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Piavolino Bill of materials (for basic kit)

Kit contents:

| Line | Description | Value | Digi-Key Equiv. | Qty |
|------|-----------------------|---|------------------|-----|
| 1 | PCB | Diavolino circuit board | n/a | 1 |
| 2 | Quick-start card | | n/a | 1 |
| 3 | Resistor, 1/4W | 1k | 1.0QBK-ND | 1 |
| 4 | Resistor, 1/6W | 10k | 10KEBK-ND | 1 |
| 5 | Capacitors | 18 pF (marked w/ black stripe in kits) | BC1004CT-ND | 2 |
| 6 | Capacitors | 0.1 uF | BC1148CT-ND | 3 |
| 7 | Tactile button switch | Two pin | CKN9102-ND | 1 |
| 8 | LED, 3 mm | Red diffused | P606-ND | 1 |
| 9 | Crystal | 16 MHz | 631-1108-ND | 1 |
| 10 | Header | 6-position Right-angle SIL | 22-28-8062 | 1 |
| 11 | Microcontroller | ATmega328P-PU | ATMEGA328P-PU-ND | 1 |
| 12 | Wire Jumpers | Zerohm, 1/4W form factor | 0.0QTR-ND | 3 |

Piavolino Identifying the parts

#2: Quick start card



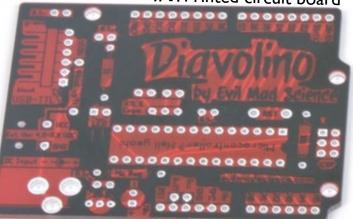
#6: I uF caps (3)



#9: Crystal

✓ (Black stripe!)

#1: Printed circuit board



#11: Microcontroller



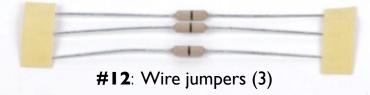
#5: 18 pF caps (2)



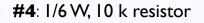
#7: Button switch



#3: I/4 W, I k resistor



#8: LED



Diavolino Tool Checklist

Essential tools: Needed to build the kit:



1. Soldering iron + solder

A basic soldering iron meant for electronics, with a reasonably fine point tip. We recommend one of this design-- a "pencil shape" soldering iron (not gun!) with a base that holds the iron and a wet sponge. A tip in good condition (a "tinned" tip) should get shiny when hot-- able to melt and wet to solder.

While you don't need an expensive one, the iron can make a big difference in the time needed to build the kit. (Seriously, If you use one that is old and busted, or a \$10 radio shack iron, or that thing from the dollar store, please expect to spend at least twice as long soldering!)

Our recommendation for a low-cost iron: model WLC100 by Weller, about \$40.

You'll also need some solder. Thin rosin-core solder (roughly .020 - .040" in diameter) is the most common and best choice for this application. Either standard (lead-bearing) or newer "lead free" solder types will both work just fine.





2. Angle flush cutters

For clipping loose wire ends close to the circuit board.

e.g., Sears Craftsman

Optional but suggested:

I. Resistor lead forming tool

Allows fast, neat bending of resistor leads.



2. Wire strippers



If you're building your kit to run off of batteries, we recommend trimming the leads, for which you'll need to re-strip the ends.

This model is our favorite: Ideal T-Stripper #45-121 (the 14-24 gauge size).

And for Programming...

Diavolino is an Arduino compatible, but requires a programming interface.



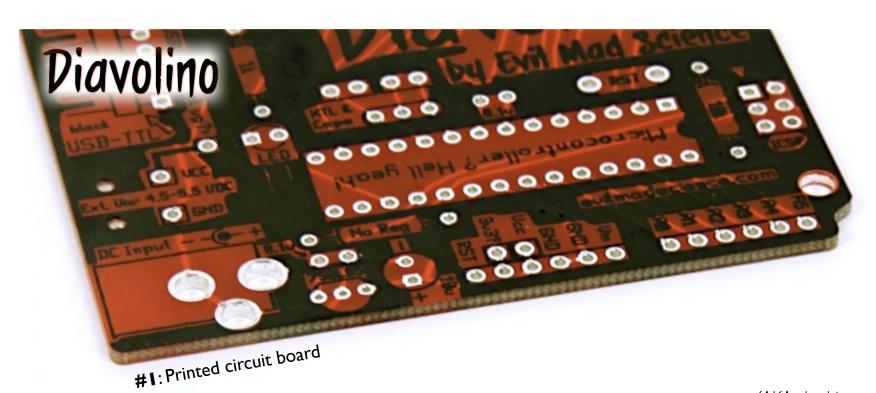
I. USB-TTL Cable

FTDI model TTL-232R or equivalent. A "smart" converter cable with a USB interface chip inside. One end hooks up to your USB port, the other to Diavolino. This allows you to program Diavolino through the Arduino development environment (http://arduino.cc/).

Alternately, Diavolino can be programmed through an AVR ISP programmer, like the USBtinyISP.

2. Computer, Internet access, USB port....

All of the software that you'll need is available online for free. You'll need a reasonably recent vintage computer (Mac, Windows, or Linux) and internet access to download that Arduino software.



