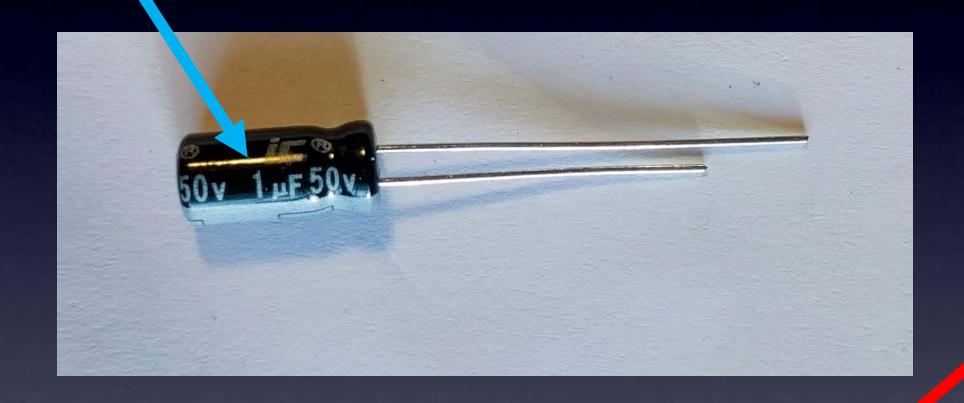
C3, C8: Long Lead "+"



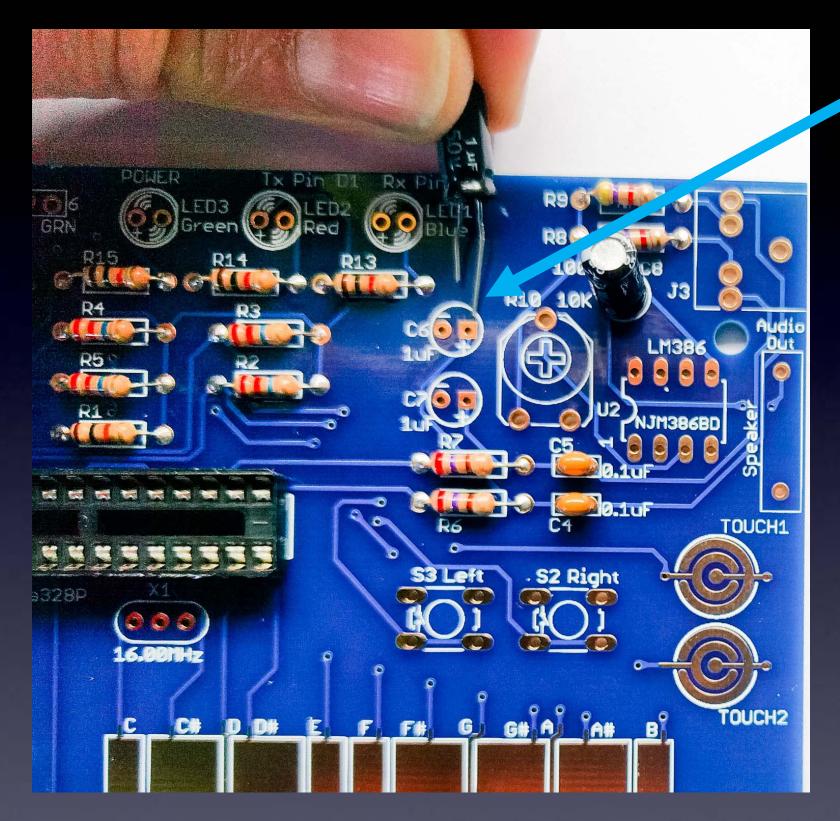




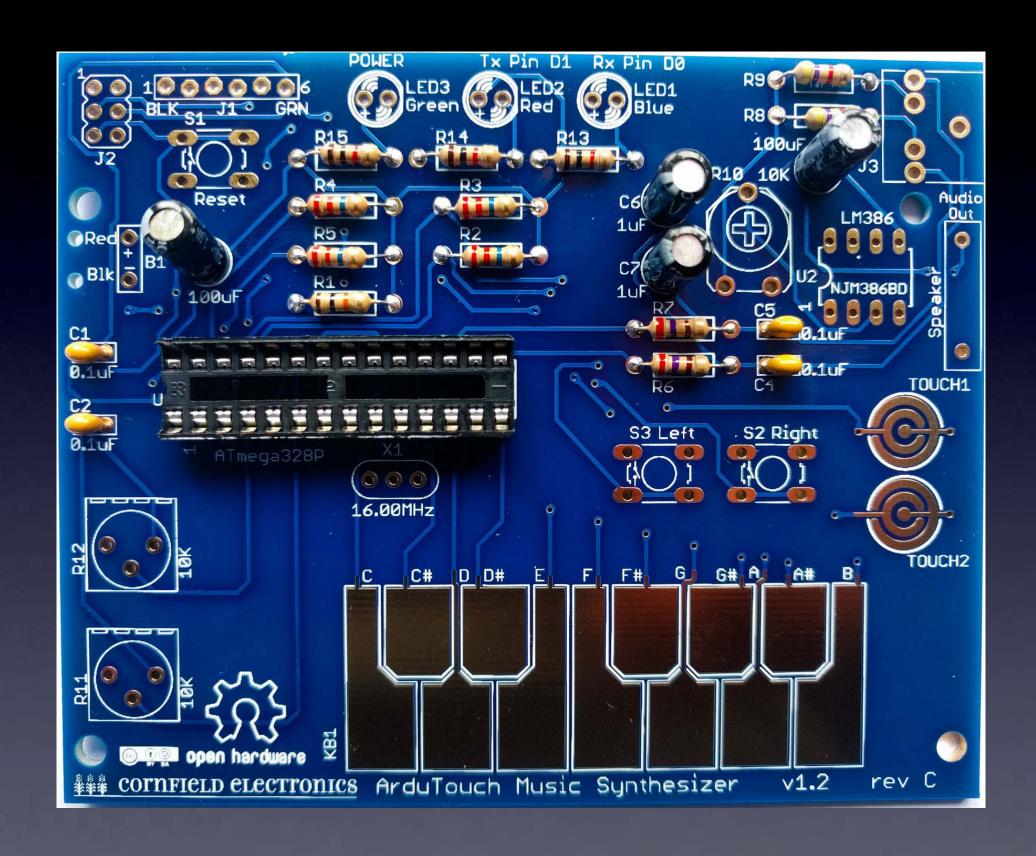
C3, C8: 100uF - soldered to board



C6, C7: 1uF

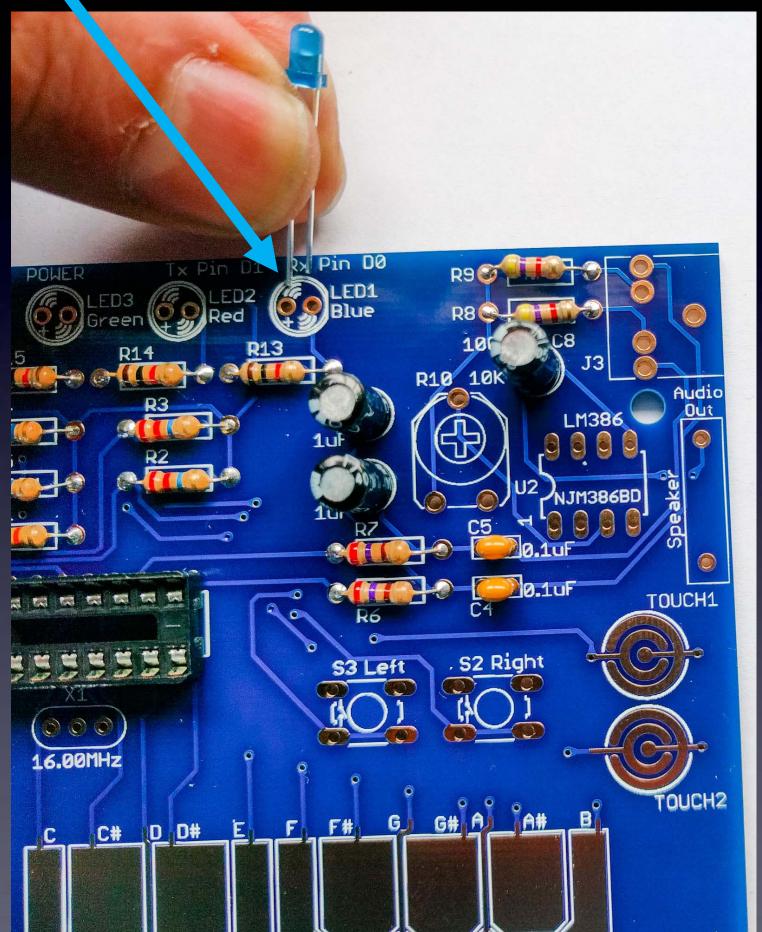


C6, C7: Long Lead "+"

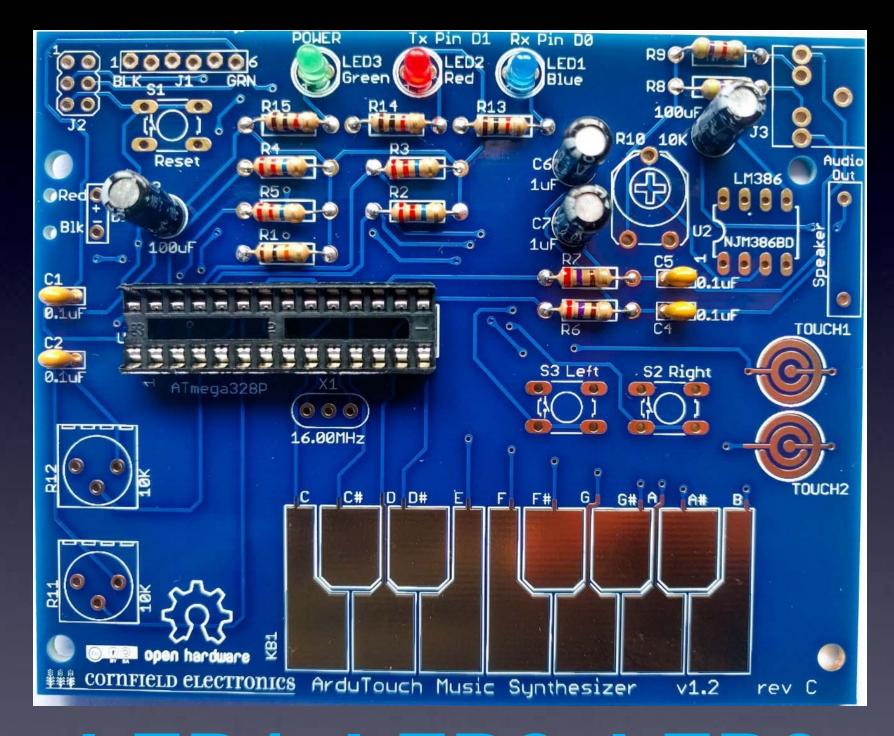


C6, C7: 1uF – soldered to board

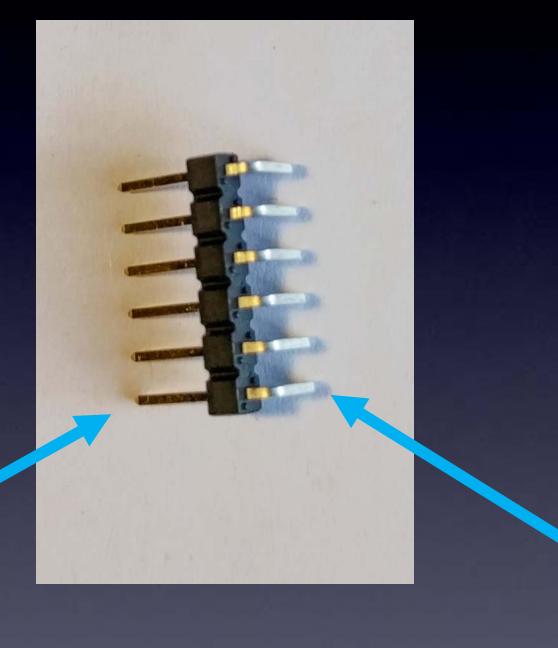
LED1, LED2, LED3: Long Lead "+"







