

# Magnificent Musical Memory Machine

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# USER GUIDE

After you've built your *Colorful, Chiming, Cognition Contraption*, grab a micro USB cable, plug it in, then have some fun!

**MODE:** Press this button to switch between the different game modes listed below.

**SPEED:** Turn the speed knob to adjust how fast the notes are played back.

**SONG/SCALE:** Switches which musical scale is available on the colorful buttons, or switches the song.

Mode	Description	SONG/SCALE button	Start-up sequence
<b>8 note memory</b>	Memory game using all 8 colorful buttons. An additional random note will be added after each round when you successfully copy the pattern.	Change scale	8 note scale plays with 8 buttons simultaneously lit up
<b>4 note memory</b>	Simpler memory game using only the first 4 buttons.	Change scale	4 note scale plays with 4 buttons simultaneously lit up
<b>Song memory</b>	Learn to play a variety of songs by repeating back the notes played. A new note will be added each time you successfully copy the sequence.	<i>(not used)</i>	4 note sequence: 1, 1, 1, 3
<b>Free-play</b>	Press the buttons to make your own music	Change scale	Random notes play and buttons light up
<b>Song playback</b>	Listen to a variety of songs automatically play for you	Change song	None

# ASSEMBLY

## IMPORTANT: LEARN TO SOLDER

If you've never soldered before, no problem! We have the resources you need. But you **MUST USE THEM!** Do not try to solder this game kit without prior practice or you'll have problems.

I know you're eager to build this, but trust me, it'll save you headaches and heartbreak! Learn the fundamentals and do some practice first.

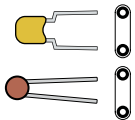
## PRESORTED PARTS

To keep costs low we don't label each and every part. Instead we strategically group them into pouches so you can easily identify them.

You simply need to identify their general shape and recognize how to insert them into the circuit board:

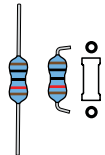
### CAPACITORS

Begin with "C", e.g. "C1"



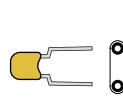
### RESISTORS

Begin with "R", e.g. "R3"



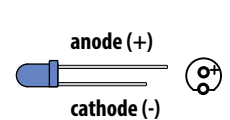
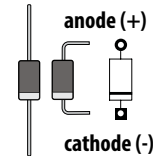
### POLY FUSE

Begins with "F", e.g. "F1"



### DIODES

Begin with "D", e.g. "D2"



## ORDER OF COMPONENT PLACEMENT

It's probably simplest to open a single pouch of components, install and solder each of them, then move on to the next pouch. Avoid opening multiple pouches so you do not mix up your components.

## RESISTOR VALUES FOR BUTTON LEDs VARY

Different colored buttons need different resistor values to ensure their LEDs maintain a similar brightness.

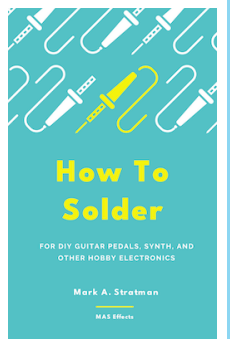
We've packed the LEDs alongside their corresponding resistors so you can easily match them.

See the diagram on the following page for placements.

### HOW TO SOLDER

Visit [masfx.io](https://masfx.io) to get our free booklet and video.

Optionally, purchase a soldering practice kit at [masfx.io/practice](https://masfx.io/practice)



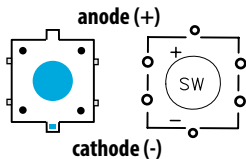
# ASSEMBLY (continued)

## **POLARITY: DO NOT REVERSE THESE**

The diodes, including the LEDs in the buttons, need to be placed with the correct orientation. Refer to the last page of this document for a clear, easy-to-read copy of the printing on the circuit board.

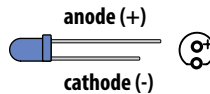
### **Buttons:**

The cathode (-) side of the built-in LED is marked with a marker. Look for a colored dot on one side. Make sure this lines up with the (-) side on the circuit board.



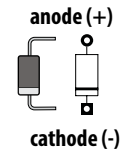
### **LED:**

The longer leg is the anode and goes into the side marked with a (+) on the circuit board.



### **Diode:**

Position the stripe on the diode over the stripe drawn on the circuit board.