#3: I/4W, I k resistor

(AKA, the big one)

#4: I/6W, I0 k resistor

(AKA, the little one)

You need to be able to tell apart these two resistors. (The 1k resistor is the big one.)

Also note that the wire jumpers (#12) are similar, but only have a single black stripe.

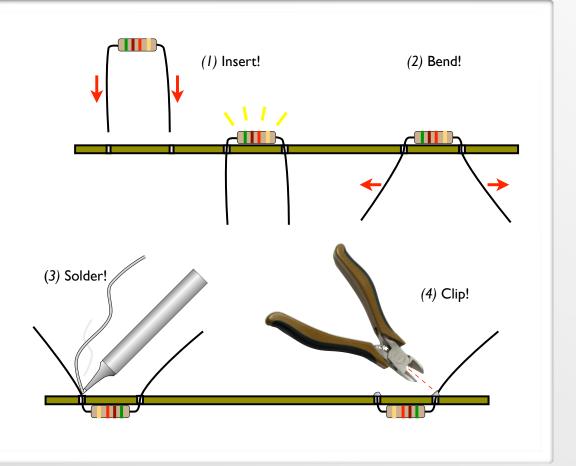
Piavolino Some hints on soldering

As the old Heathkit manuals say, "it is interesting to note" that the vast majority of problems reported with soldering kits turn out to be due to unreliable solder connections.

Before we go further, here's a quick refresher, with our suggested procedures for adding components to the circuit board. These procedures apply to most components in the kit.

Adding components to the circuit board

- (0). Pre-form the leads of components if needed. (For example, like these resistors).
- (1). Insert each component into the circuit board, from the top, at its given location. Push it flush to the board (Note that some components, like the chip and LED, need to be inserted with a particular orientation.)
- (2). If your component has flexible leads, gently bend the leads out, up to 45°, to hold it in place while you solder.
- (3). One at a time, from the back side, solder the leads of the component to the circuit board.
 - Your tip needs to be shiny (tinned). If not, melt some fresh solder against it and quickly swipe clean on a wet sponge.
 - Place the solder against the joint that you wish to connect.
 - Touch the iron to the solder and joint for about one second. Count it out: "one thousand one."
 - The solder should melt to the joint and leave a shiny wet-looking joint. If not, let it cool and try again.
- (4). If the component has long and/or or flexible leads, clip off the extra length, close to the board. (But not so close that you're clipping the board itself.)

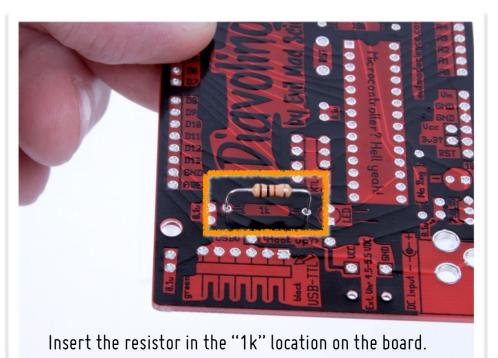


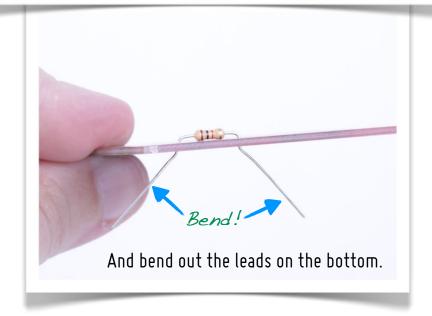
Piavoli10 Let's start with the 1k resistor, #3.

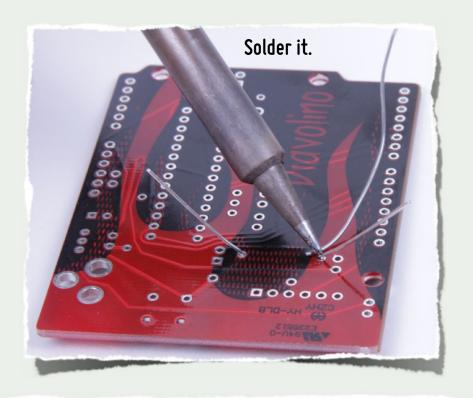
First, bend down the leads like so.