LED1, LED2, LED3 Green, Red, Blue – soldered to board

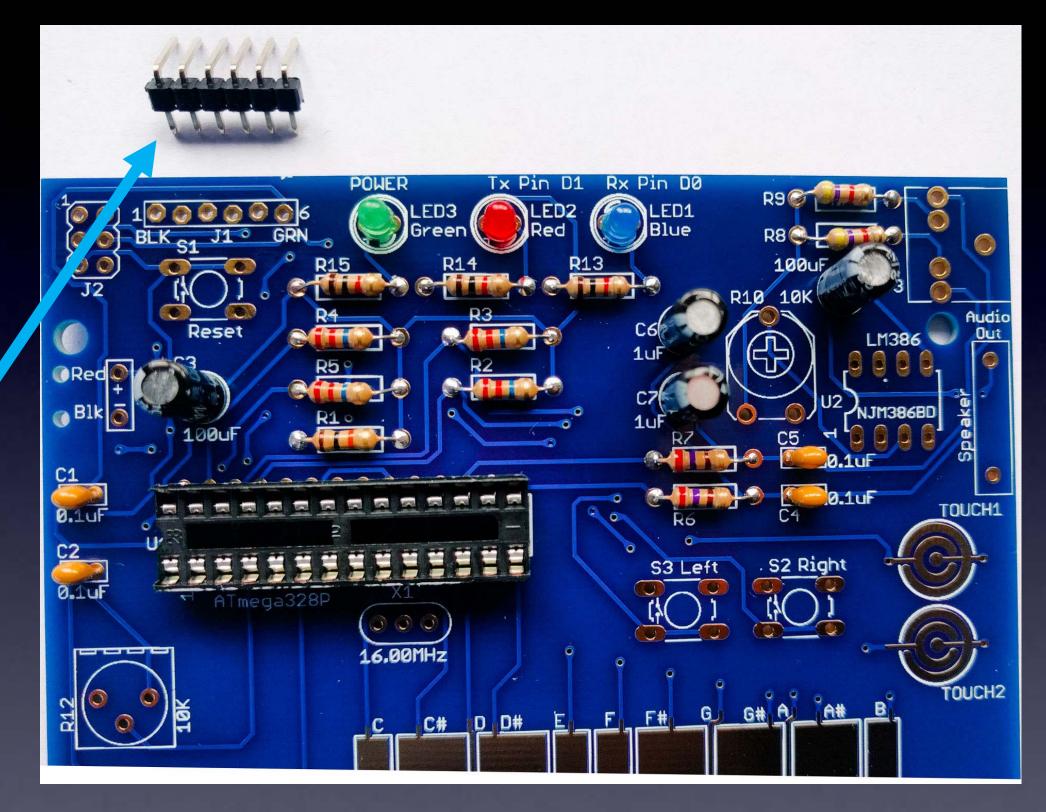


long leads

short leads

J1

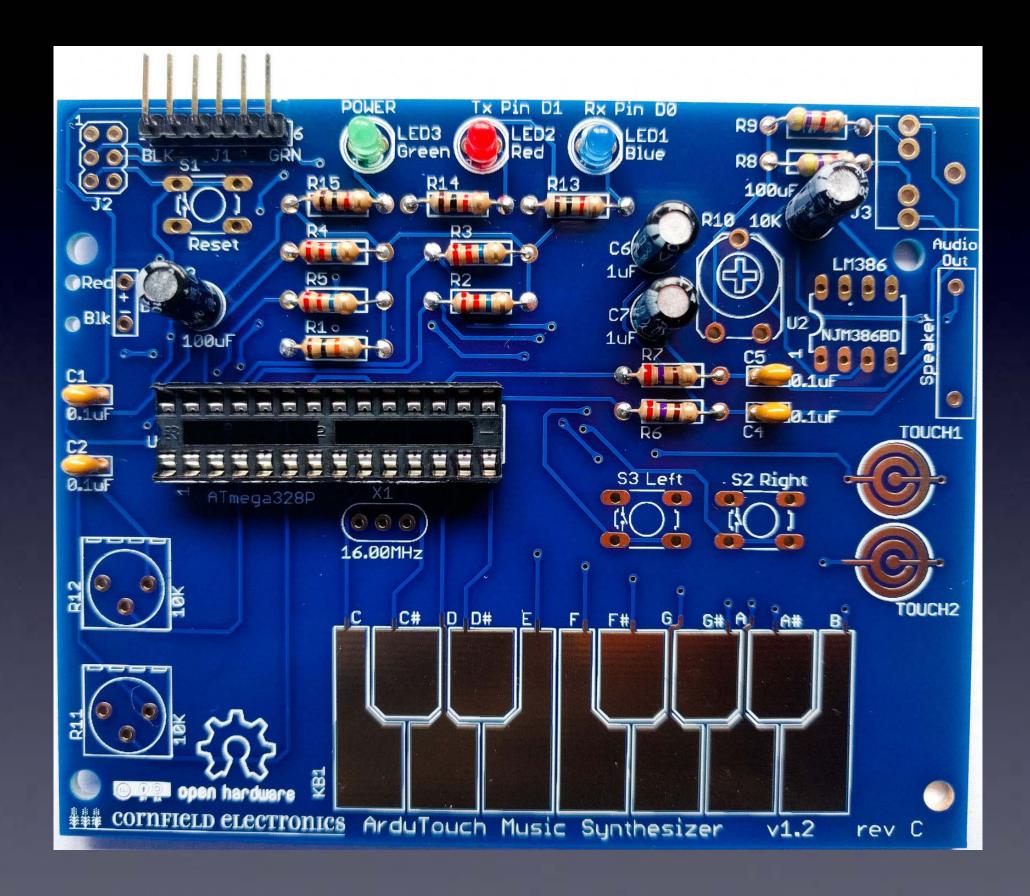
Short leads into board

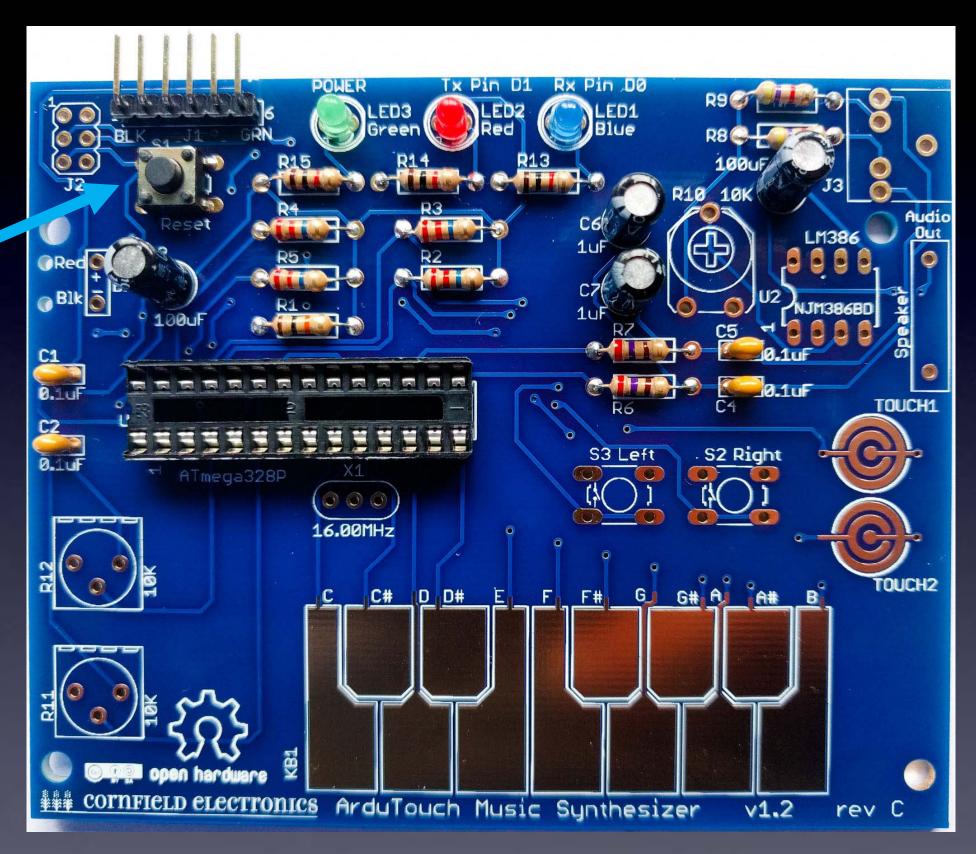


J1

short leads go into the board

→ long leads sticking out from board



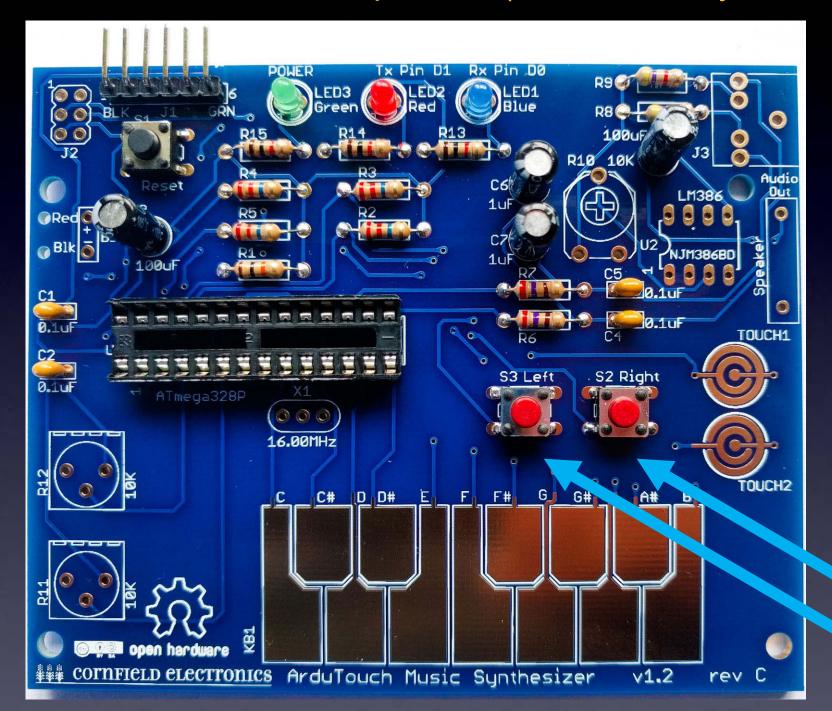


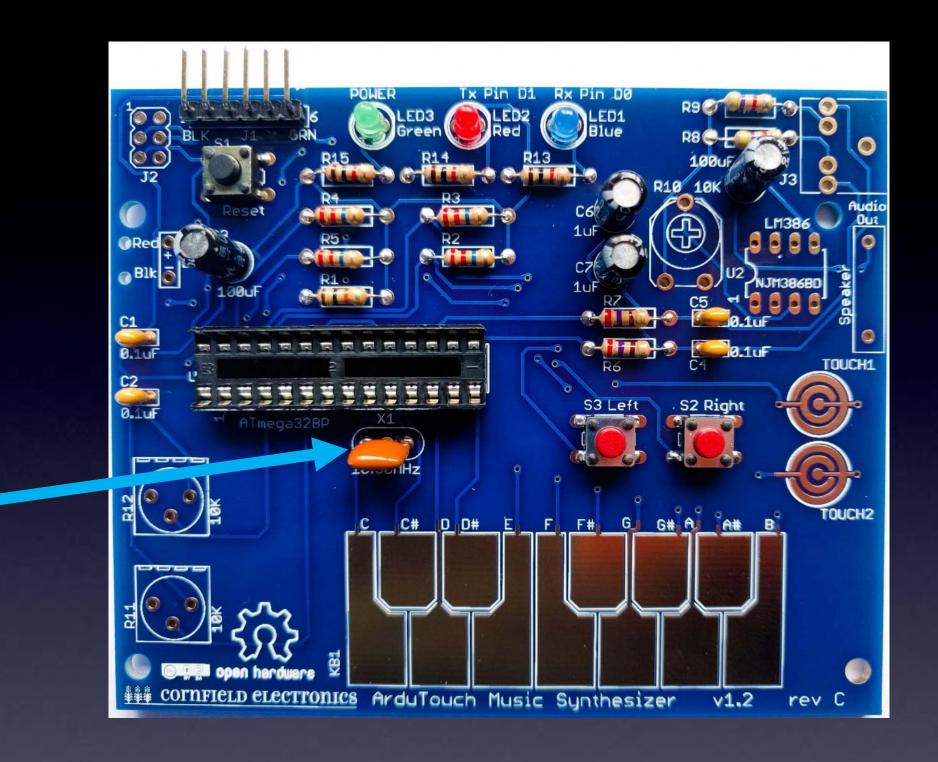
S1: black Reset button

Note: The color of this switch is not important (some kits may have different colors).

S2, S3: Red buttons

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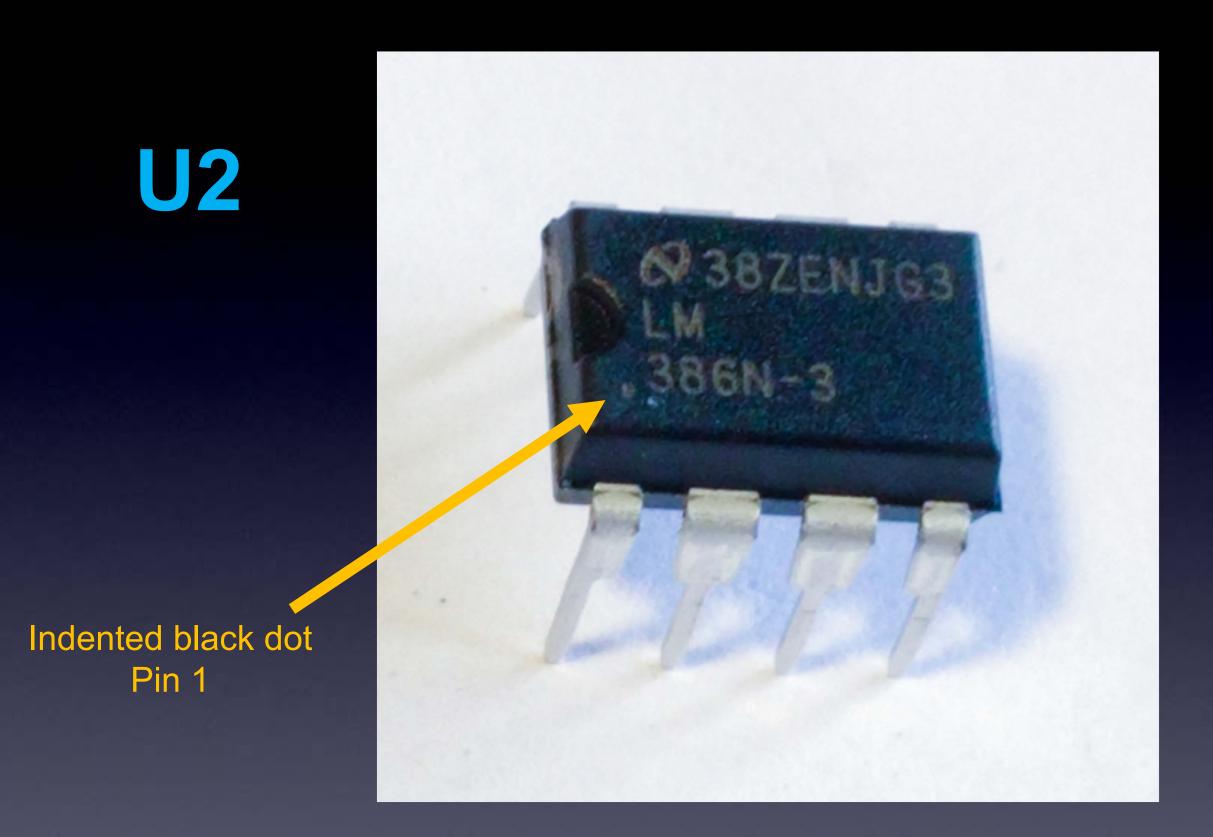




X1

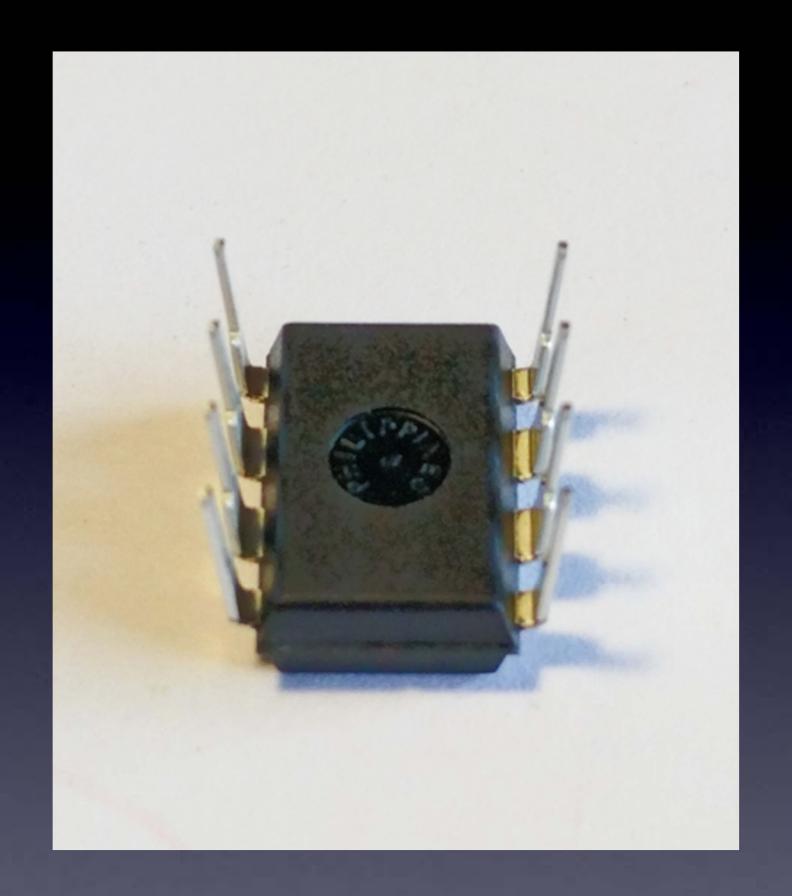
The orientation of X1 does not matter.

Note: X1 may be yellow or blue.

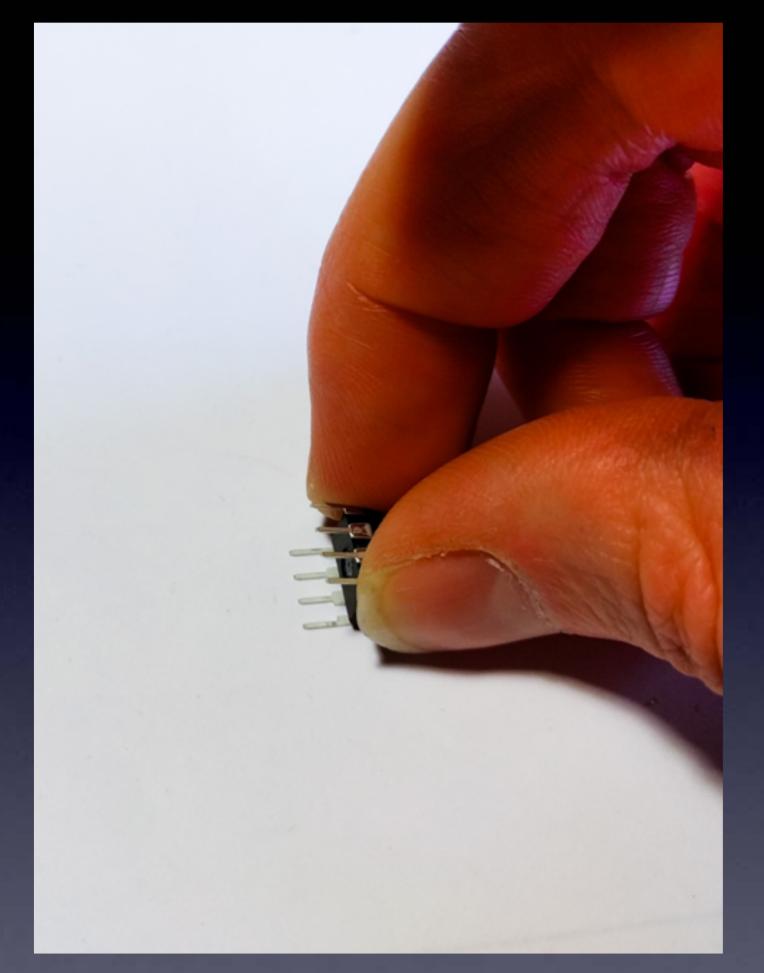


Note: Your chip may be marked differently, but "386" will be printed on it somewhere.

Note: Your chip may or may not have the indented half-moon at the left, it may have a black indented dot at the lower-left corner showing Pin 1.

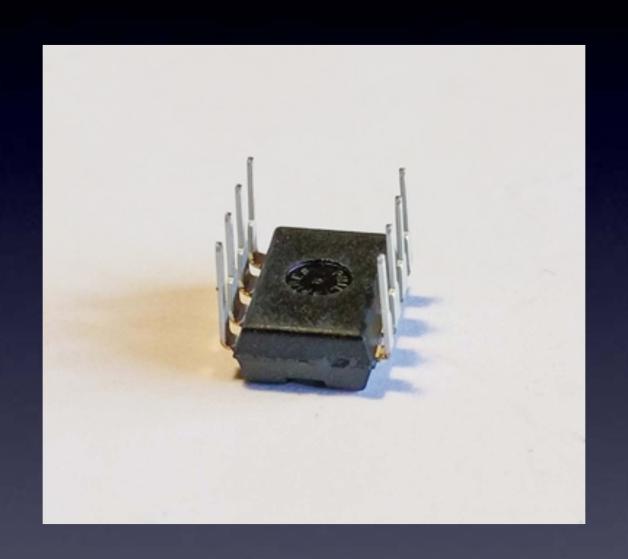


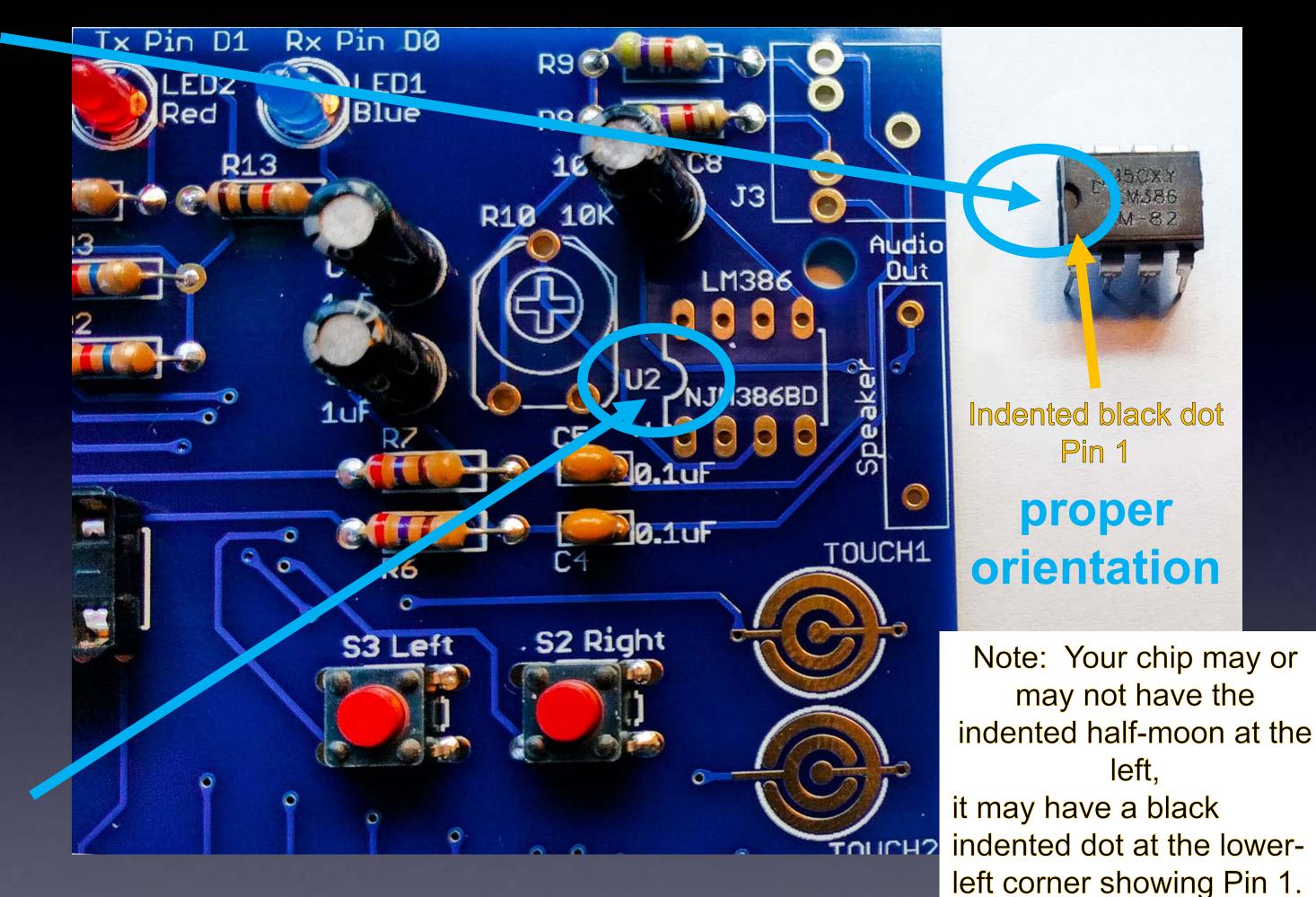
When chips are new, their pins are bent out.



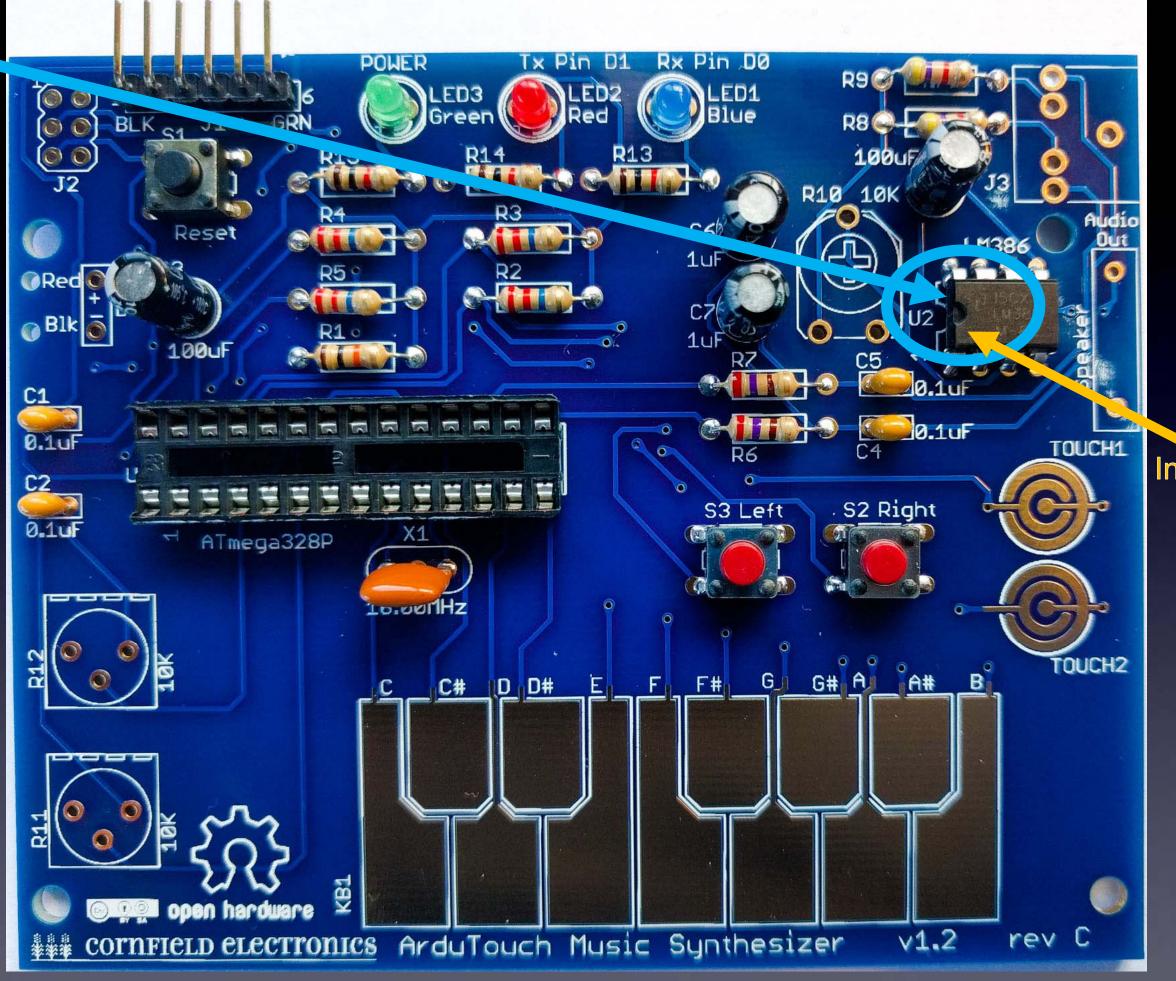
We need the pins bent straight and parallel. Use your work table to (gently) bend the leads.

