Brain Machine kit **Assembly Instructions** & Programming Instructions











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Brain Machine kit



Disclaimer:

Light and Sound Machines, such as this one, can be fun for many of us, but may be seriously dangerous for those prone to seizures or who are photosensitive.



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.)

Learn To Solder

download for free at:

http://mightyohm.com/soldercomic





SOLDERING IS EASY HERE'S HOW TO DO IT

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Trippy Graphix



All of the parts



Glasses





The board we'll solder the parts to



Front/Top of board



Back/Bottom of board

The tools you'll need:

soldering Iron (35W or less)

Sharpie totar

- solder (more details coming)
- soldering iron stand
- cellulose kitchen sponge (not plastic!)
- small wire cutter



Our first part

R1: Yellow, Violet, Red





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

If necessary, Bend leads before inserting the part into the board

wires coming out from parts are called "leads" – they lead to the part





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







the circles with holes in them are called "pads"

there is one "pad" per lead for each part

LEDI

ATTINY25V-10PU

C2 100uF

witch

CE LED

FD2

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Push part down all the way



Upside down/

Wires bent half way Out (only half way) like a "V"

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)



Importani

The best kind of solder for DIY electronics: (Sn – Tin / Pb – Lead) 63/37 rosin core, 0.031" (0.8mm) diameter (or smaller) Note: Most Lead-Free solder has poisonous fumes!



A good kind of solder for DIY electronics:

This is the only good





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

A good kind of solder for DIY electronics:

This is the only good

nd-Free (after years of searching)



Kester K100LD Rosin Solder

0.031" diameter (0.8mm)

Note:

99%

If you use Lead-Free solder it is *helpful* to also have flux paste in a syringe And Isopropyl Alcohol

solder I have found!

Another good kind of solder for DIY electronics:



Duratoo **D01685 Rosin** 0.7mm diameter (as good as the Kester K100LD Rosin)

This is another good *iedd-Free* solder I have found!

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!

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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

Push solder in, over the pad, and under the tip

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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Pull solder away, But keep holding soldering iron down for 1 more second !!




Secret #2:

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





A Little Mountain of Solder



Perfect !!

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) Clean the tip





Tip Down





Solder In





Solder Out







WAIT!

Lift Tip





If you are using solder WITH lead (Pb), you can now 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

Hold the lead while cutting it all the way down to the little mountain of solder

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.)



All done !

No wires sticking out





R1 soldered to the board

Notice that:

Each connection (not flat)

- - with solder)
- - with solder)
- No connections



2 good solder connections

is a small mountain You cannot see any pad (they're totally covered You cannot see the holes (they're totally covered

One part at a time



Till all the parts are soldered



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

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 battery, Turn it on, And it works!

(Or you start debugging.)



Let's start!



If you haven't done so already, solder R1: Yellow, V



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All 4 resistors

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J1: Headphone Jack



S1: On/Off switch







Pin Headers

long pins •

short pins -

Use wire cutters







3 pins6 pins

9 pins

9 pins



Pin Headers for Arduino Nano



\rightarrow Short pins go into the board ! \leftarrow

 \rightarrow Do Not solder, yet \leftarrow

Arduino Nano long pins sticking up



Arduino Nano placed on its pins

laced on its pins long pins sticking up



\rightarrow Short pins go into the board ! \leftarrow



Arduino Nano soldered to its pins



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Arduino Nano soldered to board





Pin Headers for Power Supply long pins sticking up MPORTANTI 3 pins

\rightarrow Short pins go into the board ! \leftarrow

 \rightarrow Do Not solder, yet \leftarrow



Power Supply placed on its pins long pins sticking up

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→ IMPORTANT: Power Supply must go in this way ! ← (coil is facing up)



Power Supply soldered to its pins


Power Supply soldered to board







C1, C2





LED1, LED2 soldered to board







S1 in OFF position





AAA Battery in its holder









Place AAA Battery holder in place → <u>Do</u> <u>Not</u> solder, yet ←



Insert Earbuds







Each ear has a different pitch

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







Insert Battery Holder



spring

Battery Holder Soldered



(That will destroy the wire cutters)





\rightarrow Use left side of glasses \leftarrow



Notice the 4 holes in the board for the zip ties





Insert zip-ties into lower mounting holes







Wrap zip-ties around, and secure







Cut zip-ties short



Mark where LEDs will go



For each eye:

Slowly move the marker toward your eye to make a mark directly in front of your eye.



LEDs light up on one side



The LEDs light up on the flat white side





Tape Left LED to Glasses



Tape the flat white side of D1 over the left mark (so the light will shine on your eye)



Tape Right LED to Glasses



Tape the flat white side of D2 over the right mark (so the light will shine on your eye)



Secure LED wires on Glasses



Use tape to clean up and secure the LED wires



Add Trippy Graphics !



Cut out the Trippy Graphics and tape them over the glasses





Done!







Enjoy (with your eyes closed)



Meditate, Hallucinate, Trip Out !







Please Remember:

\mathbf{TO} Wash your hands after soldering



Let's Meditate

Your Brain Machine comes pre-programmed with a really nice 14-minute Meditation.

And, along the way you will hallucinate beautiful colors and patterns from your imagination.





Re-Programming

Your Brain Machine comes pre-programmed with a really nice 14-minute Meditation.

If you are happy with this meditation sequence then no need to re-program your Brain Machine.

But if you want to program other brainwave sequences the next pages show you how...





Re-programming the Brain Machine

We have one other sequence ready for you to use.

It is 1 hour of 40 Hz Gamma Waves

The following slides show you how to program this sequence into your Brain Machine...



Re-programming the Brain Machine

We have one other sequence ready for you to use.

To program in a new sequence into your Brain Machine, you will need:

- the Arduino software • <http://arduino.cc>
- a USB-C cable
- the "sketch" for the other brainwave sequence

<http://cornfieldelectronics.com/cfe/projects.php#brainmachine>

The following slides show you how to do the above, in detail.



Arduino

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>







Arduino

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





Re-programming the Brain Machine

Second:

Download the Brain Machine brainwave sequence sketch <http://cornfieldelectronics.com/cfe/projects.php#brainmachine>

Store it on your computer anywhere you like.

(details on this soon)





Connecting your Brain Machine to your computer

USB-C cable



IMPORTANT: Make sure the Switch on your **Brain Machine** is OFF

to computer's USB





Connecting your Brain Machine to your computer

USB-C cable



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

<https://learn.sparkfun.com/tutorials/how-to-install-ch340-drivers/all>









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

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The first time you start your Arduino software you need to set things up

(1) Choose "Arduino Nano" as the Board



The first time you start your Arduino software you need to set things up

(2) Choose your Processor

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The first time you start your Arduino software you need to set things up

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(After installing <u>the driver</u> for your Arduino (USB-Serial adapter), with your Arduino plugged in, your operating system will see a serial port and it appears here.)



Your Arduino software is now ready to program a new brainwave sequence sketch





Designed for non-geeky artists



Definition of "Sketch" :

an Arduino program



Designed for non-geeky artists

Download the new Gamma "sketch"



The following slides show where to find this sketch...

"Sketch": an Arduino program



Download a new brainwave sequence "sketch"



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Download a new brainwave sequence "sketch"





Download a new brainwave sequence "sketch"



Click here to download the Gamma wave sequence sketch



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

Brain Machine

Disconnect your Brain Machine board from the USB-C cable,

turn on your Brain Machine,



Let's Trip Out in New Ways !









Please Remember:

\mathbf{TO} Wash your hands after soldering



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