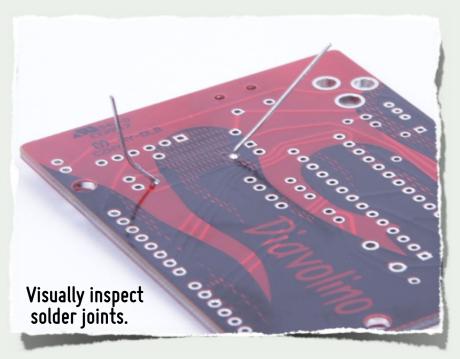


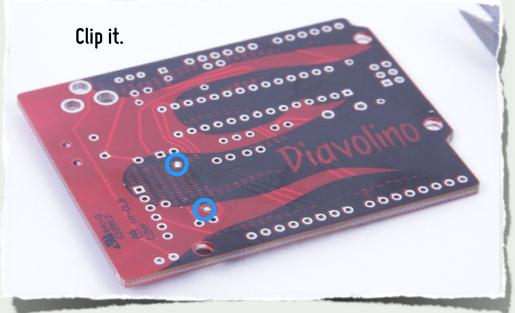


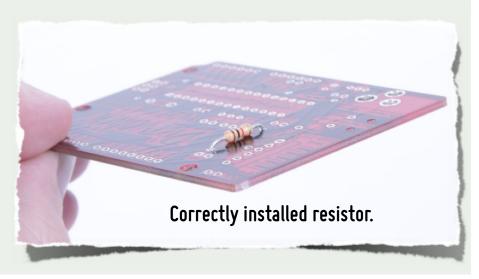




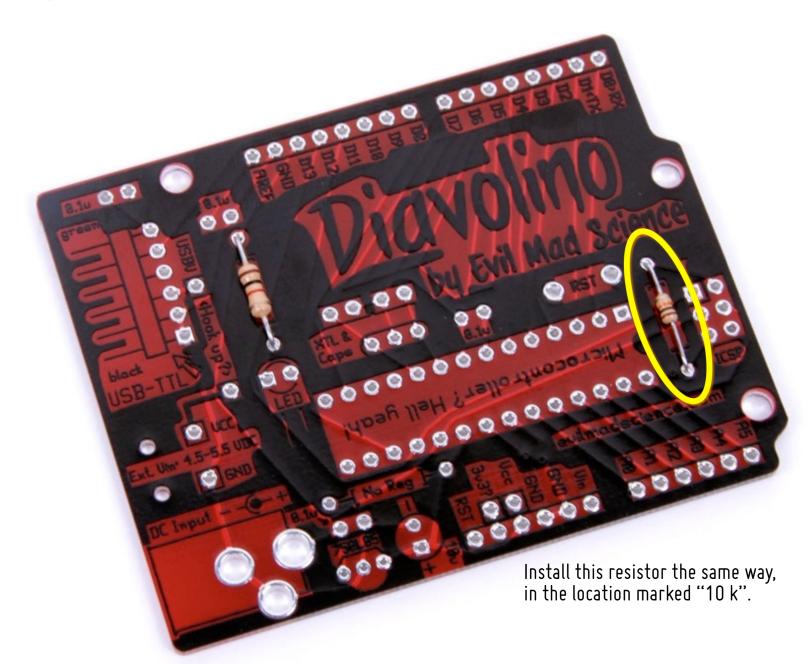




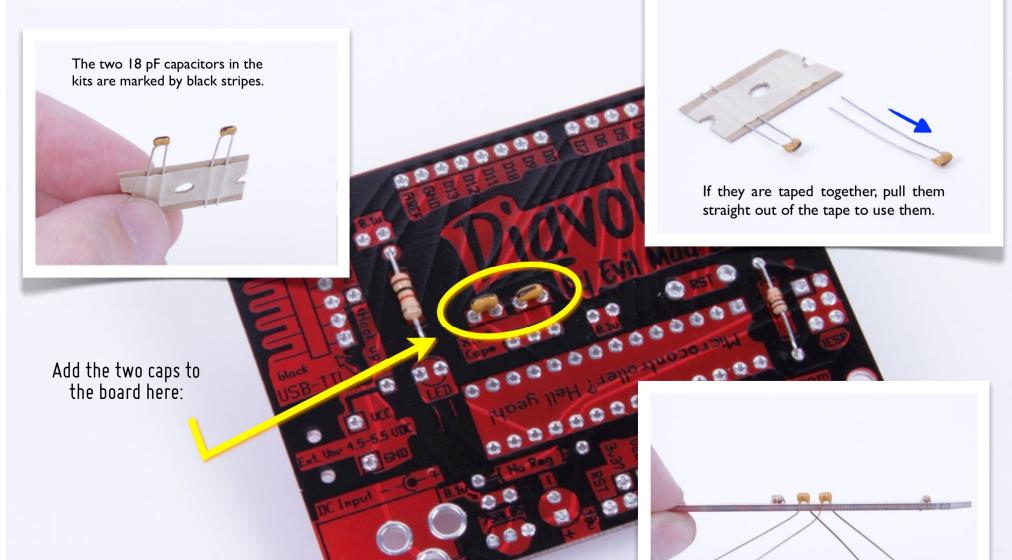




Next: 10k resistor, #4.



Diavolino 18 pF caps, #5

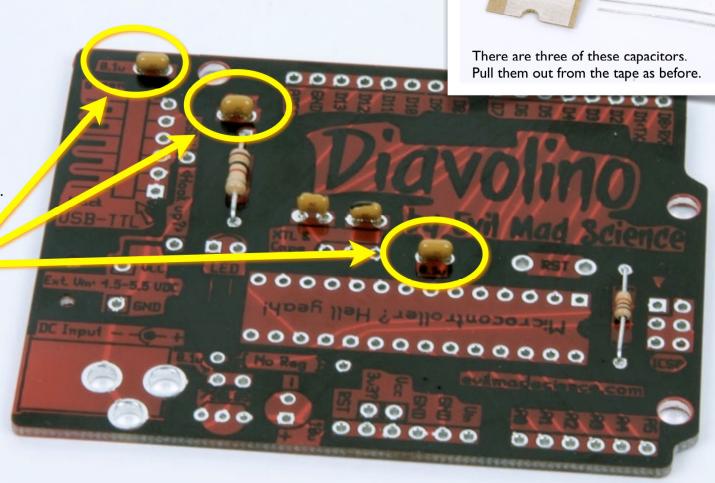


Bend the leads out below the board,

then solder and clip the leads.