Gently
bend leads
so they're straight
and parallel



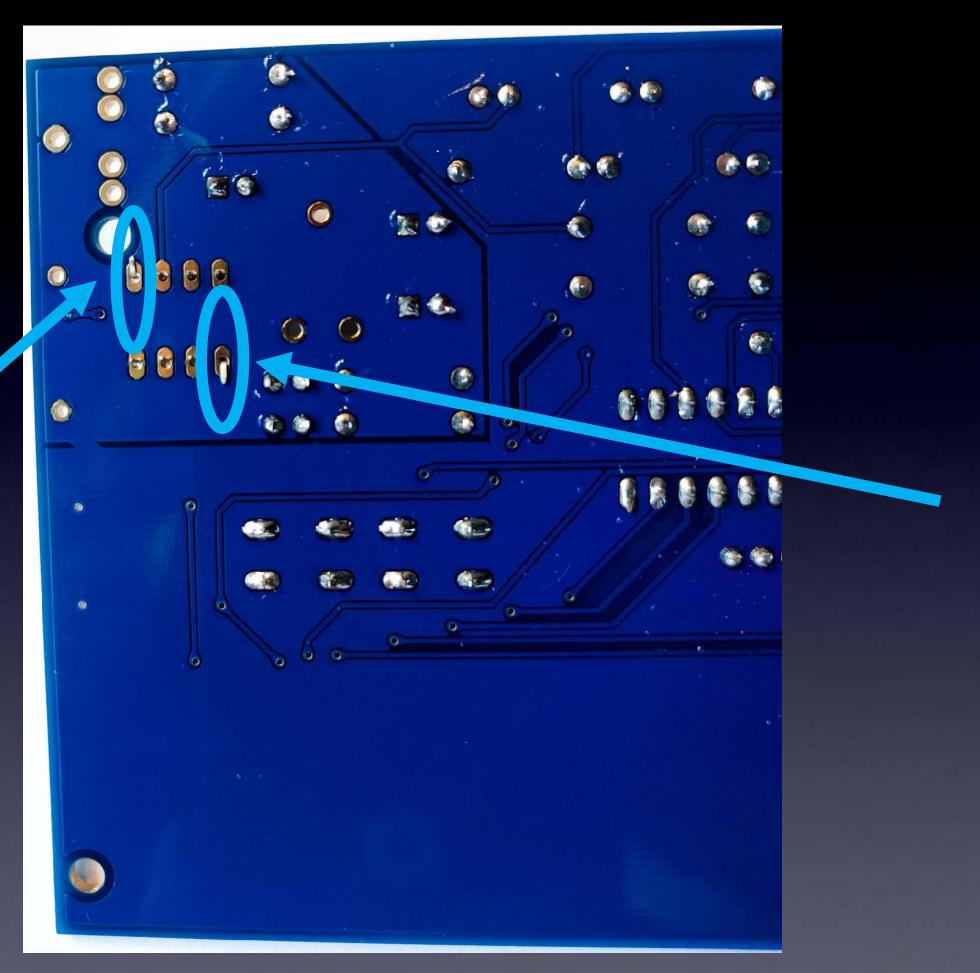


U2: audio amp chip

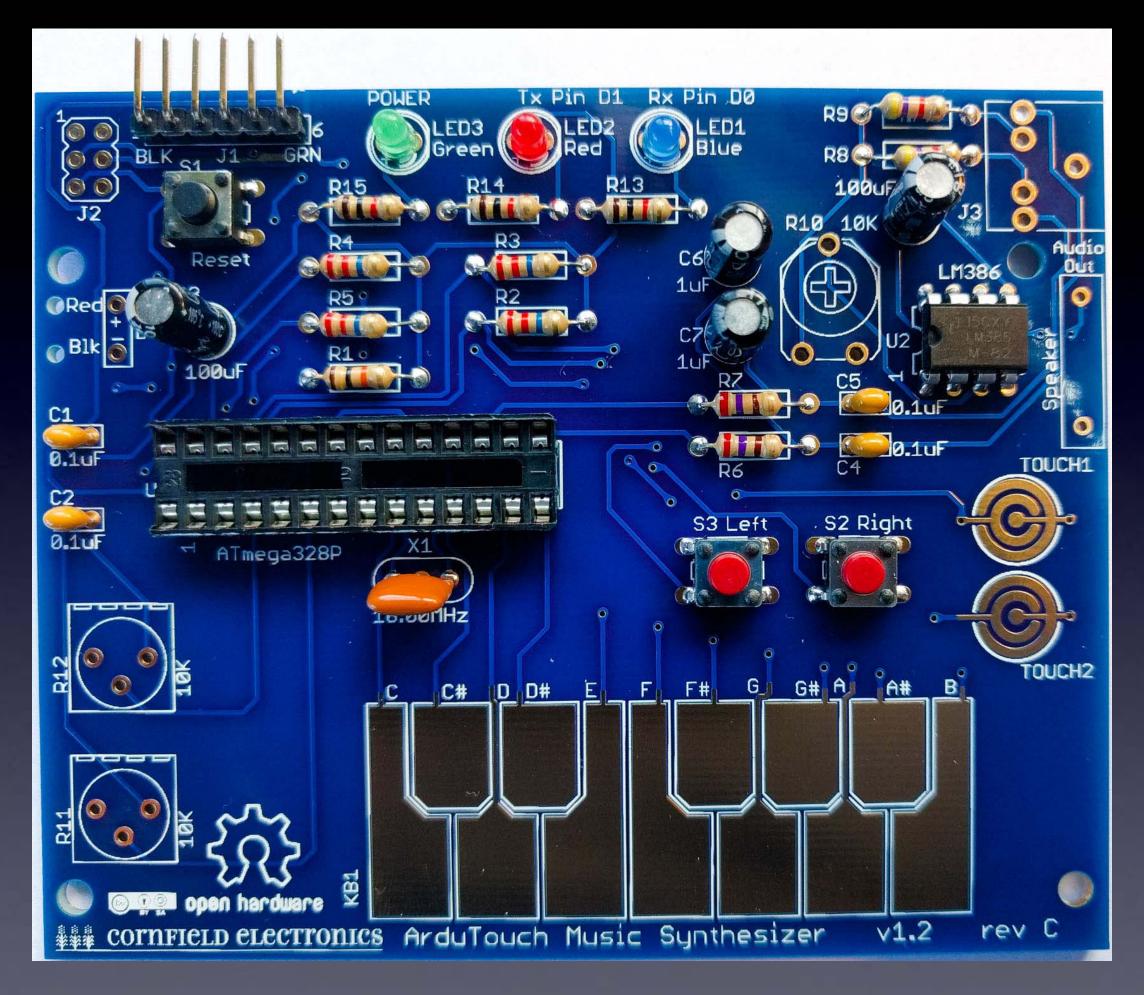


U2: inserted correctly

Indented black dot Pin 1

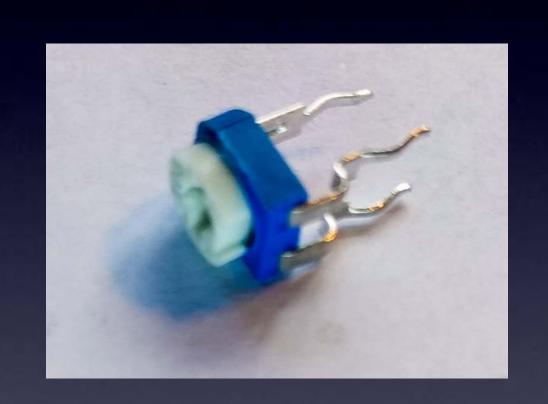


bend pins down on two corners, and solder all 8 leads to the board



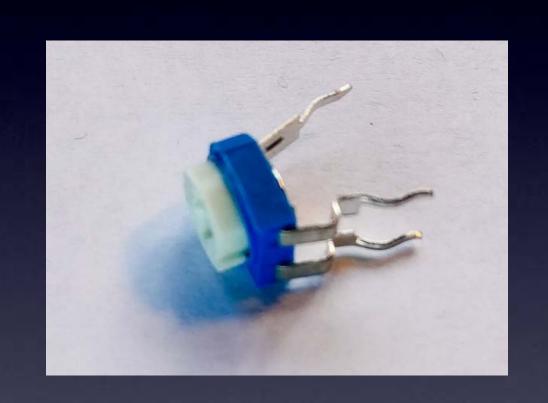
U2 – soldered to board

R10: volume control



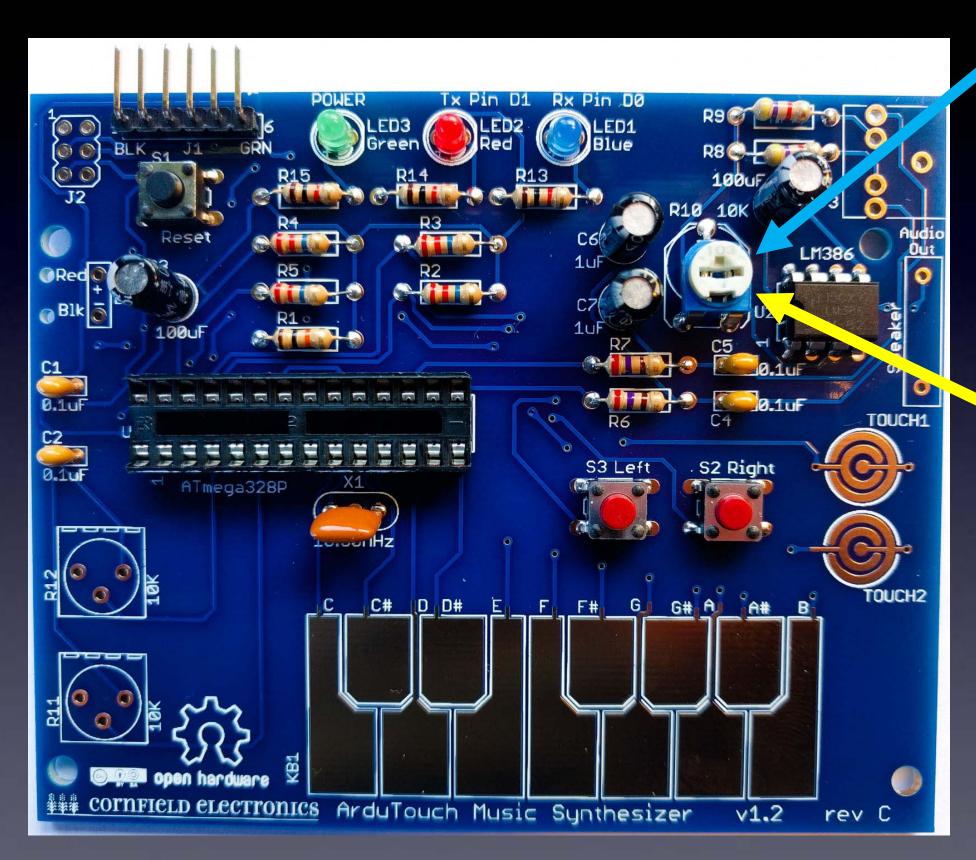
When new, the pins point straight down.

R10: volume control

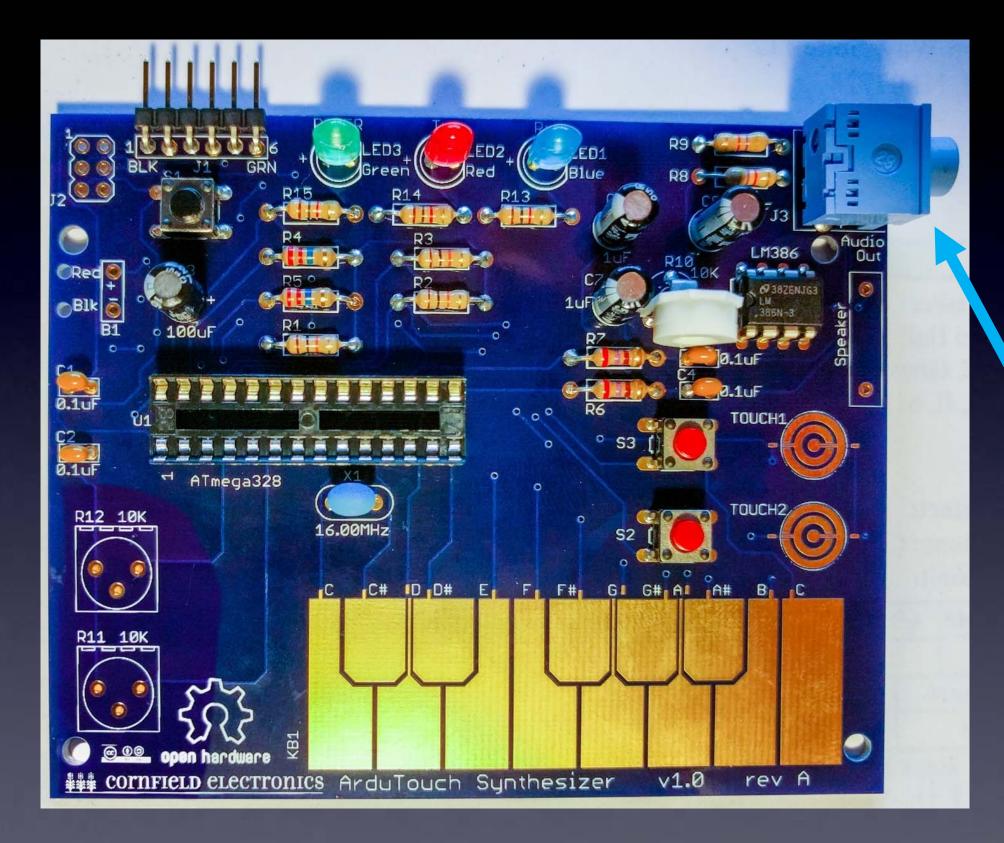


We need to bend them out a little to fit into the board.

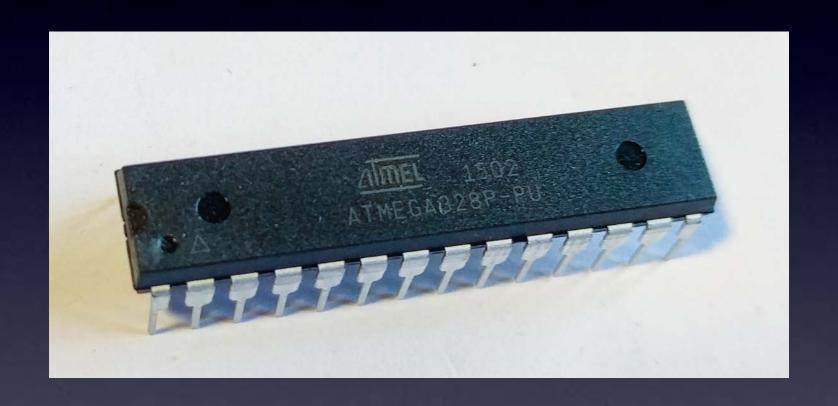
R10: volume control



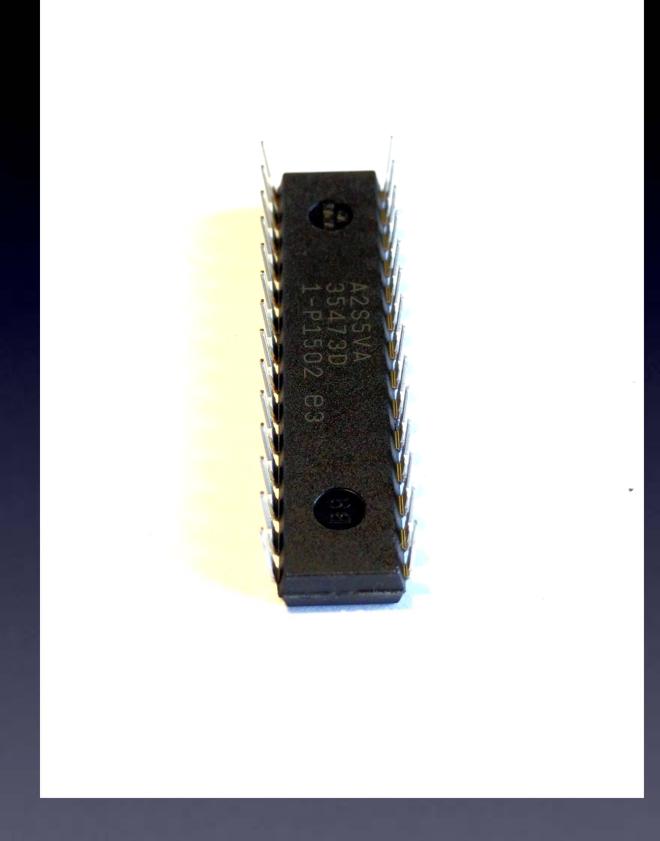
If necessary,
rotate the white top
so that it looks
like this photo
(rotated half-way)



J3: headphone / output jack



U1: microcontroller

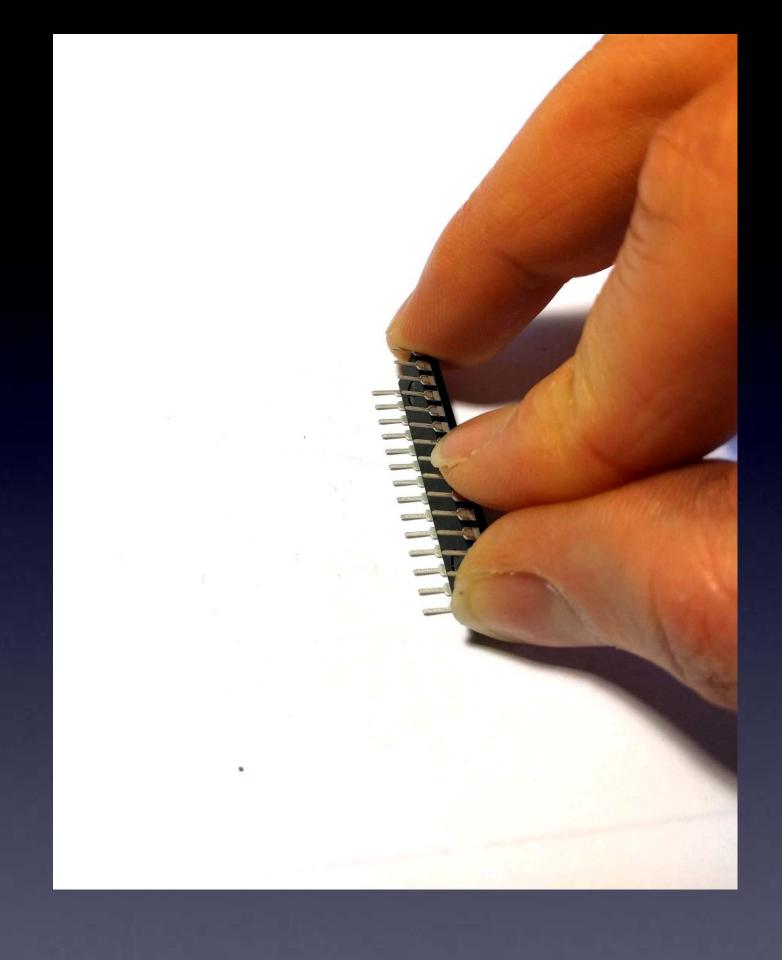


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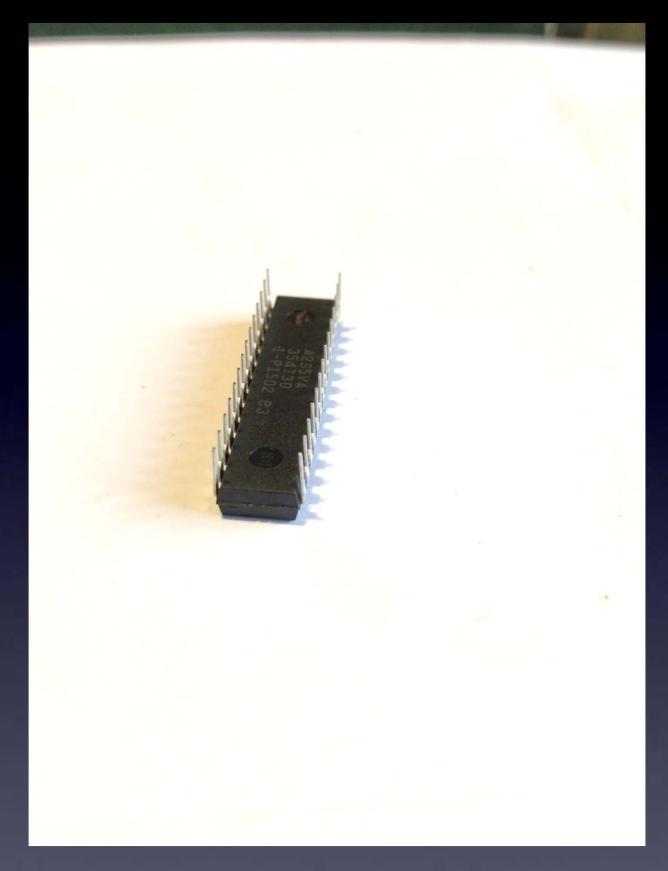
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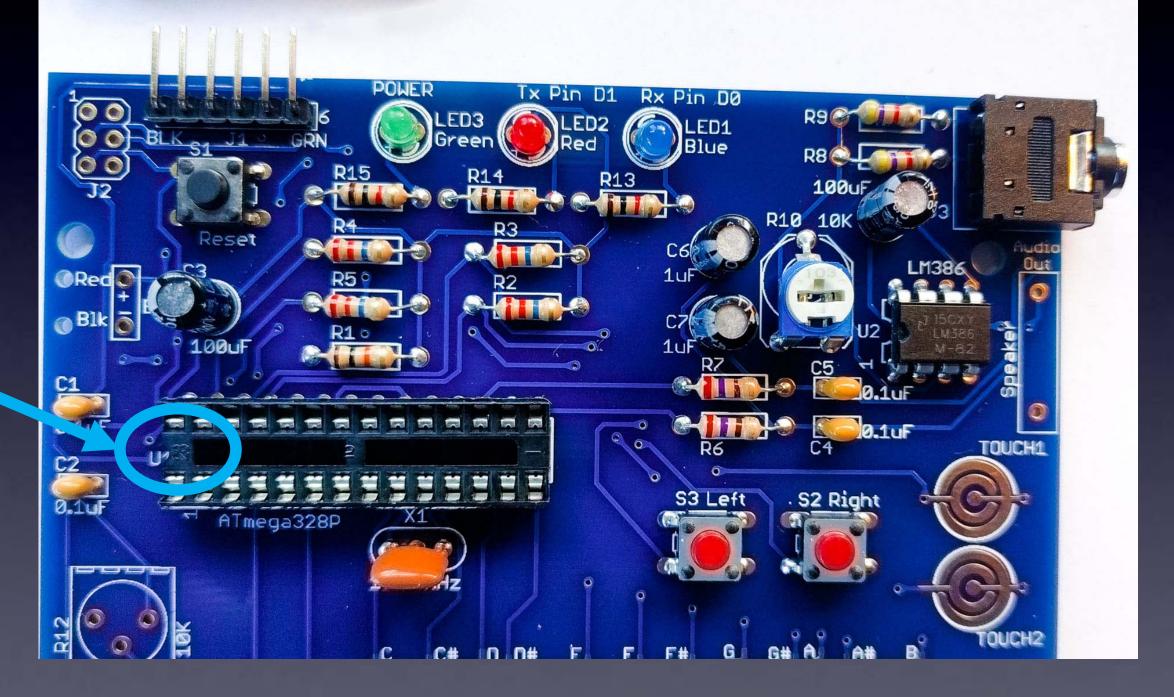


U1: microcontroller

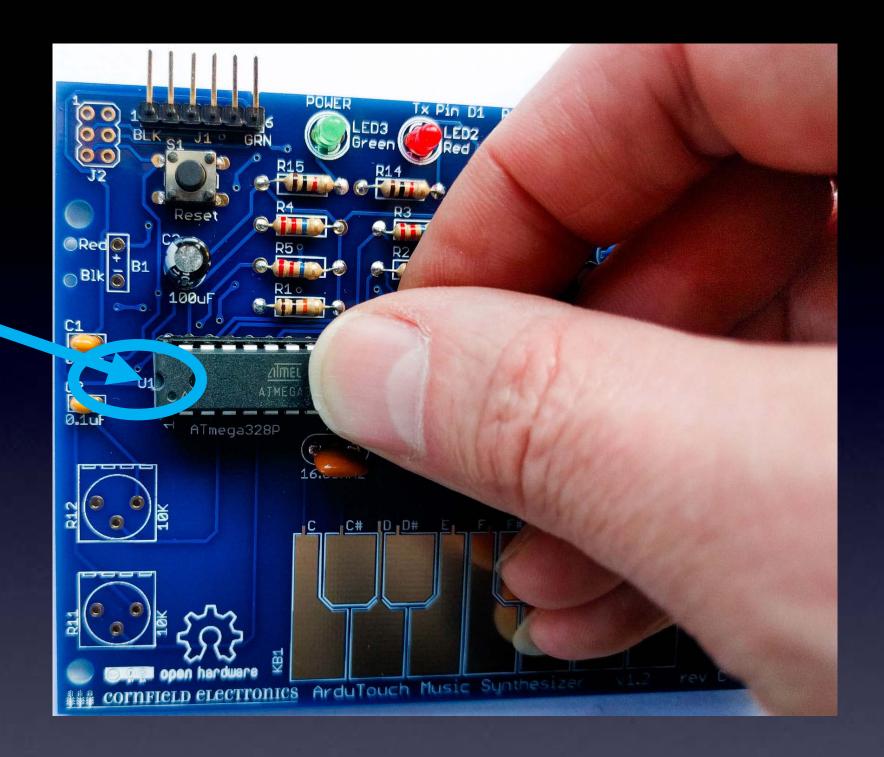
These pins must be straight and parallel



proper orientation



U1: microcontroller



U1: microcontroller

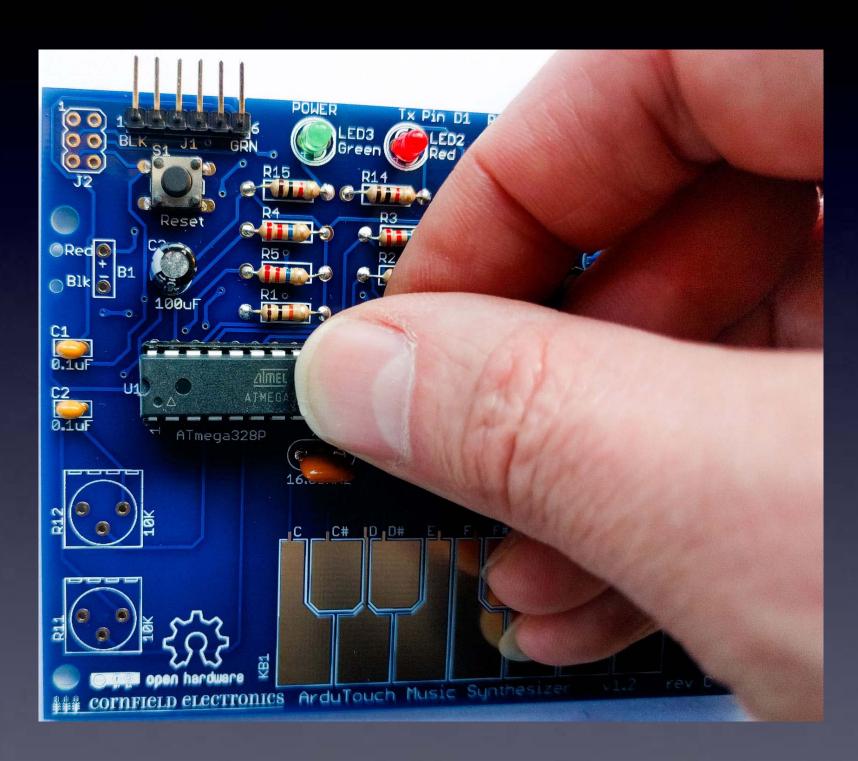
make sure each pins rests in its hole in the socket

→ with the proper orientation

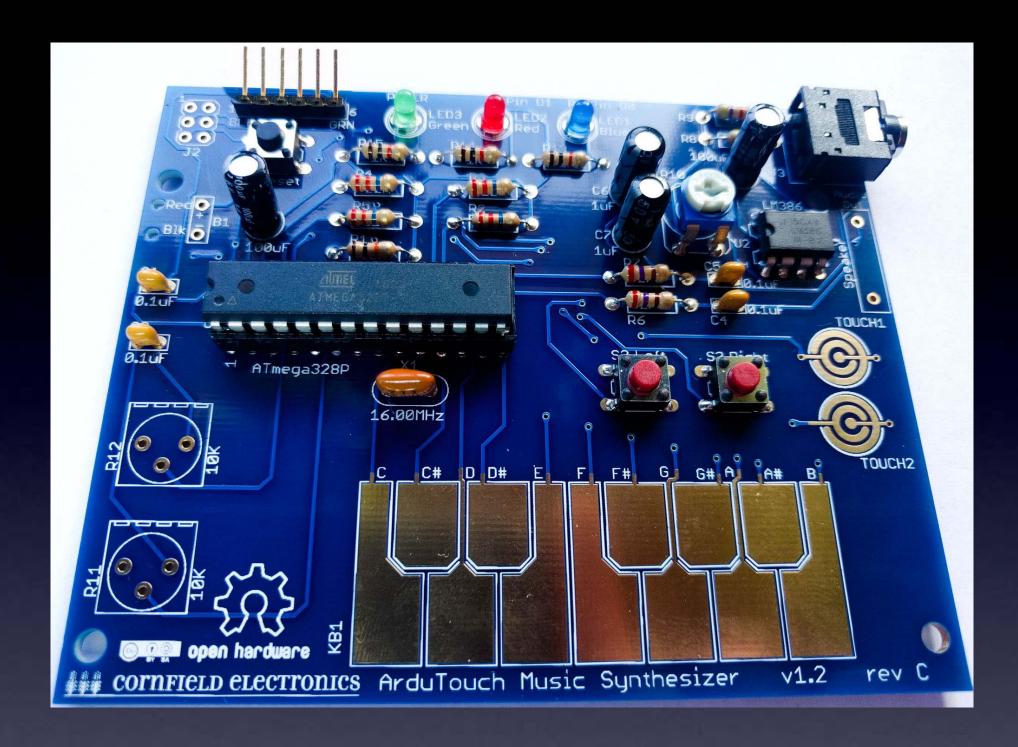
Use two thumbs to push microcontroller into the socket

Make sure all 28 pins are in place, and push it into its socket.

(This is actually way easier with 2 thumbs.)



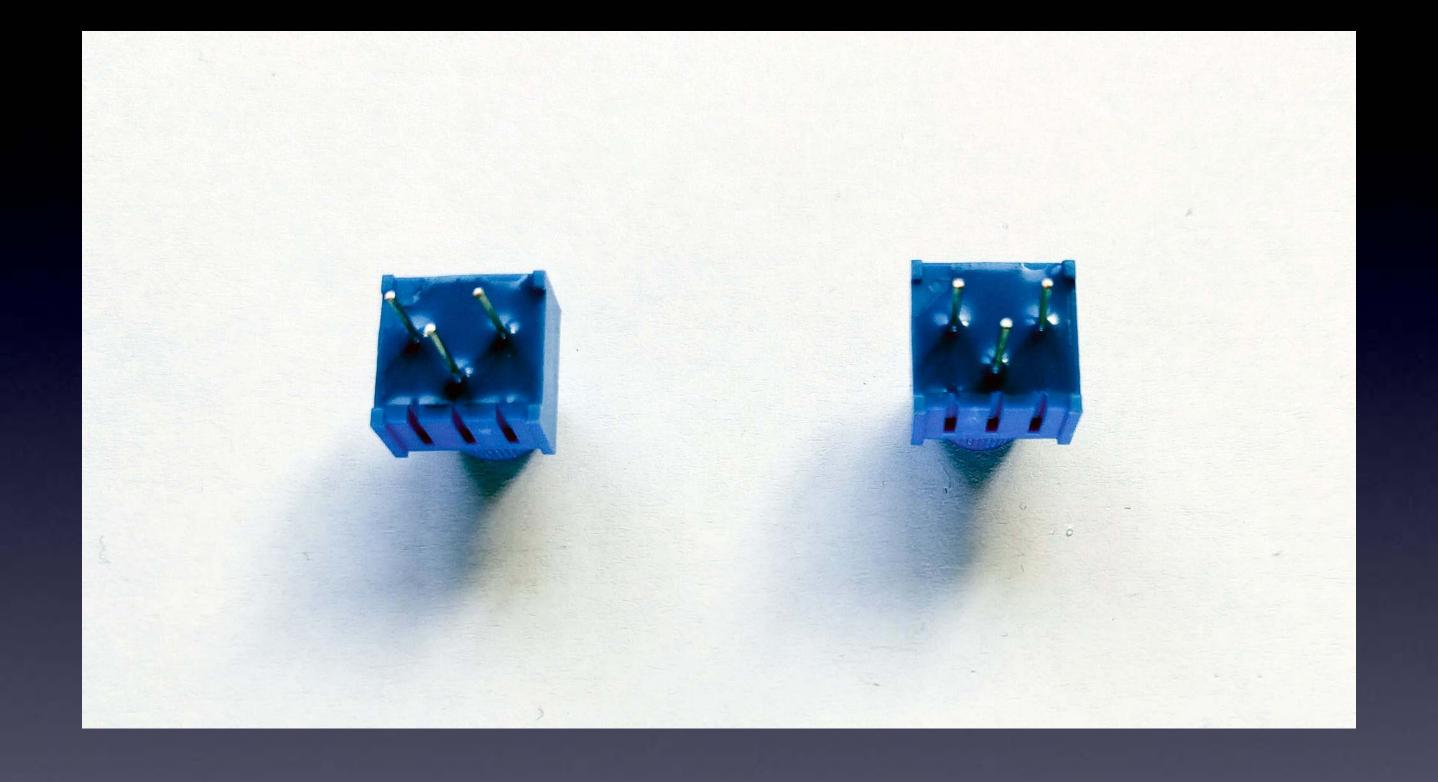
U1: microcontroller



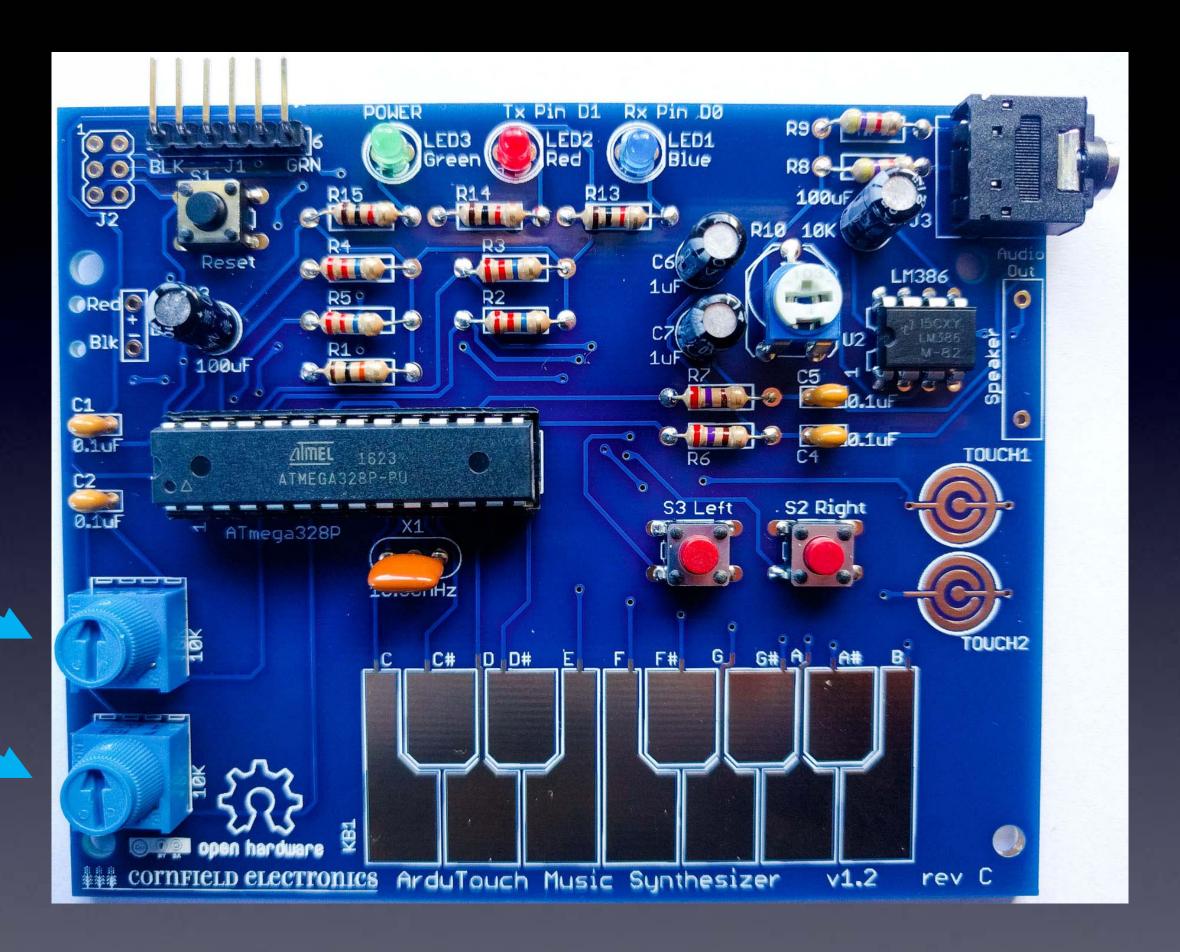
U1: microcontroller

Inspect all pins, and be sure each went into its hole in the socket – not bent.

If any pins are bent, (gently) pry out chip, straighten pins, and insert again.



R11 & R12: potentiometers



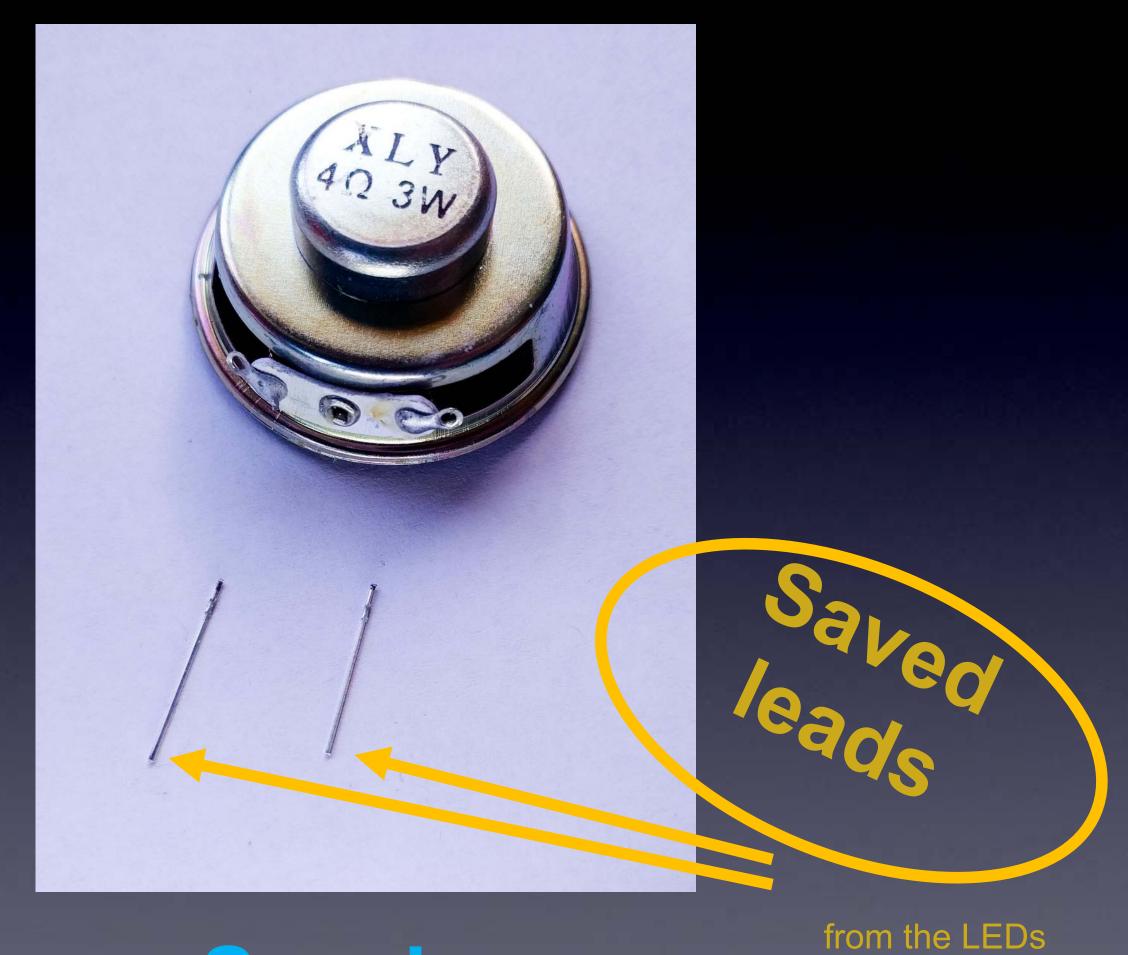
R11 & R12: potentiometers



Some kits have a speaker that looks like this



We'll add leads to the speaker

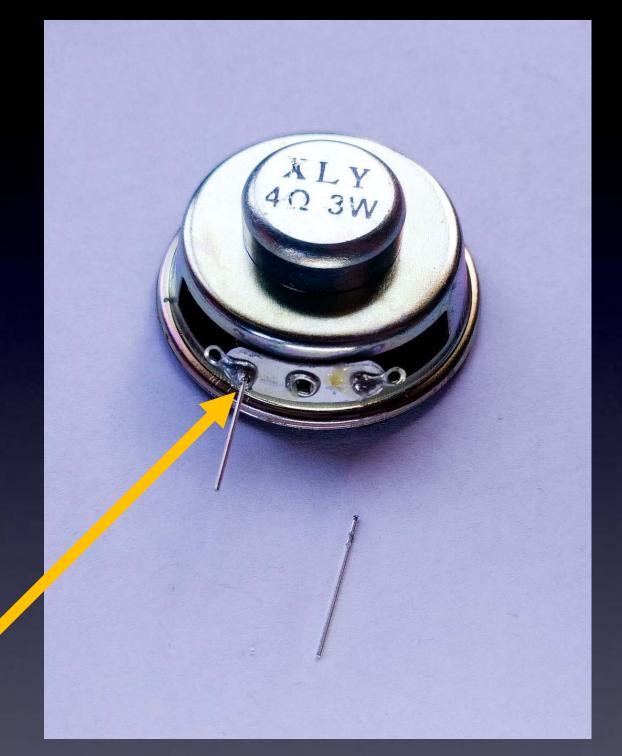


Tin one side of each lead

(i.e., cover with thin film of melted solder)