Diavolino 0.1 uF caps, #6

Add the three caps in the locations shown. Bend out, solder, and trim the leads as usual.



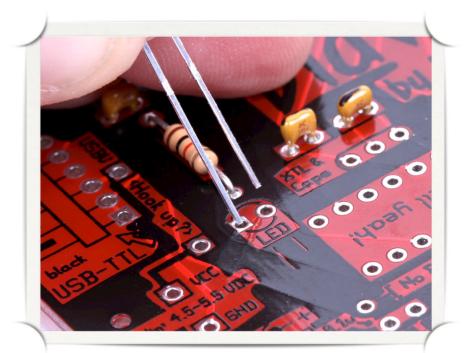
Tactile button switch, #7

Insert the switch where shown. It may *snap* into place. 000 00000000000 Herocontroller? Hell yeah! 000000000 You can bend the pins inward to hold this one in place while you solder. The leads are short and usually don't need trimming.

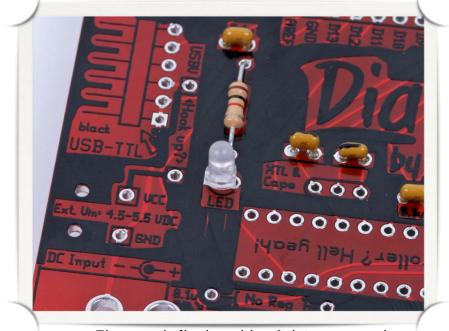
Diavolino LED. #8



3 mm red-diffused LED. Note the short and long leads: Orientation matters!



Put the long lead in the square hole.

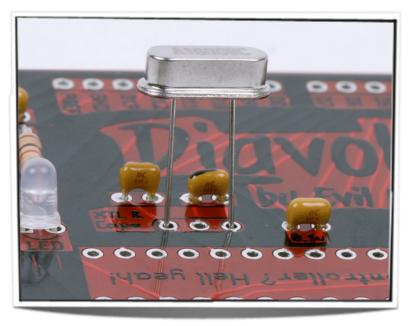


Then push flush, solder & trim as usual.

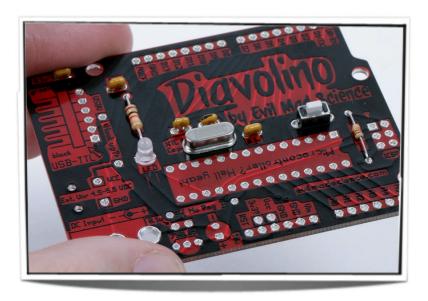
Piavoli10 16 MHz Quartz crystal oscillator, #9



A shiny little can with two leads

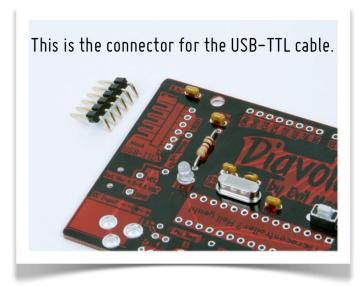


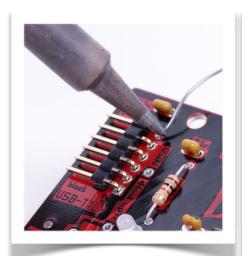
Orientation does not matter, but the two pins go in the **outer two holes** of the three available.

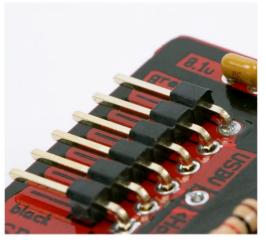


Then push flush, solder & trim as usual.

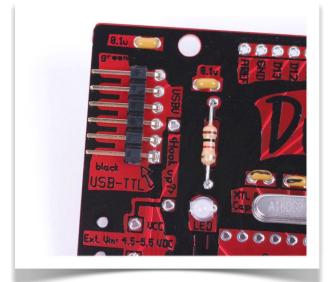
Diavolino Header #10







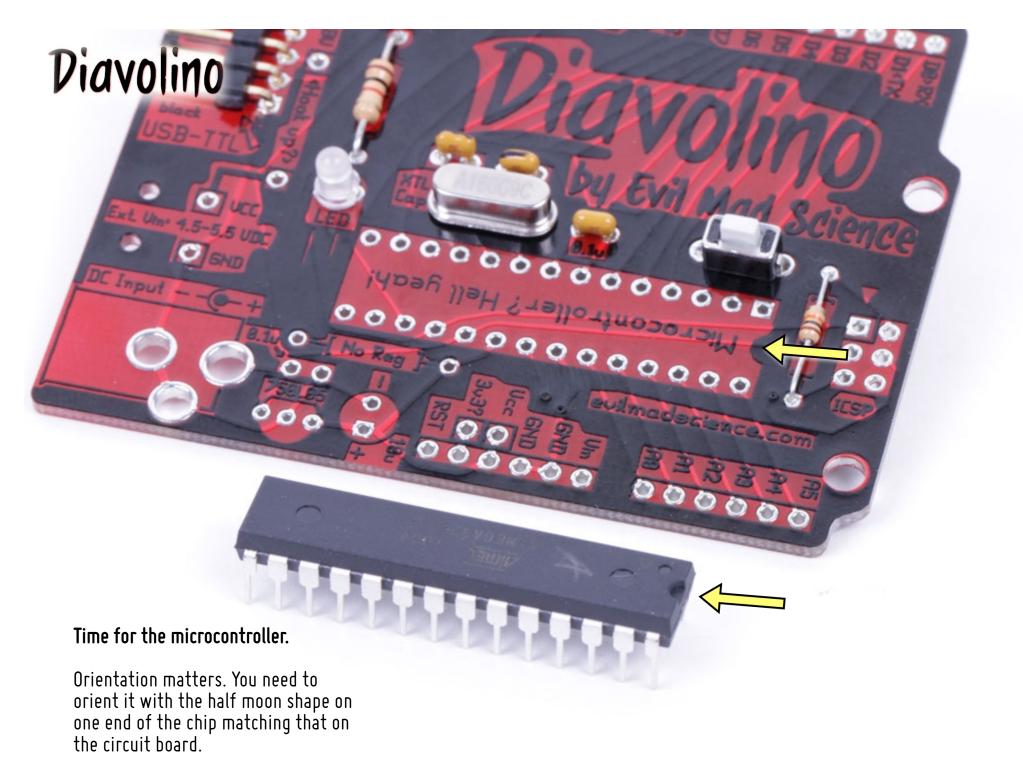
These pins don't bend. So, to hold it in place when you solder, first solder one of the pins from the top to tack it in place.



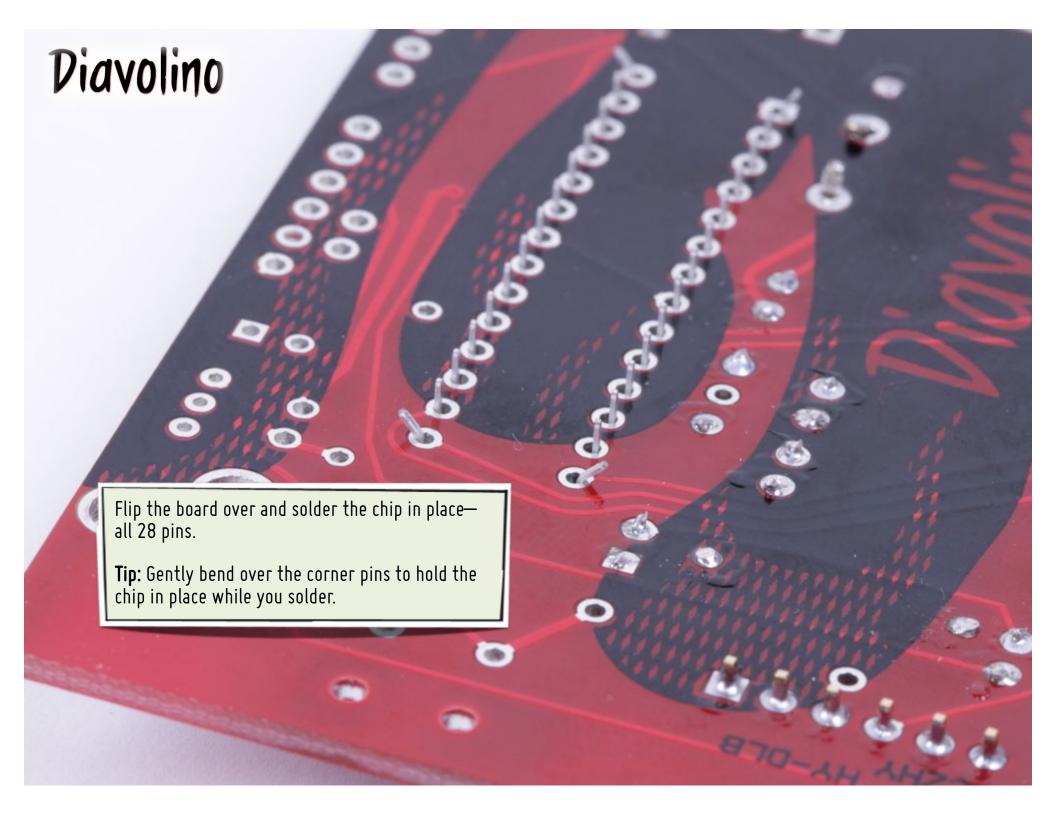
Test-fit it in place so that you see where it goes.