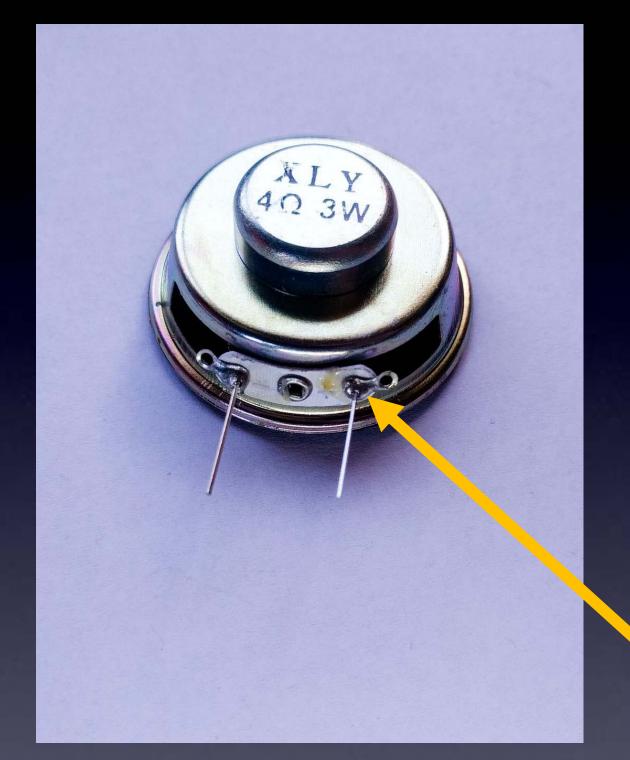


Solder one lead to speaker



Notice the correct place to solder the wire

Solder next lead to speaker



Speaker

Notice the correct place to solder the wire

Some kits have a speaker that looks like this

Notice the correct place to solder the wires

Speaker

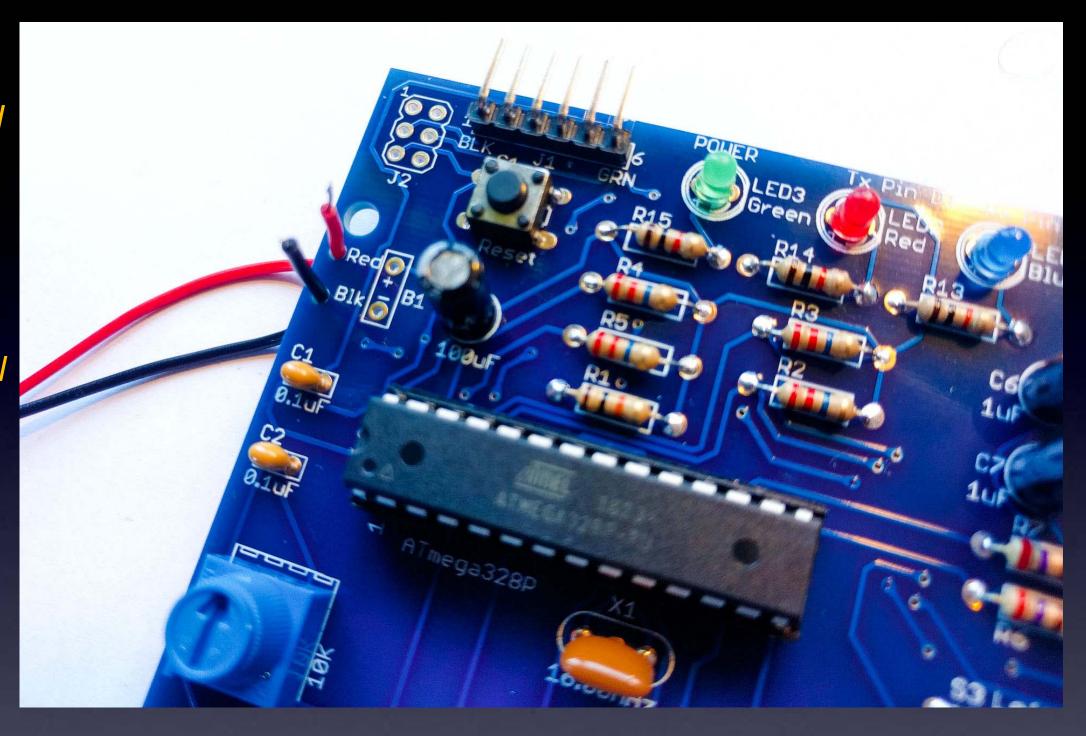
Insert
speaker into board
and solder
both leads to board.



Speaker

Note: Some battery pack wires have thicker red and black plastic coatings.

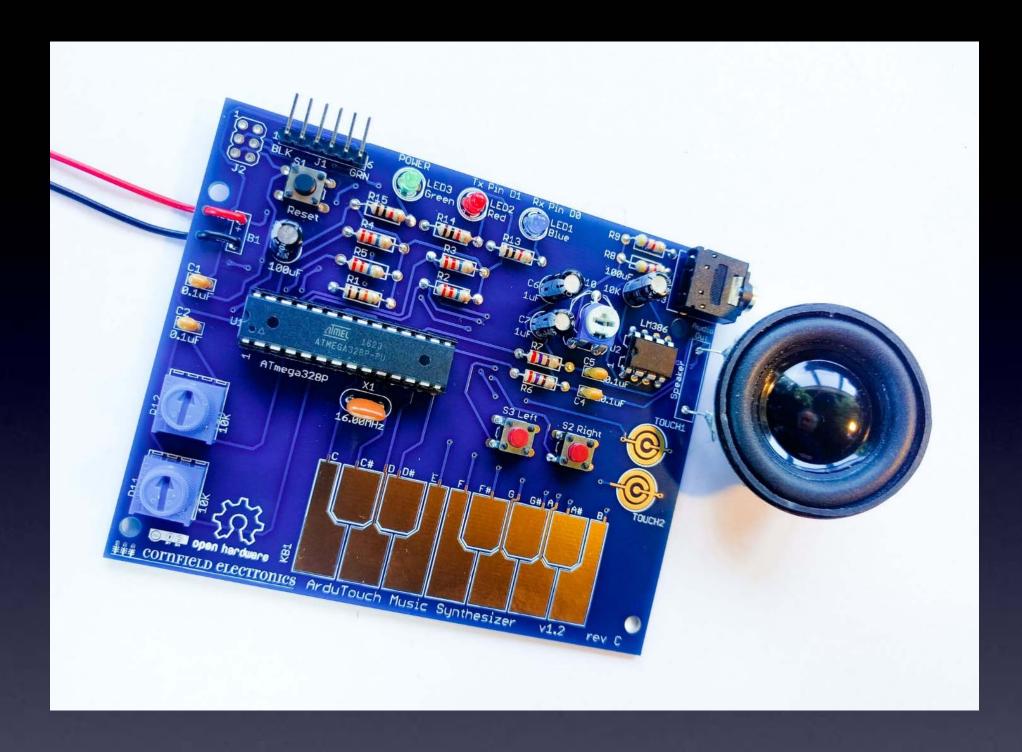
If so,
you can widen the these
two holes by gently
rotating a scissors or small
knife or small Phillips
screwdreiver on the top
and bottom of these two
holes.



Push battery pack leads through holes.

Make sure Red and Black go through their correct holes!

Battery pack

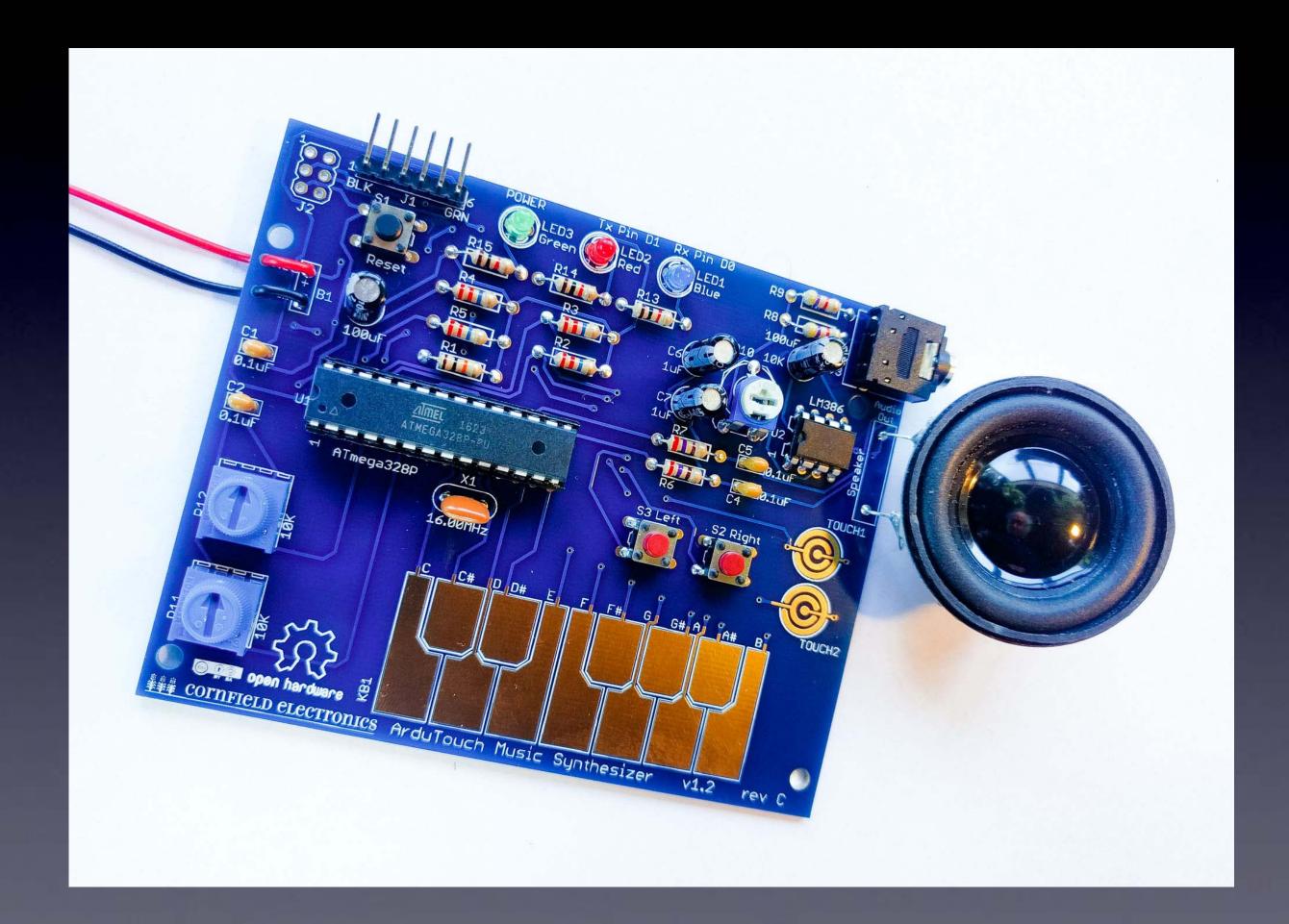


Loop one lead into its pad, and solder.

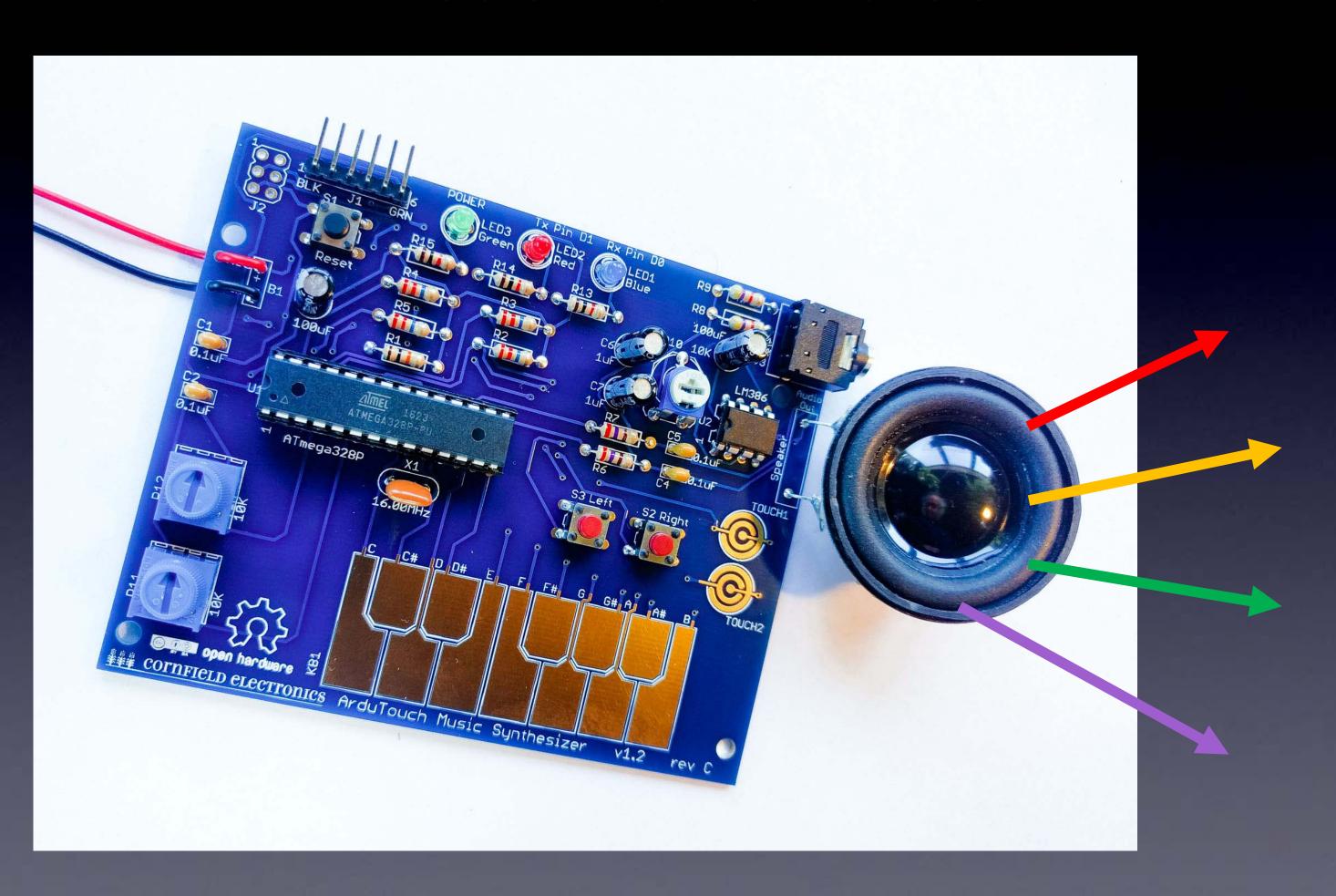
Then loop the other lead into its pad, and solder.

Battery pack

Done!



Let's make noise!



Please Remember:

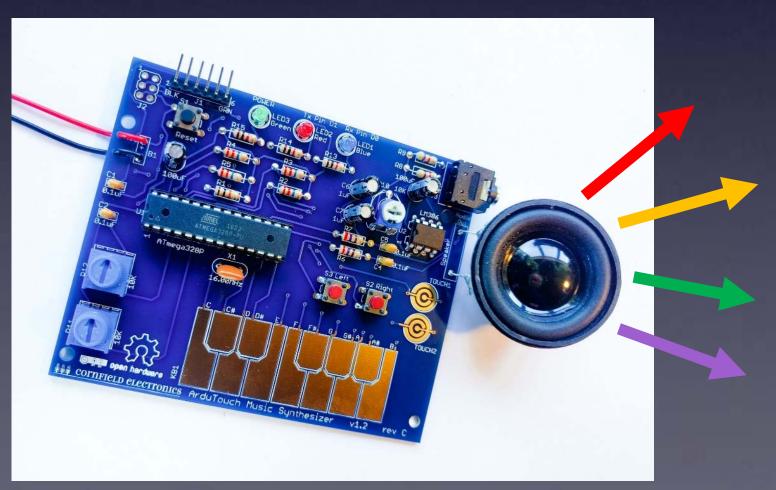
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Your ArduTouch comes pre-programmed with a really cool synthesizer, called "Thick".

"Thick" plays 4 sawtooth waves at once.

- the left and right buttons change octaves
- long press the left and right buttons to change sounds
- the Bottom knob controls the glide rate
- the Top knob controls how each of the 4 notes glide separately
- Try playing with these and see!

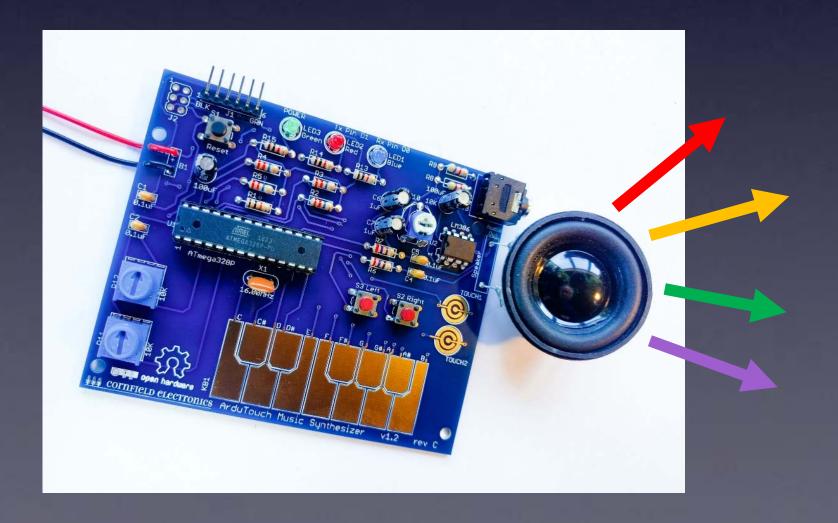


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If you are happy playing with "Thick" then no need to re-program your ArduTouch.

But if you want to program other synths into your ArduTouch, the next pages show you how...

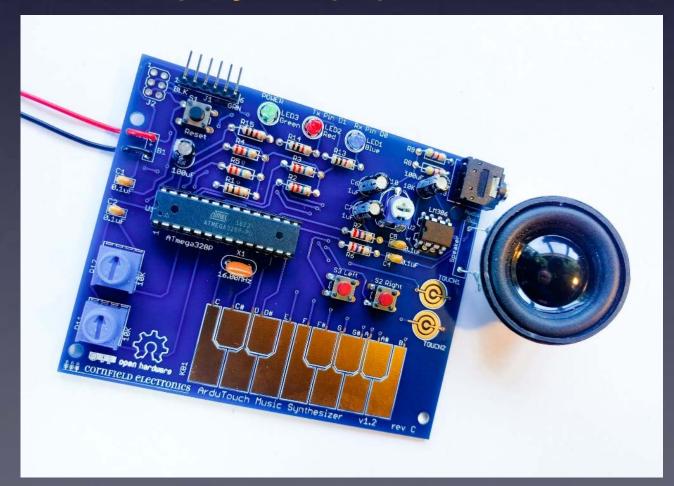


Re-programming the ArduTouch

We have written several way cool synthesizers for ArduTouch! Each is unique, and each way different than the others.

To program in a new synth in your ArduTouch, you will need:

- the Arduino software http://arduino.cc
- a USB-Serial adapter cable (such as an FTDI, or equivalent)
 a nice one is available at
 - https://cornfieldelectronics.com/cfe/products/buy.php?productId=usbcable
- a synth sketch and the ArduTouch Arduino library
 http://cornfieldelectronics.com/cfe/projects.php#ardutouch



Arduino is a very powerful tool!

But it is very easy to use.

It was designed for total beginners to use successfully.

I won't give a complete tutorial here – just some basics.

For more info, there are many good Arduino tutorials online.