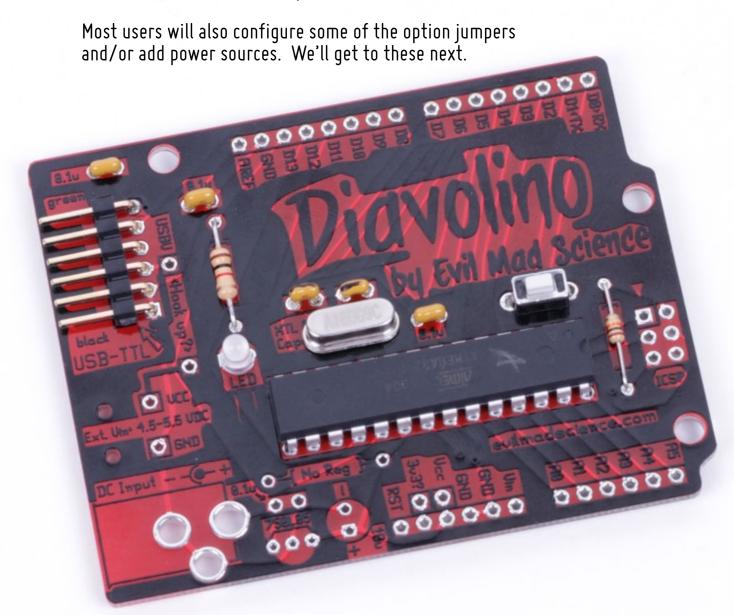
Solder the other five pins from the back. You shouldn't need to trim them after soldering.







This concludes the essential portion of the build.



Configuration options:

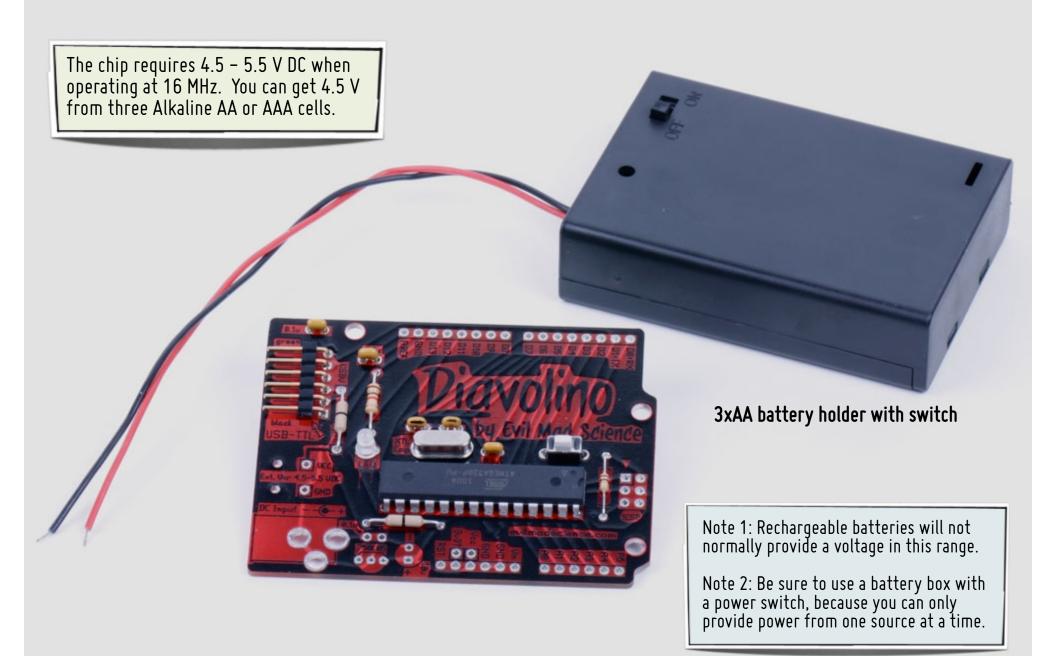
- * USBV jumper: Adding this wire jumper connects the USB 5V line to Vcc, providing power from USB to your circuit. Add this jumper if you want to power your Diavolino from a 5V USB-TTL cable.
- * Regulator jumper: This jumper connects the dc input ("Vin") directly to Vcc. Use this jumper only if you are using a plug-in 5 V dc power supply, where no regulator is needed. If you are using a regulator, remove this jumper.
- * 3.3V jumper: The 3.3 V pin is normally unconnected. If you want to hook it to Vcc, you can add a wire jumper here.

Important tips:

- The AVR microcontroller requires 4.5 5.5 V power (Vcc) when operating at 16 MHz.
- Be careful to only apply power from one source at a time: USB-TTL, dc adapter, or battery.
- For programming, you'll need an FTDI TTL-232R cable or an equivalent USB-TTL interface.
- Within the Arduino IDE, please select board type (from the menu) as Duemilanove w/'328.



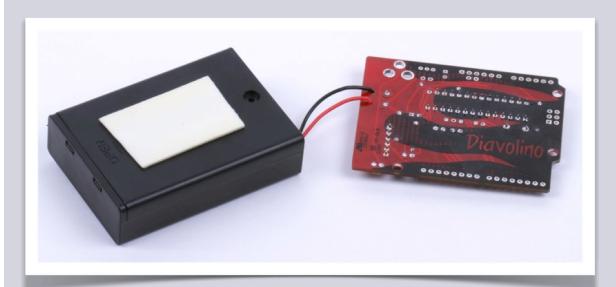
Diavolino How to add a battery box



How to add a battery box (continued)



The Diavolino fits nicely on a battery box like this.



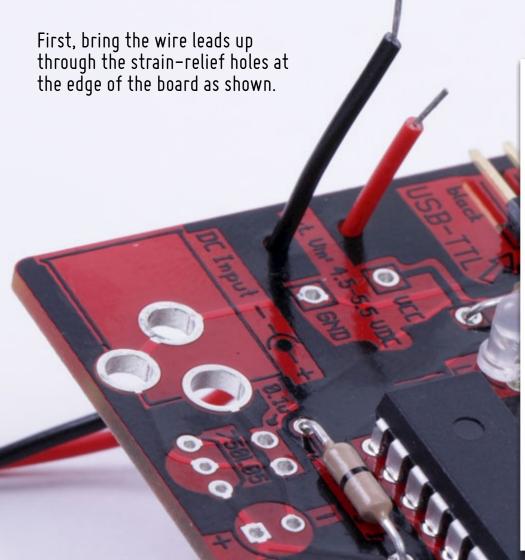
To make it even neater, you can trim the wire leads to a couple of inches (and strip the ends) to reduce the amount of excess wire.

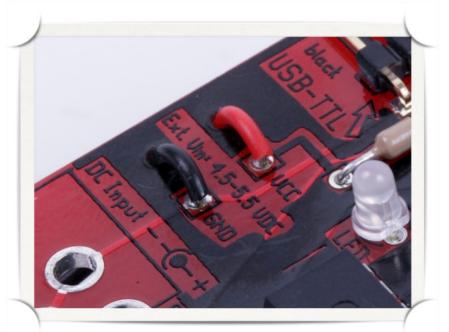


You can also mount it directly to the battery box with a strip of double-sided foam tape.

How to add a battery box (continued)

Whether or not you trim the leads, here's the procedure:





Then, solder the red wire in location VCC and the black wire in location GND.

Pull any excess wire back through the strain-relief holes to take out the slack.

Piavolino Adding socket strips

These socket strips are an optional extra for connecting to Arduino-style "shield' boards. Insert them where shown and solder them in place, flush to the board.



1.) The pins can't really be bent on the back side to hold them in place. It's easier to tape them down with masking tape or

two 6-pin &

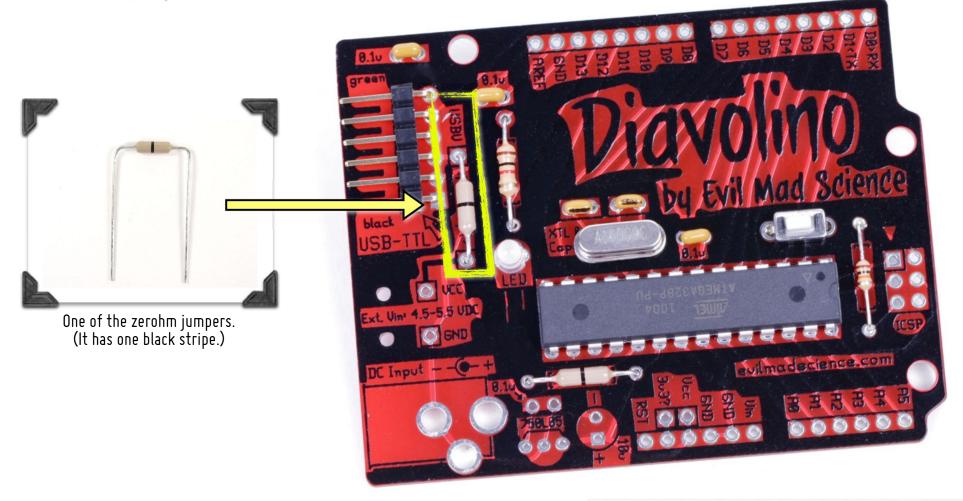
two 8-pin

just to turn the whole board over, resting on them.

2.) It's best to solder one pin on each first, to make sure that they're straight and flush, before soldering the rest.

3.) The pins are short enough that they don't normally need trimming.

Providing power from USB



If you have a USB-TTL interface that provides 5 V, such as the FTDI TTL-232R-5V, you can hook that up to provide 5V power to your board.