A good place to start is:

https://www.arduino.cc/en/Tutorial/HomePage



First:

Any version is OK Download and install the Arduino software < http://arduino.cc >

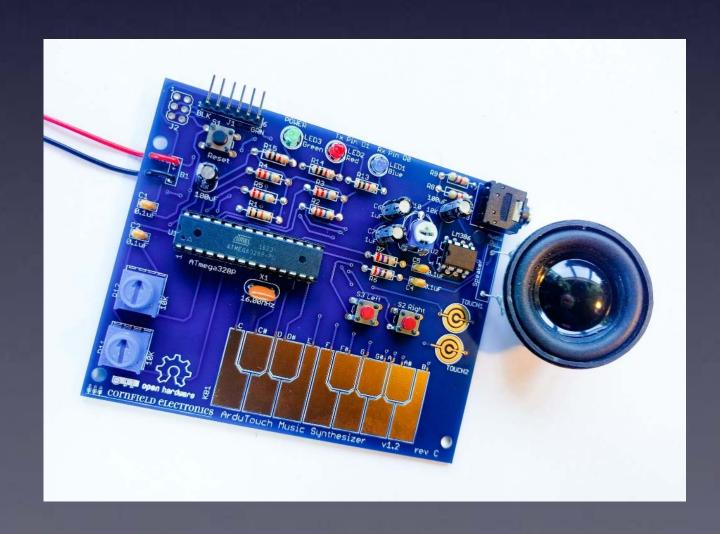


Re-programming the ArduTouch

Second:

Download and install the ArduTouch Arduino library http://cornfieldelectronics.com/cfe/projects.php#ardutouch>

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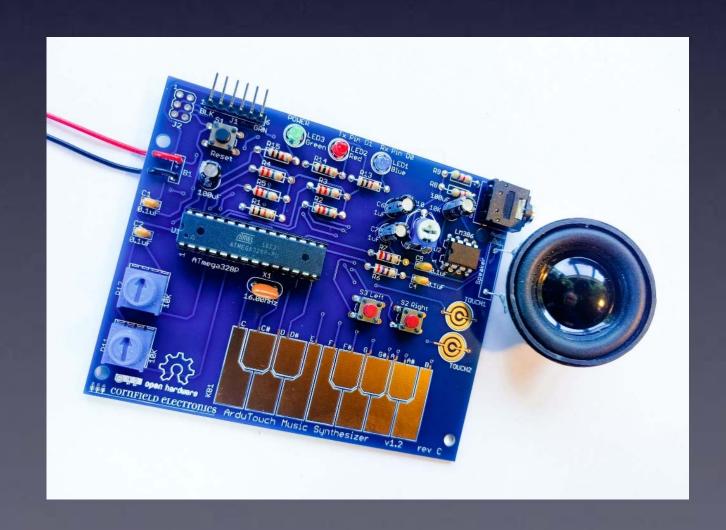
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Third:

Download ArduTouch synth sketches http://cornfieldelectronics.com/cfe/projects.php#ardutouch>

Store them on your computer anywhere you like.

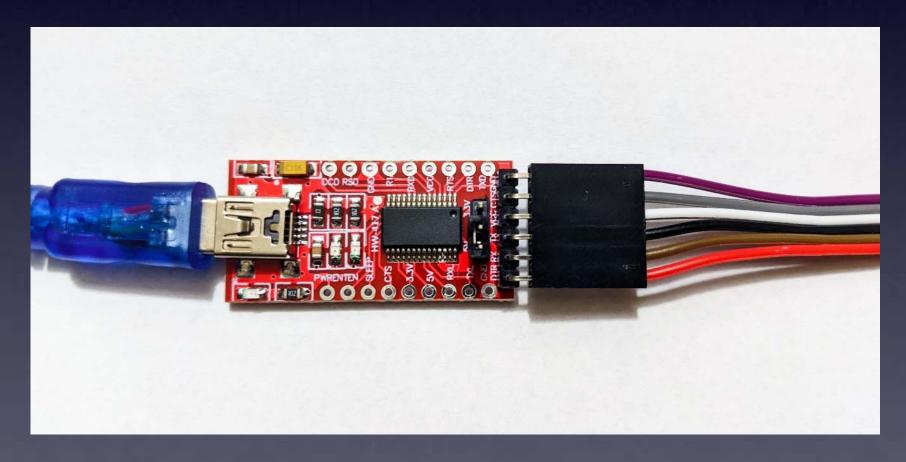
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USB-Serial adapter cable

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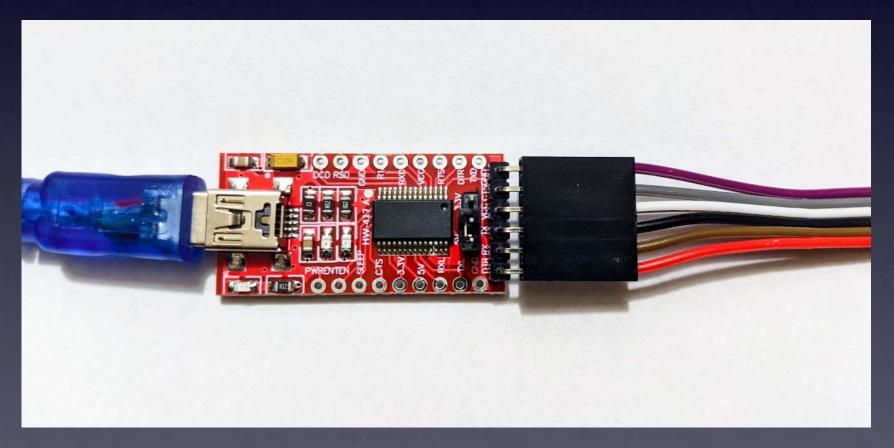
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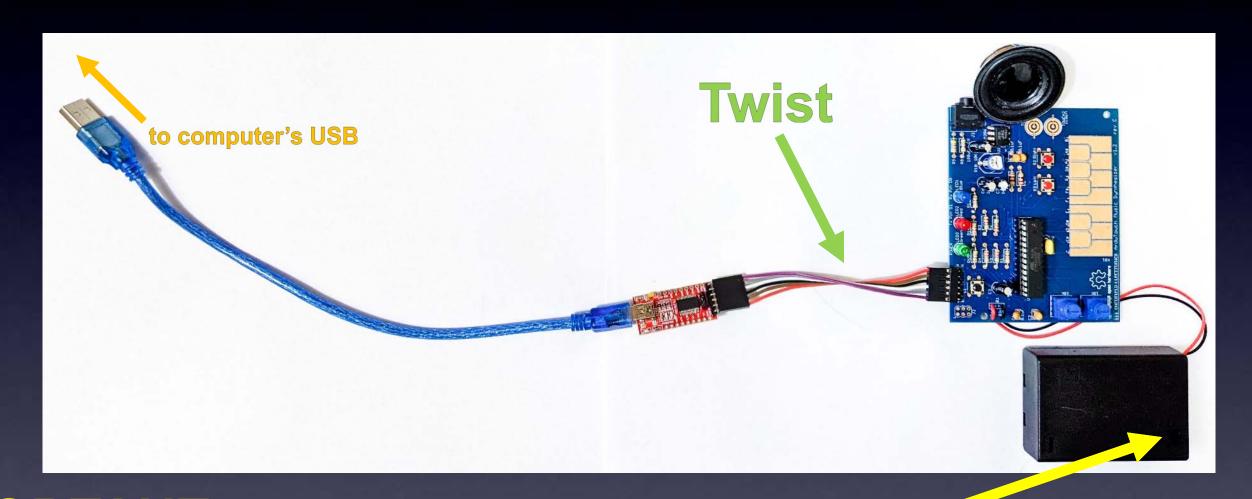
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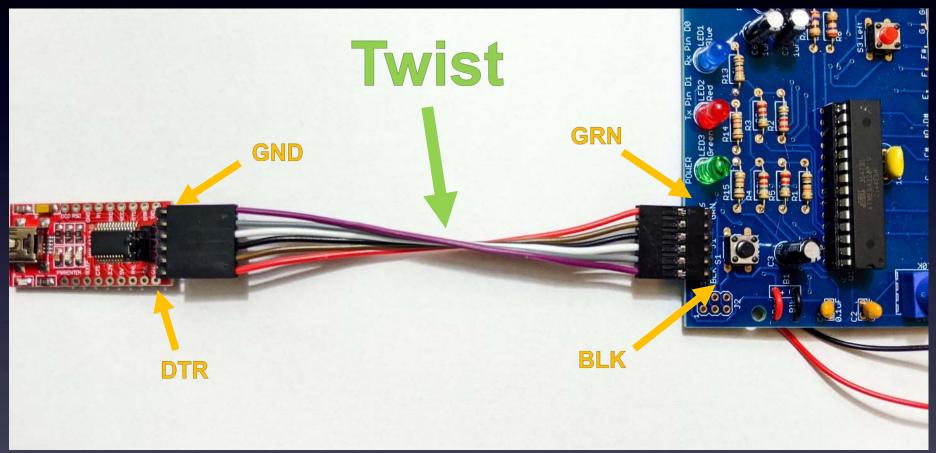
You may need to download and install a driver for your Operating System (Windows, MacOS, or Linux):

https://ftdichip.com/drivers/vcp-drivers/>



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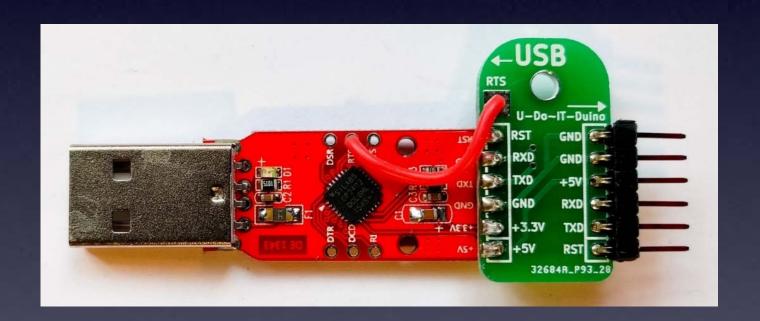
This shows a few more details:



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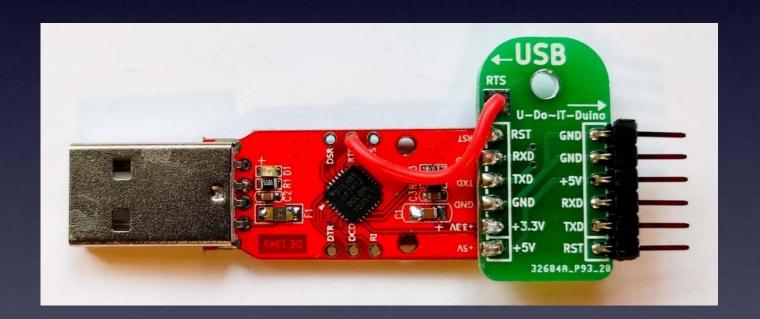
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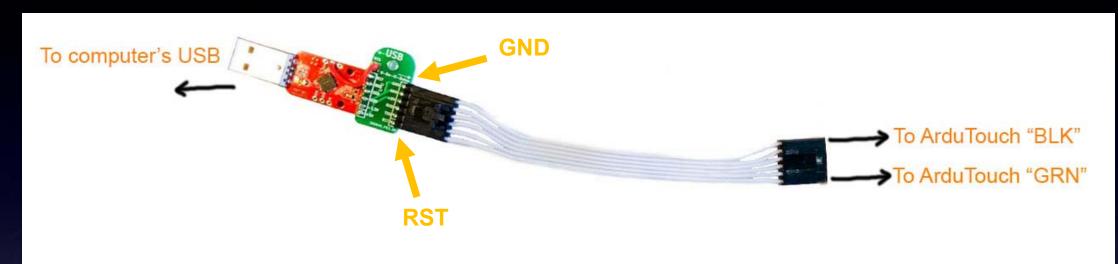
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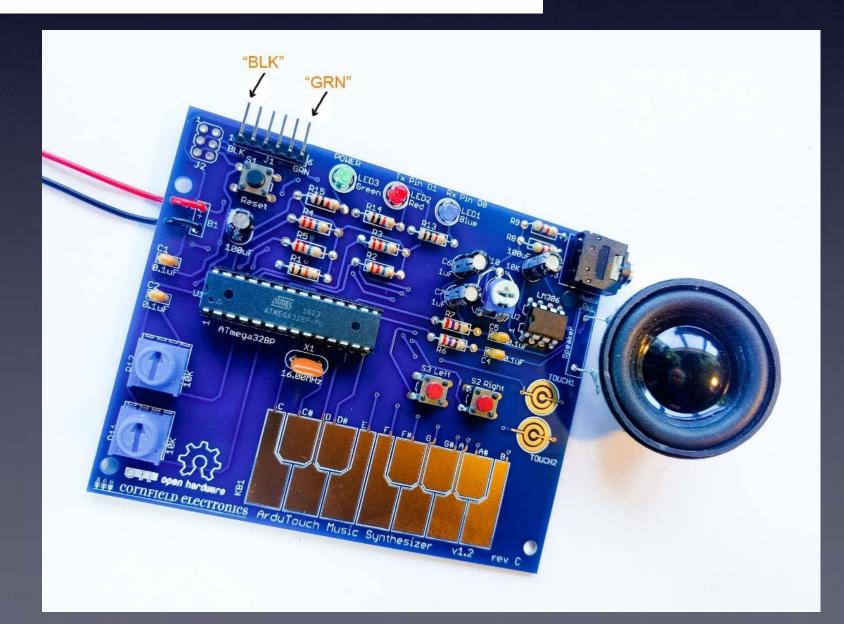
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(Old ones)

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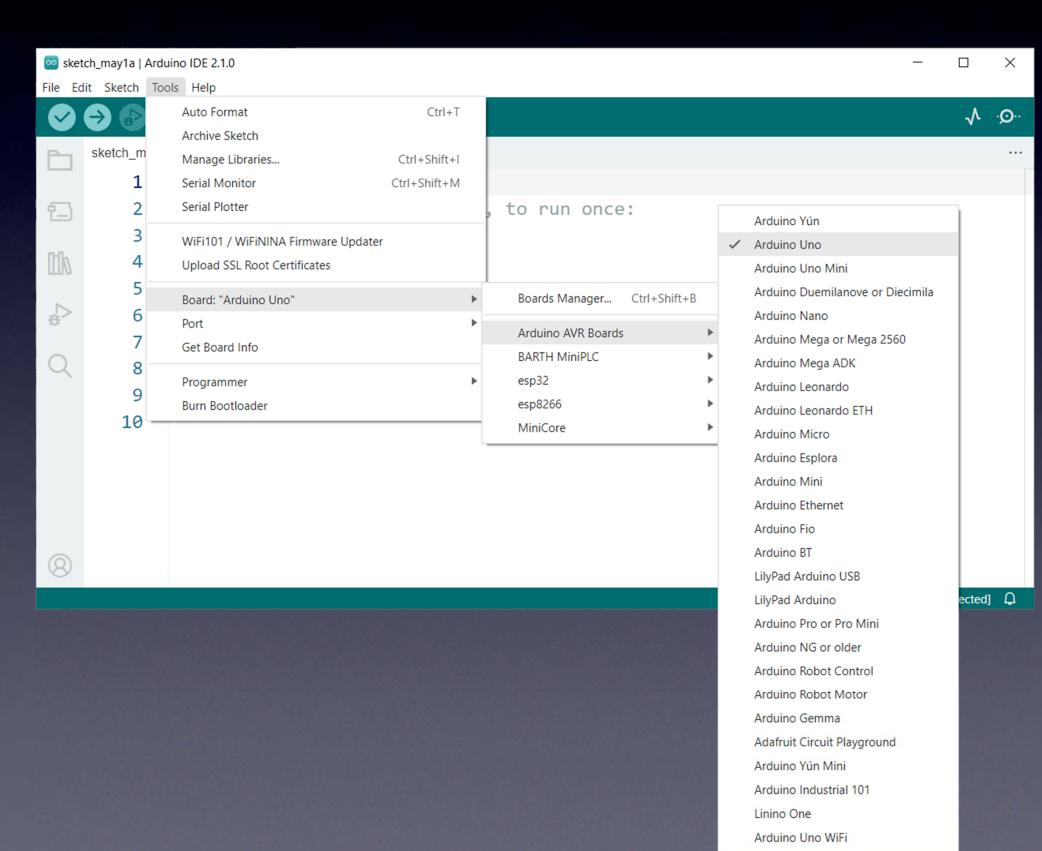
After you download and install the Arduino software start it, and you will see a screen that looks like this:

```
sketch_may1a | Arduino IDE 2.1.0
                                                                                                        File Edit Sketch Tools Help
              Arduino Uno
     sketch_may1a.ino
              void setup() {
                // put your setup code here, to run once:
          5
              void loop() {
                // put your main code here, to run repeatedly:
          8
          9
         10
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The first time you start your Arduino software you need to do three things to set things up

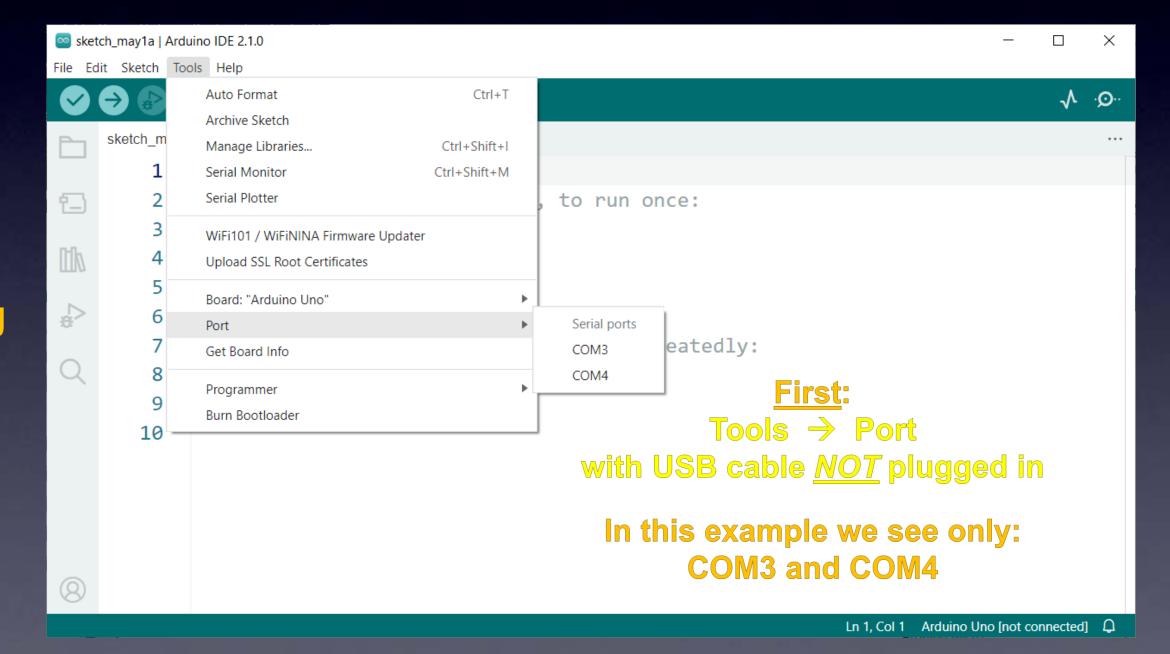
(1) Choose "Uno" as the Board

(Your
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acts
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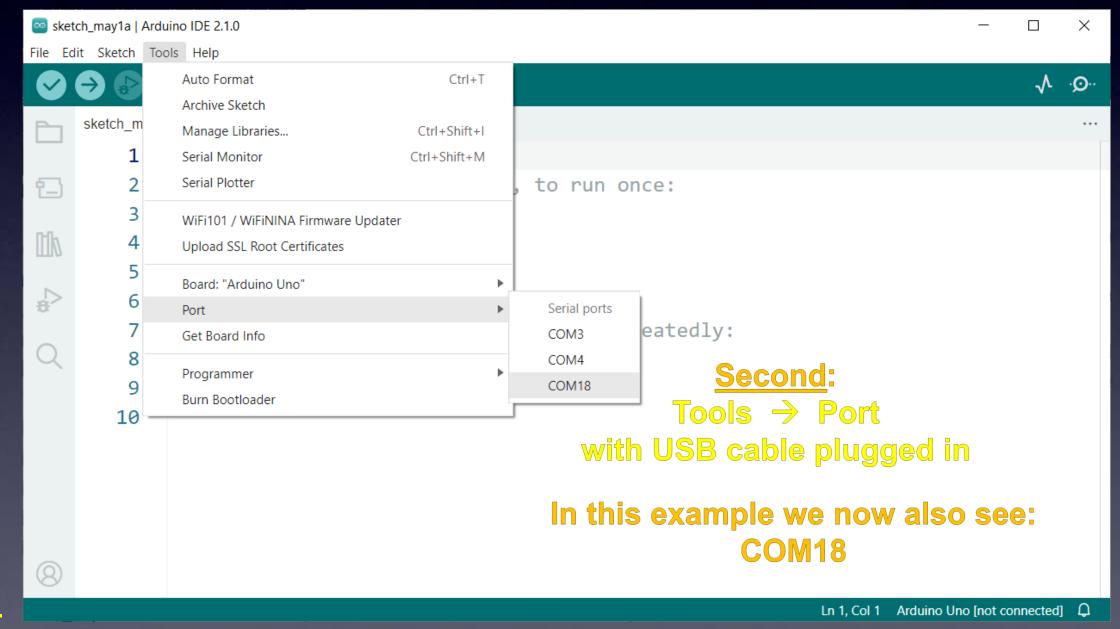
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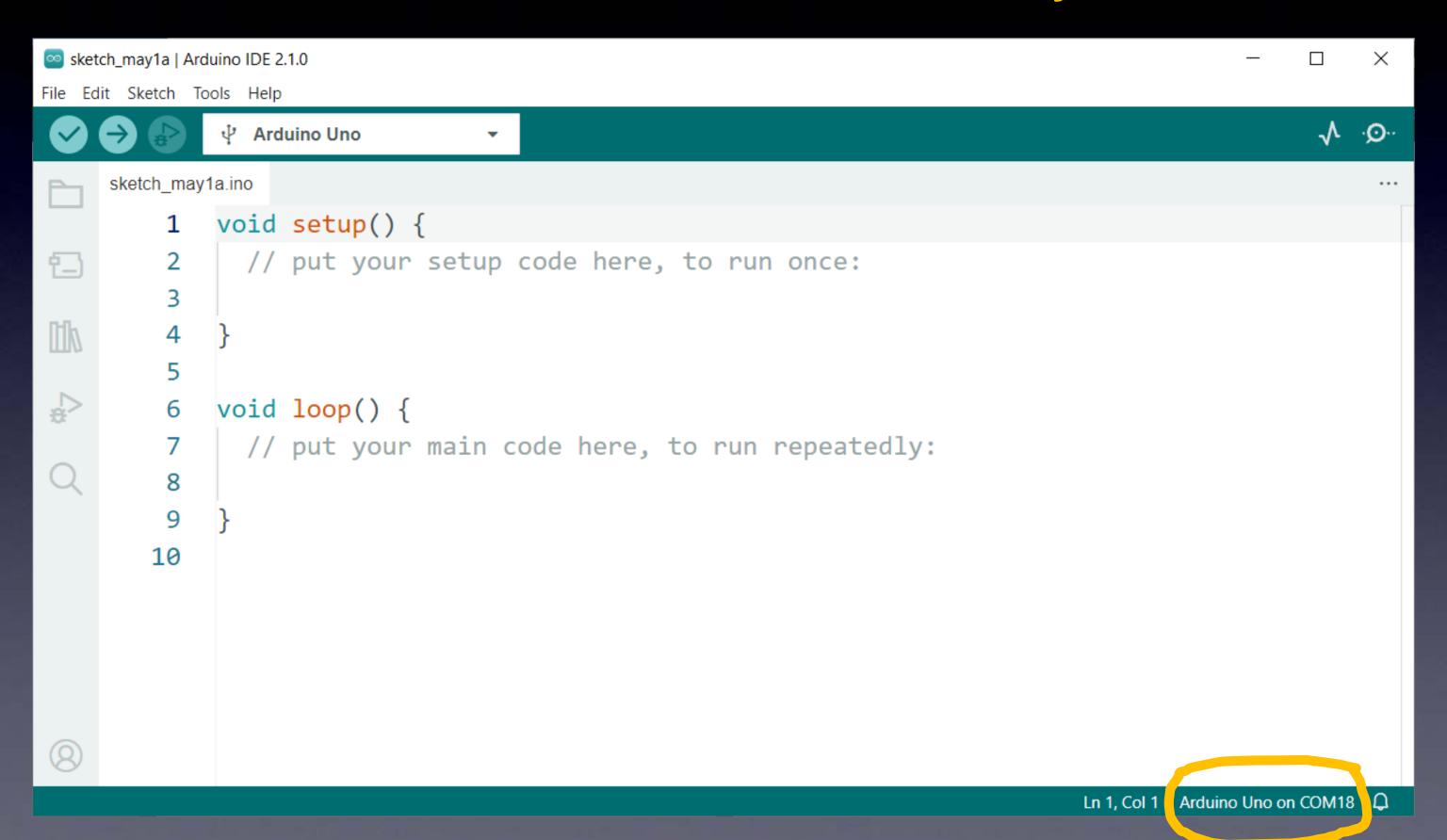
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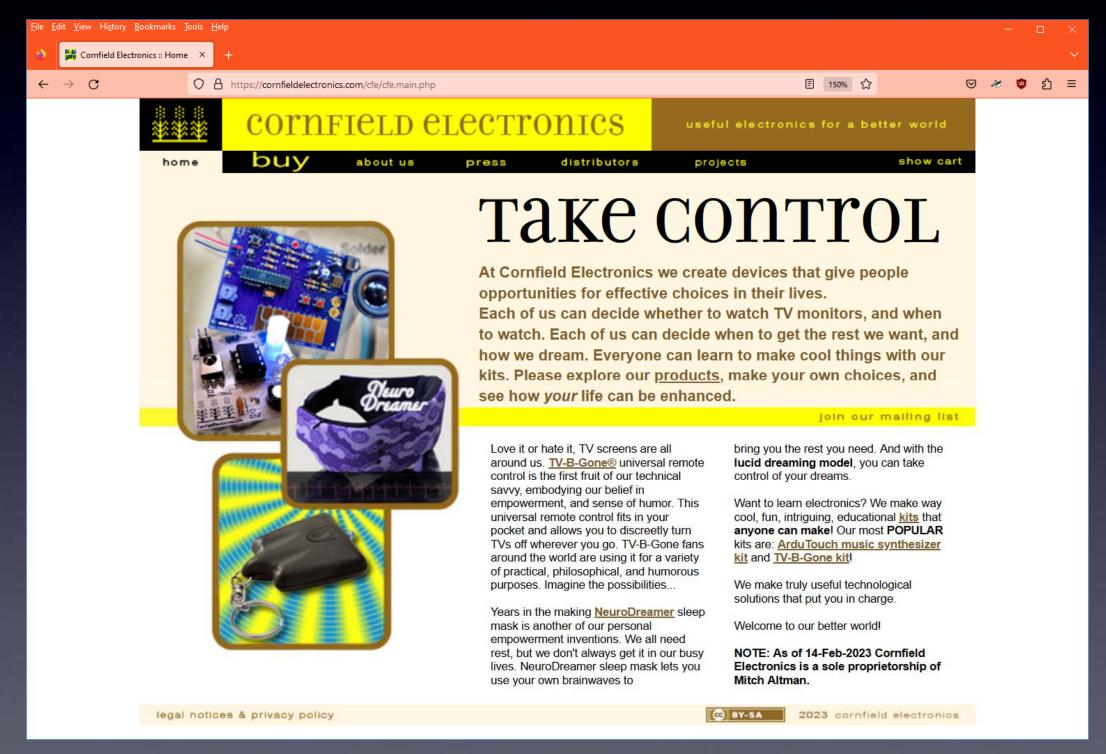
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Your Arduino software is almost ready



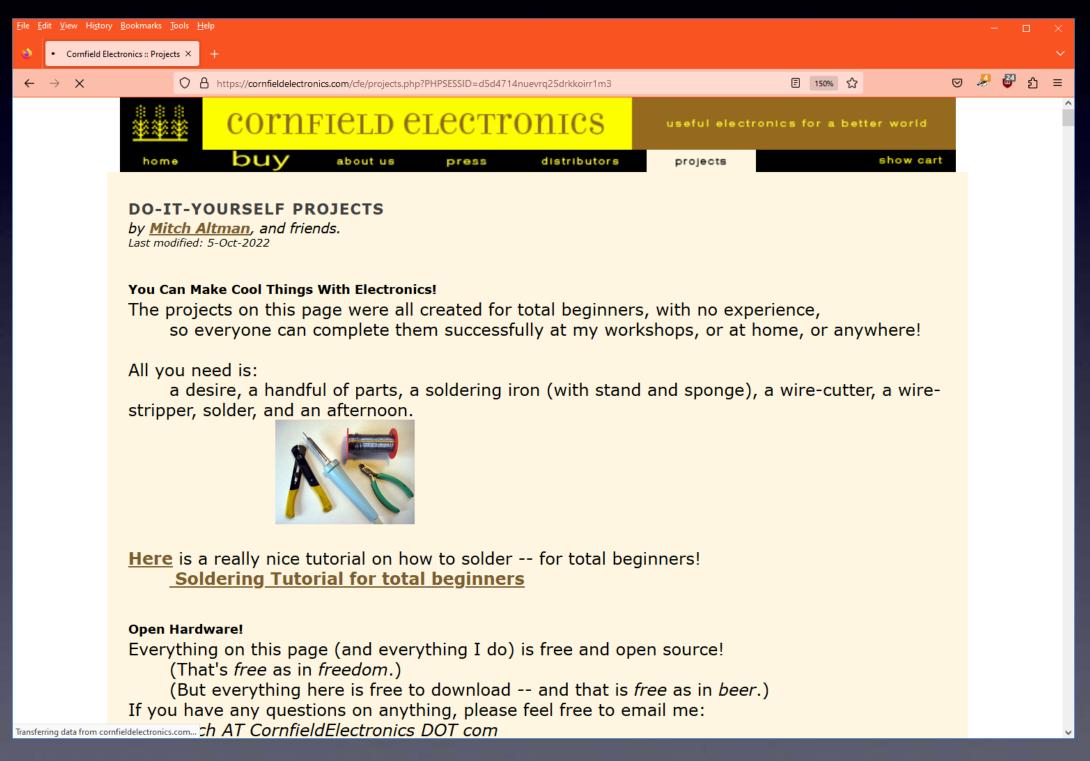
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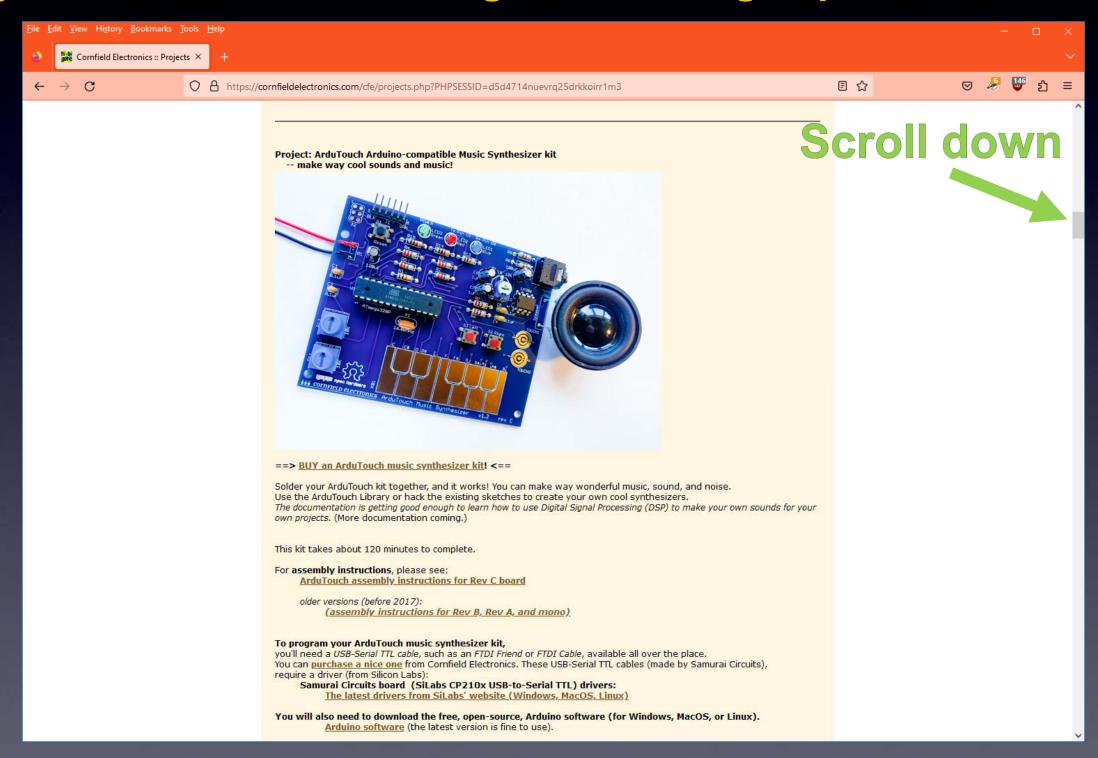