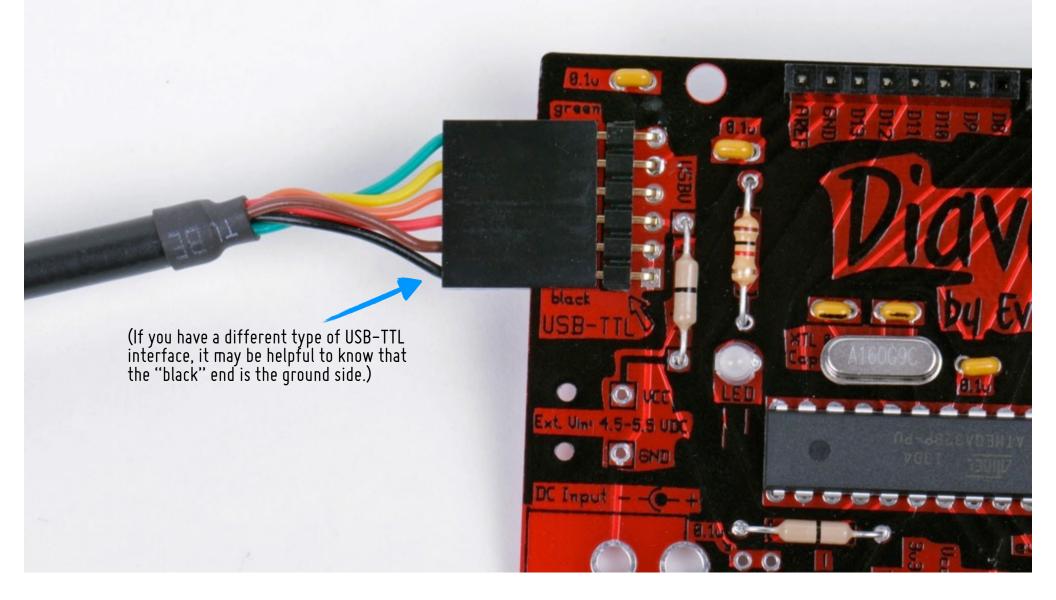
To make this connection, add a zerohm jumper to the "USBV" location on the circuit board.

Note 1: Most computer USB interfaces are limited to sourcing 500 mA.

Note 2: If you use this option, be sure to disconnect any other power sources when you plug in your USB-TTL cable, because you can only provide power from one source at a time.

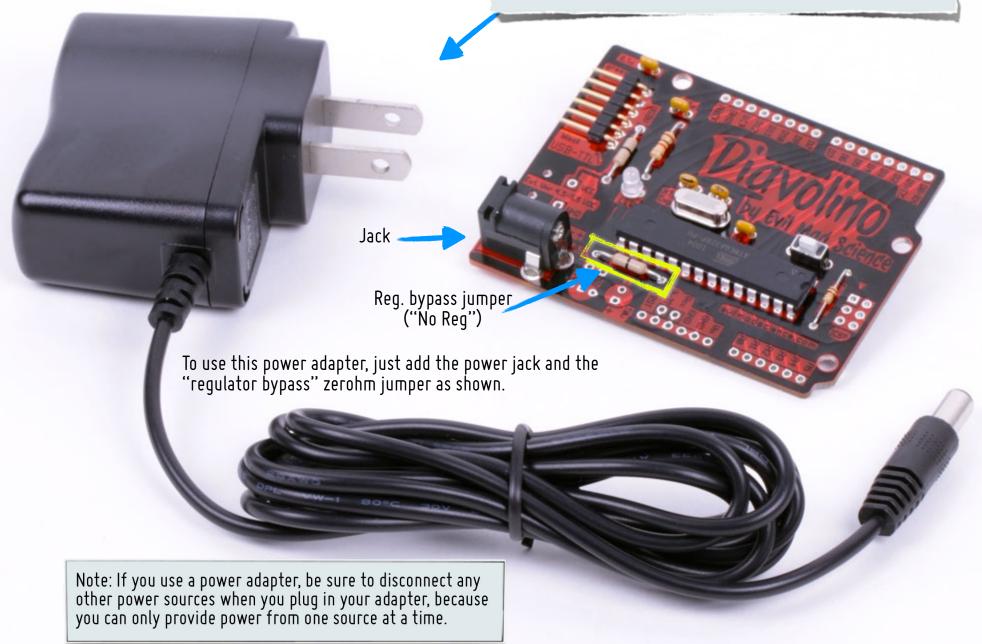
Connecting USB-TTL cable

The board is labeled with proper colors for connecting the FTDI USB-TTL cable. Green towards the top, black towards the bottom.



Using a 5V DC power adapter

This is a regulated 5 V DC power adapter (center positive). Since it directly gives you 5 V DC, you do not need (and cannot use) an external 5 V regulator with it.



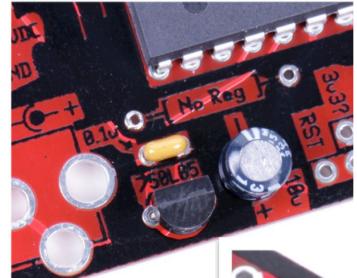


Using a > 6V DC power adapter (continued)



There are three parts to the regulator: A 0.1 uF ceramic capacitor (left), The regulator itself (middle), and a 10 uF electrolytic cap (right).

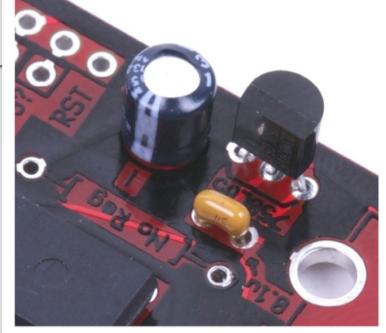
Our normal regulator is type 750L05, a 150 mA regulator. You can also use a type L4931CZ50-AP 300 mA regulator.



Orientation of the regulator matters: match the flat side to the drawing on the circuit board.

Orientation of the 10 uF capacitor matters: Orient the side with the big "-" stripe towards the "-" on the circuit hoard

Note: Again, if you use a power adapter, be sure to disconnect any other power sources when you plug in your adapter, because you can only provide power from one source at a time.



Diavolino Schematic Diagram