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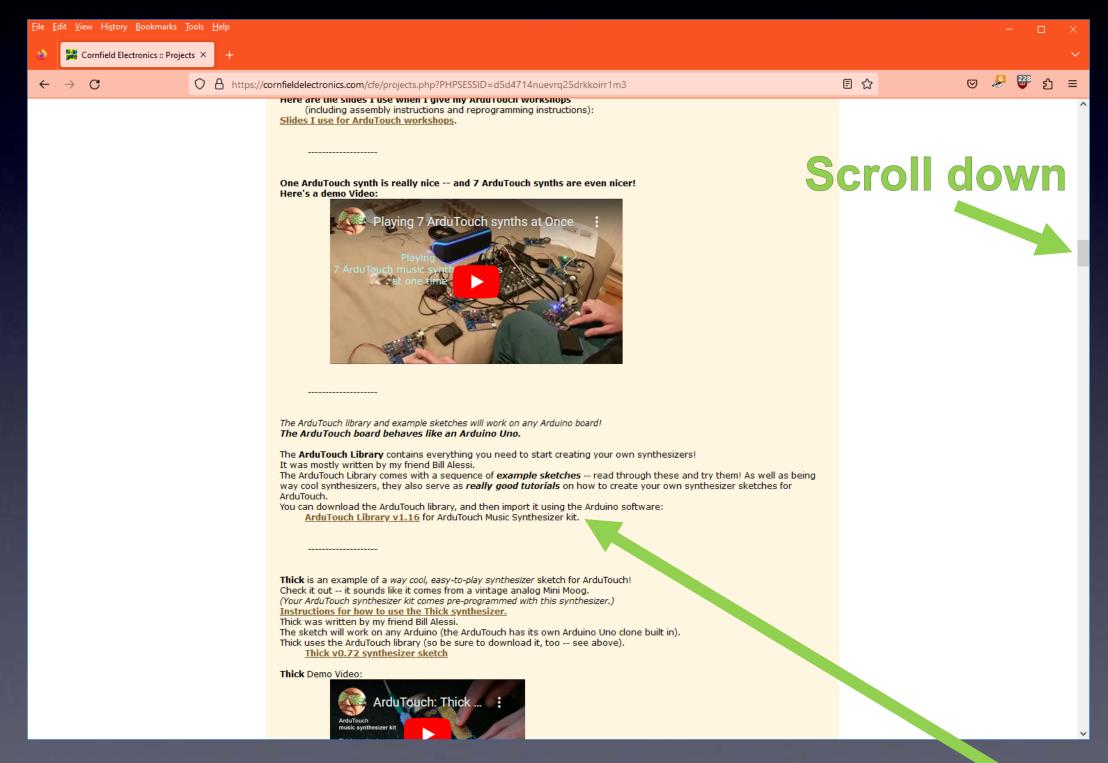
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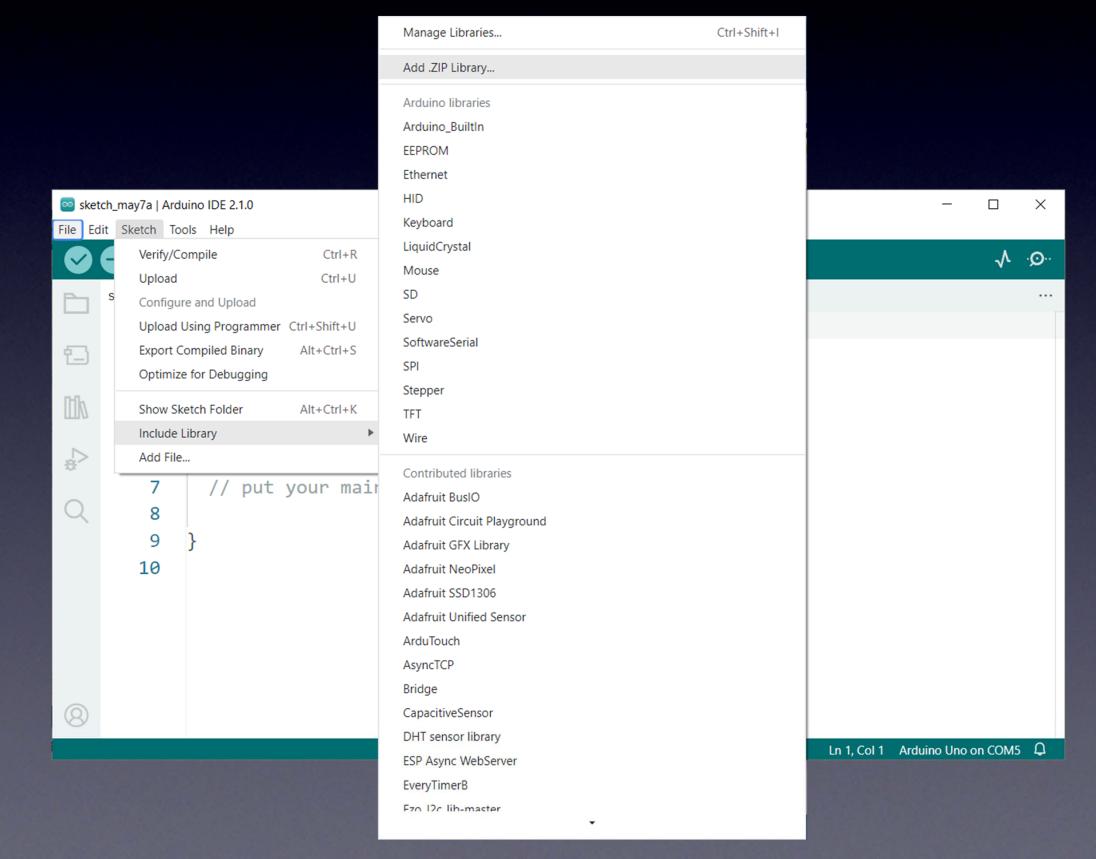
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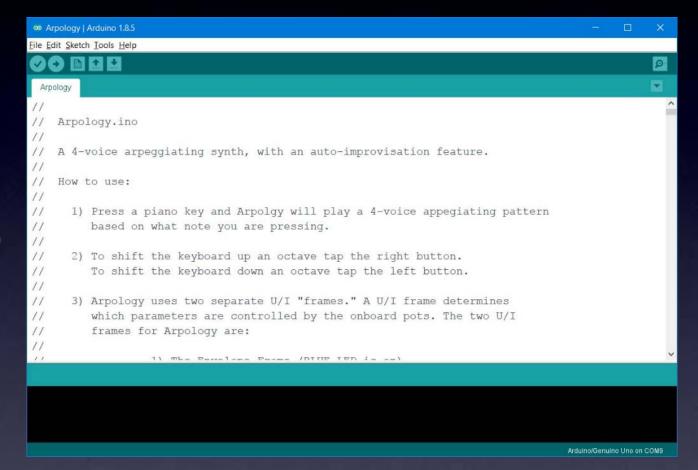


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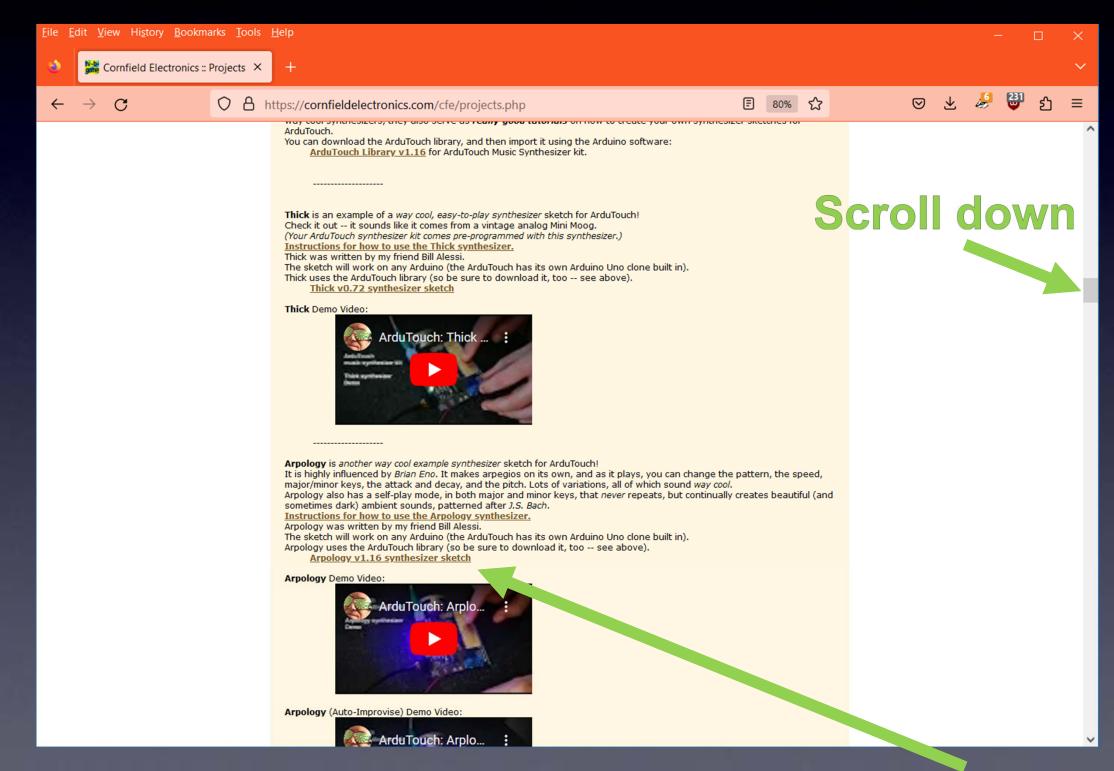
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synth "sketch"



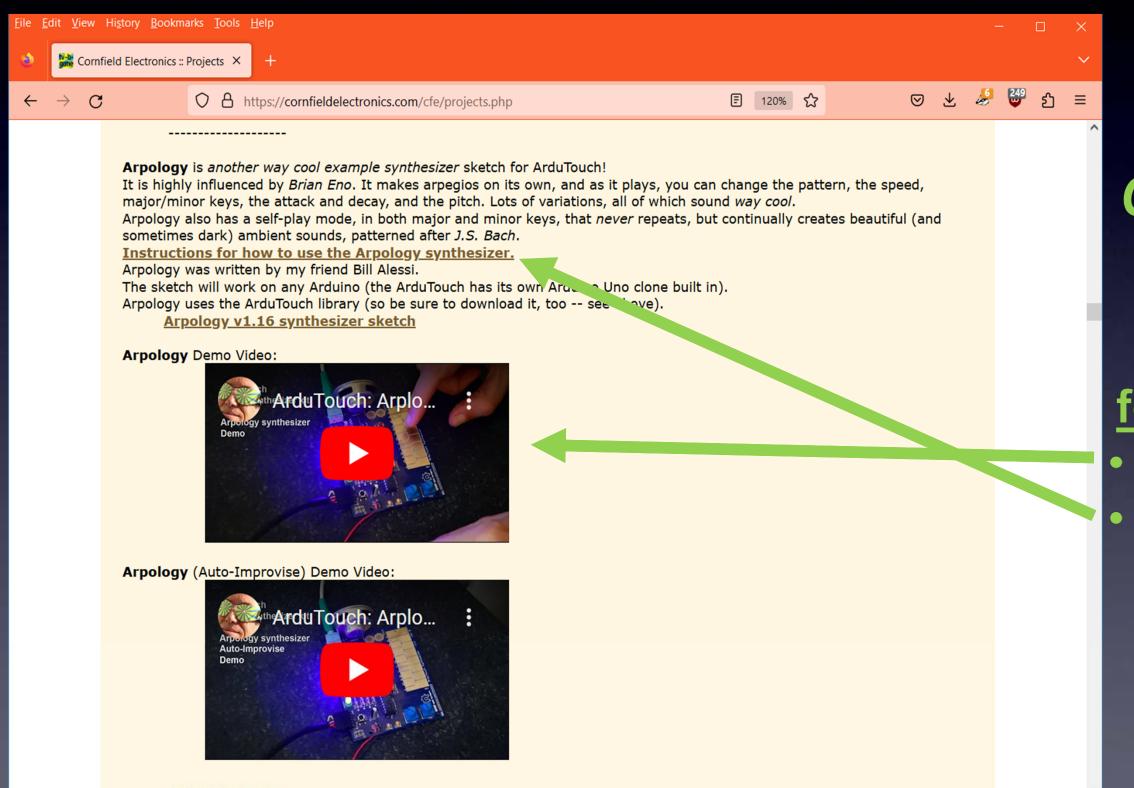
"Sketch": an Arduino program

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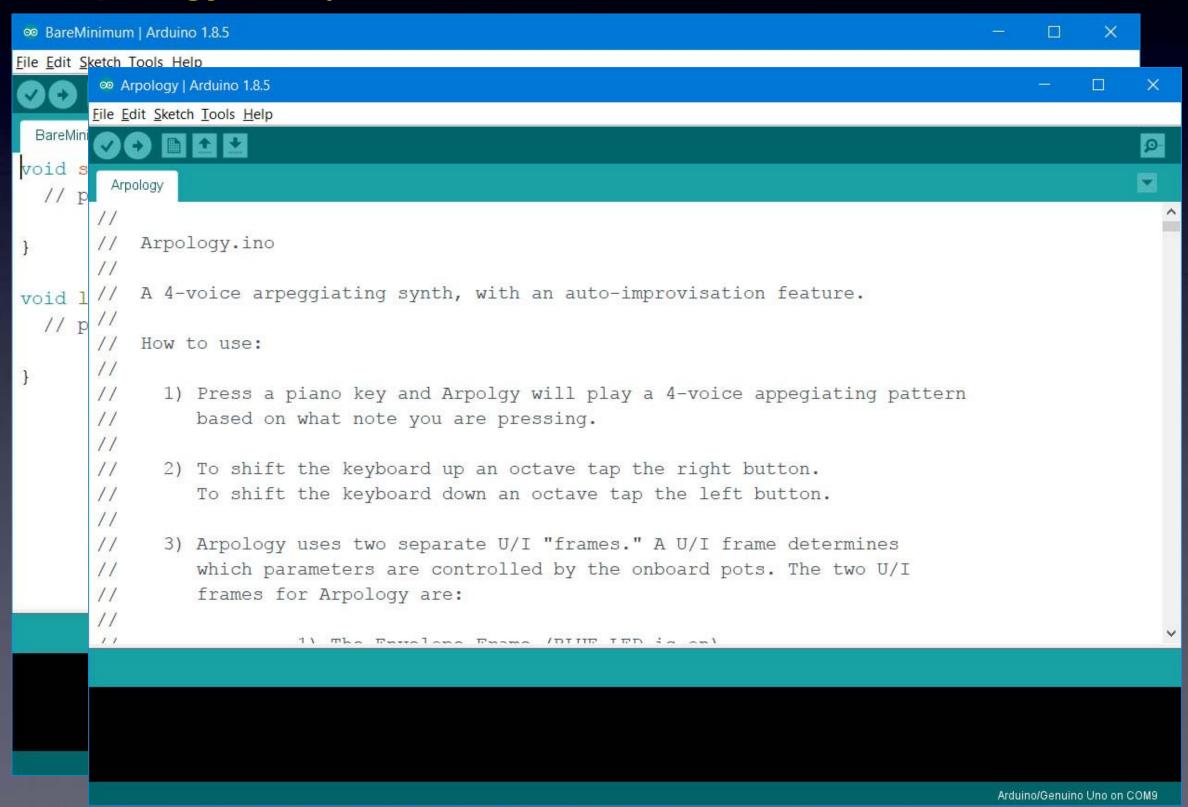
Check it out!

Also available for each synth:

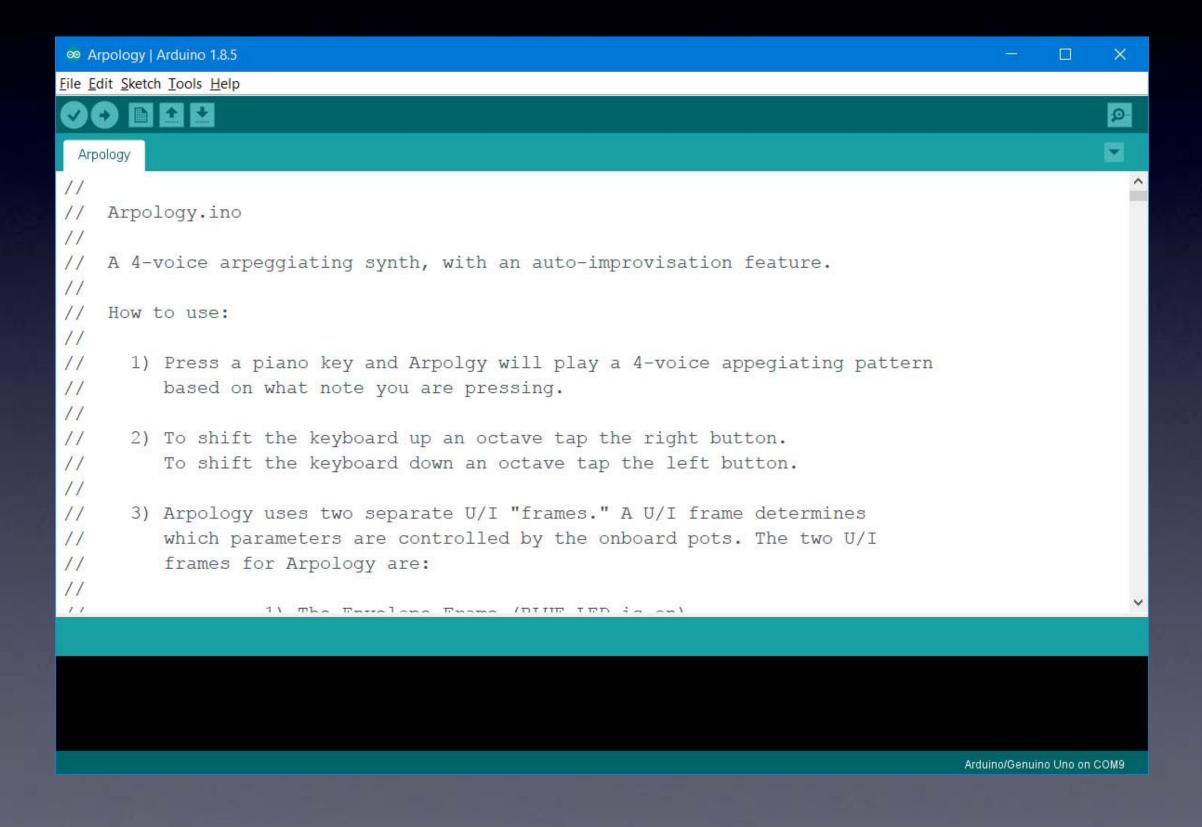
- Demo Videos
- Instructions

You can open the ArduTouch synth sketch: File → Open...

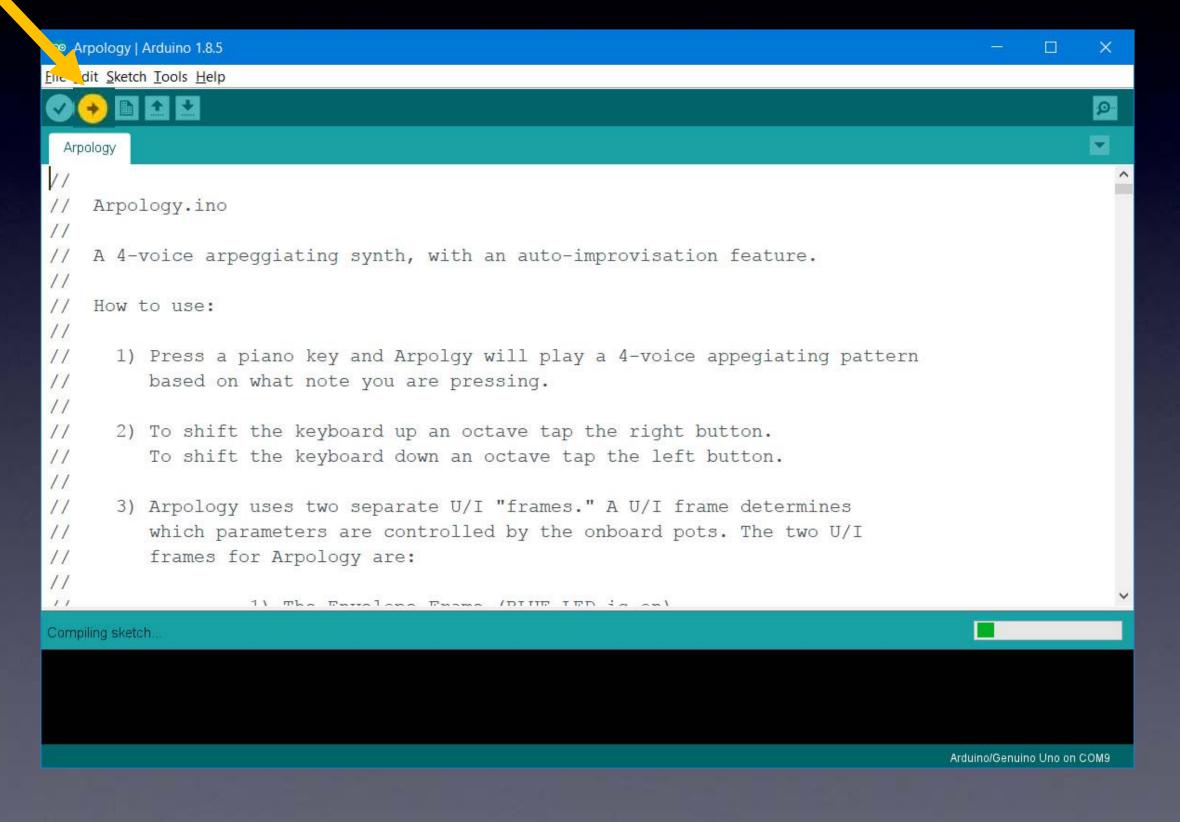
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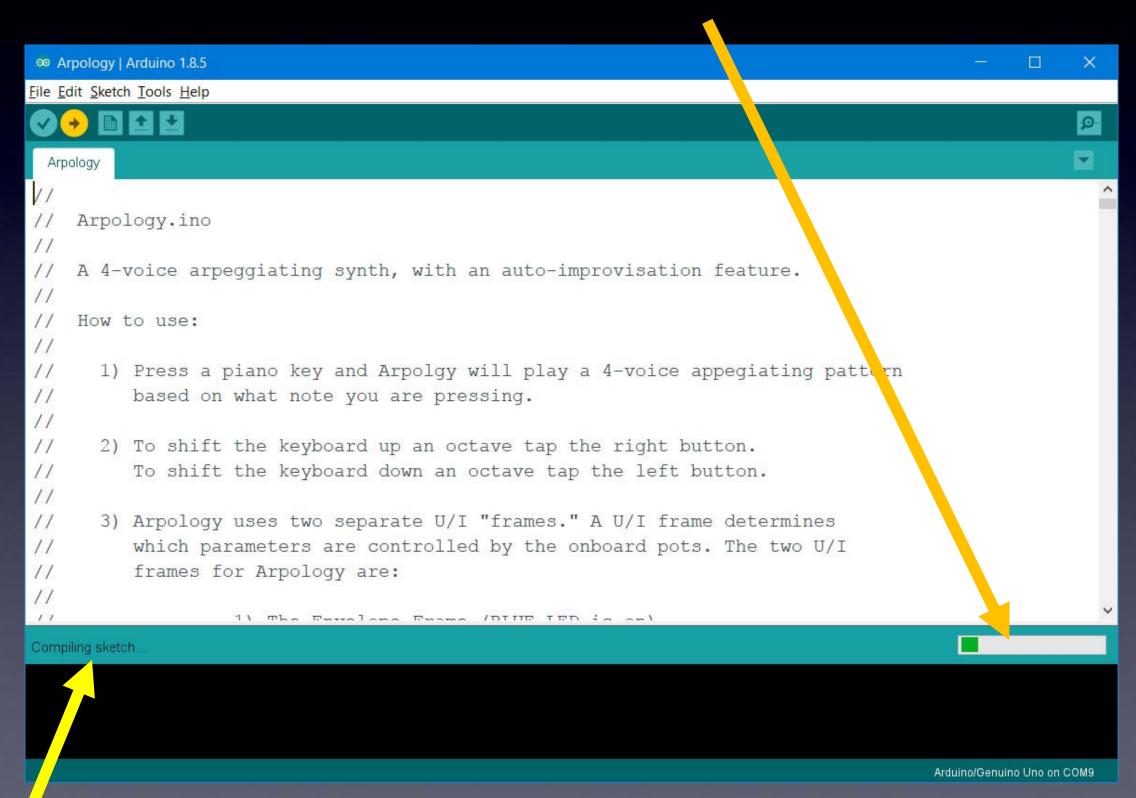
You can now program your ArduTouch with a new synth sketch!



With the USB-Serial cable connected to your ArduTouch board press the Upload button



While uploading, you will see a progress bar...



...and when it's completed successfully, it says: "Upload done"

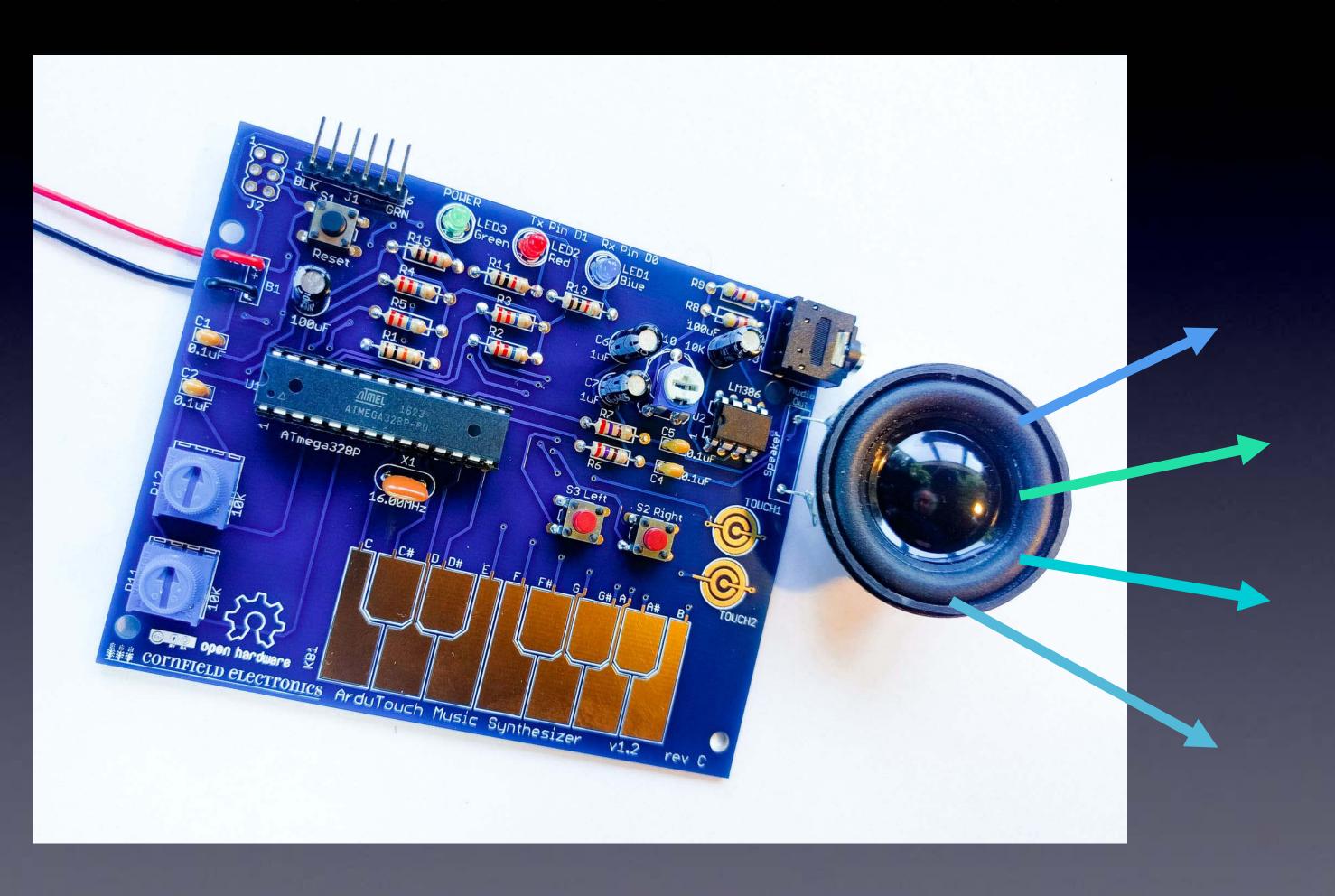
ArduTouch

Disconnect your ArduTouch board from the USB-Serial cable,

turn on your battery pack,

And...

Let's make new noise!

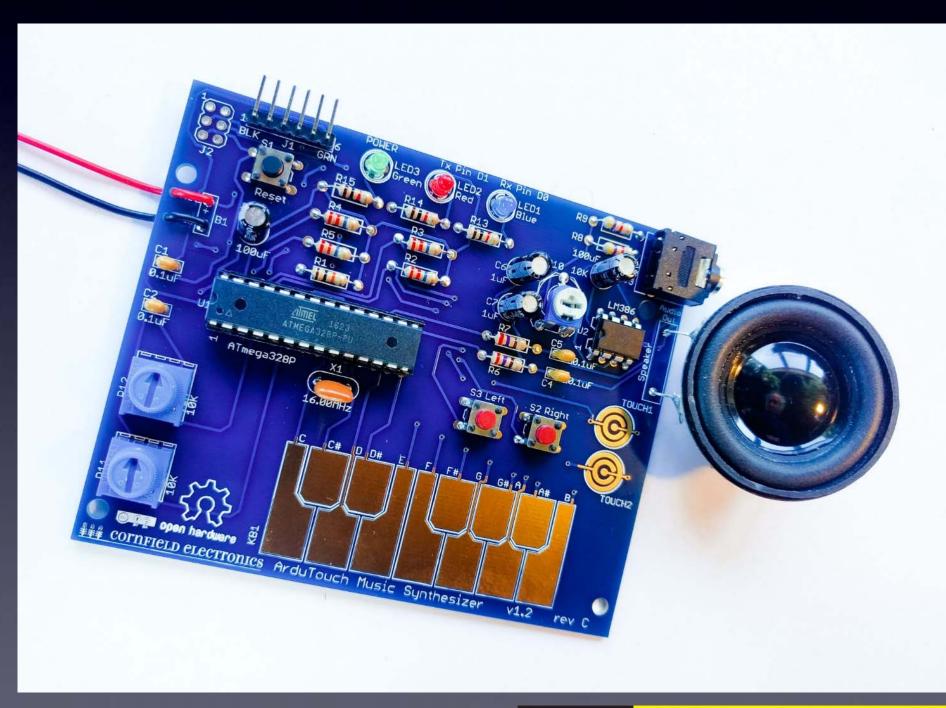


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Assembly Instructions



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