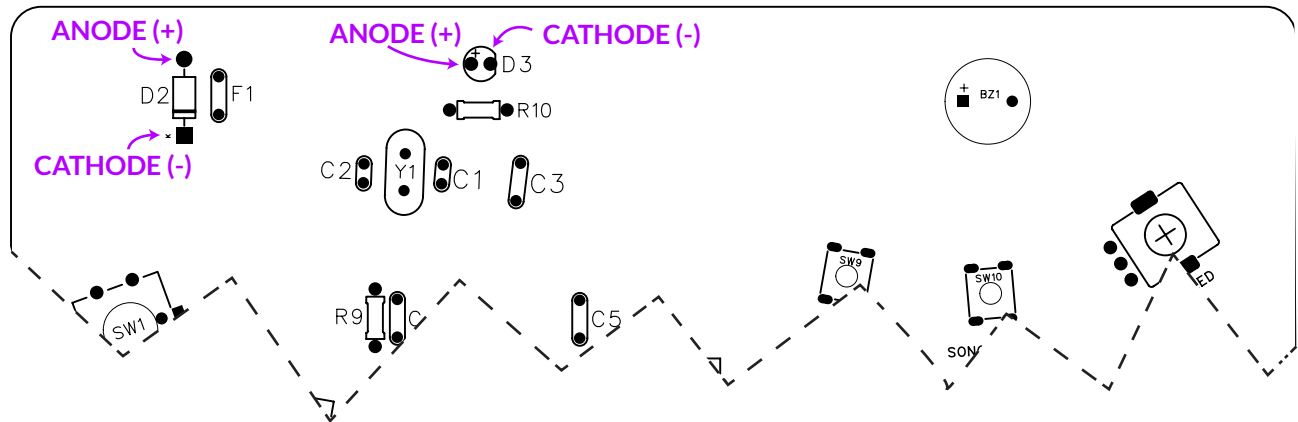
## **TIP: SEATING THE BUTTONS**

When seating the buttons into the circuit board, very gently and carefully seat each leg of the button. Make sure all are lined up before pressing it down to avoid bending the delicate LED leads.

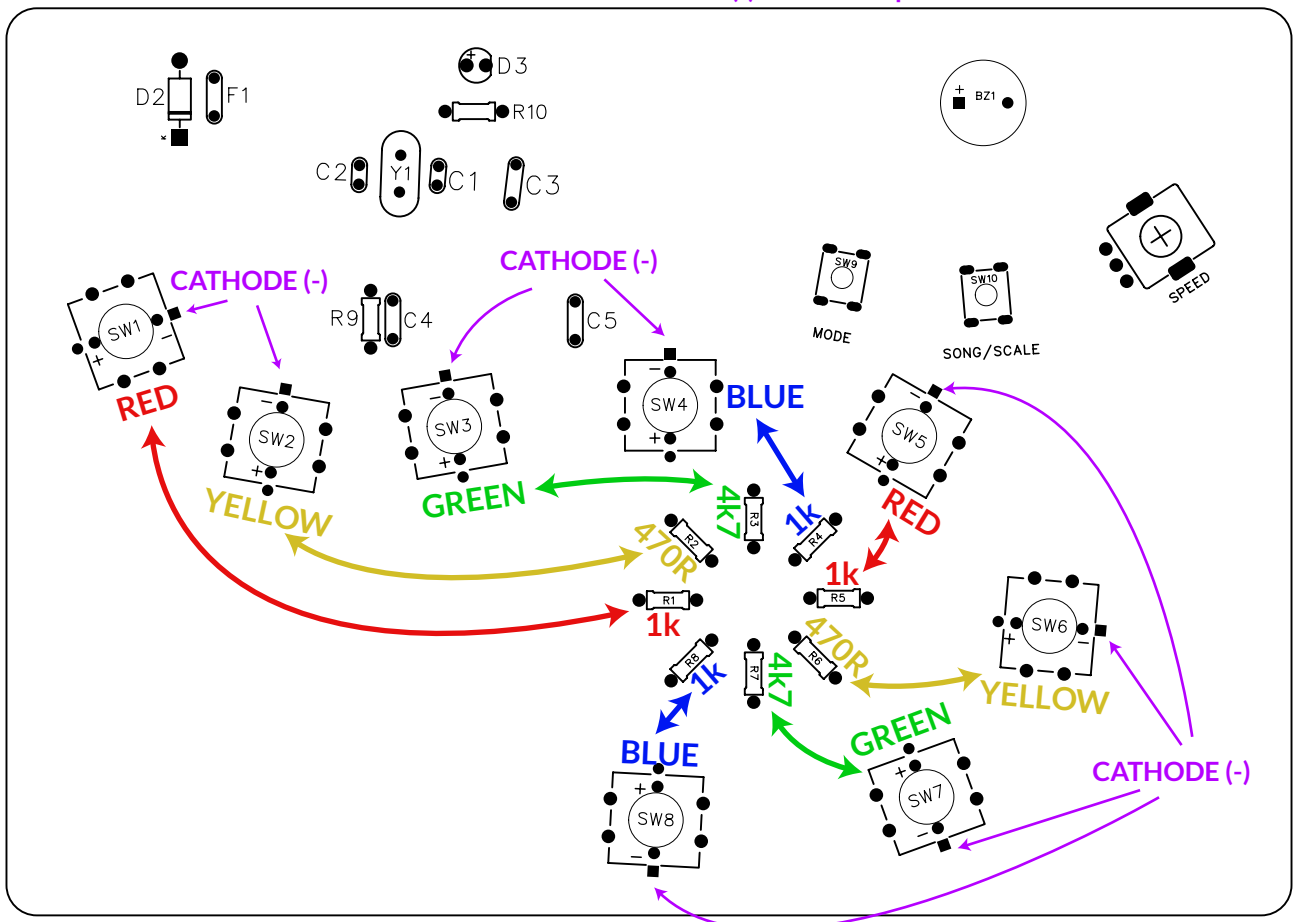
In the event you bend an LED lead, you can either try again to reseat it, or simply solder it from the top if you feel comfortable in the integrity of the solder joint.

# ASSEMBLY (continued)

## COMPONENT PLACEMENT

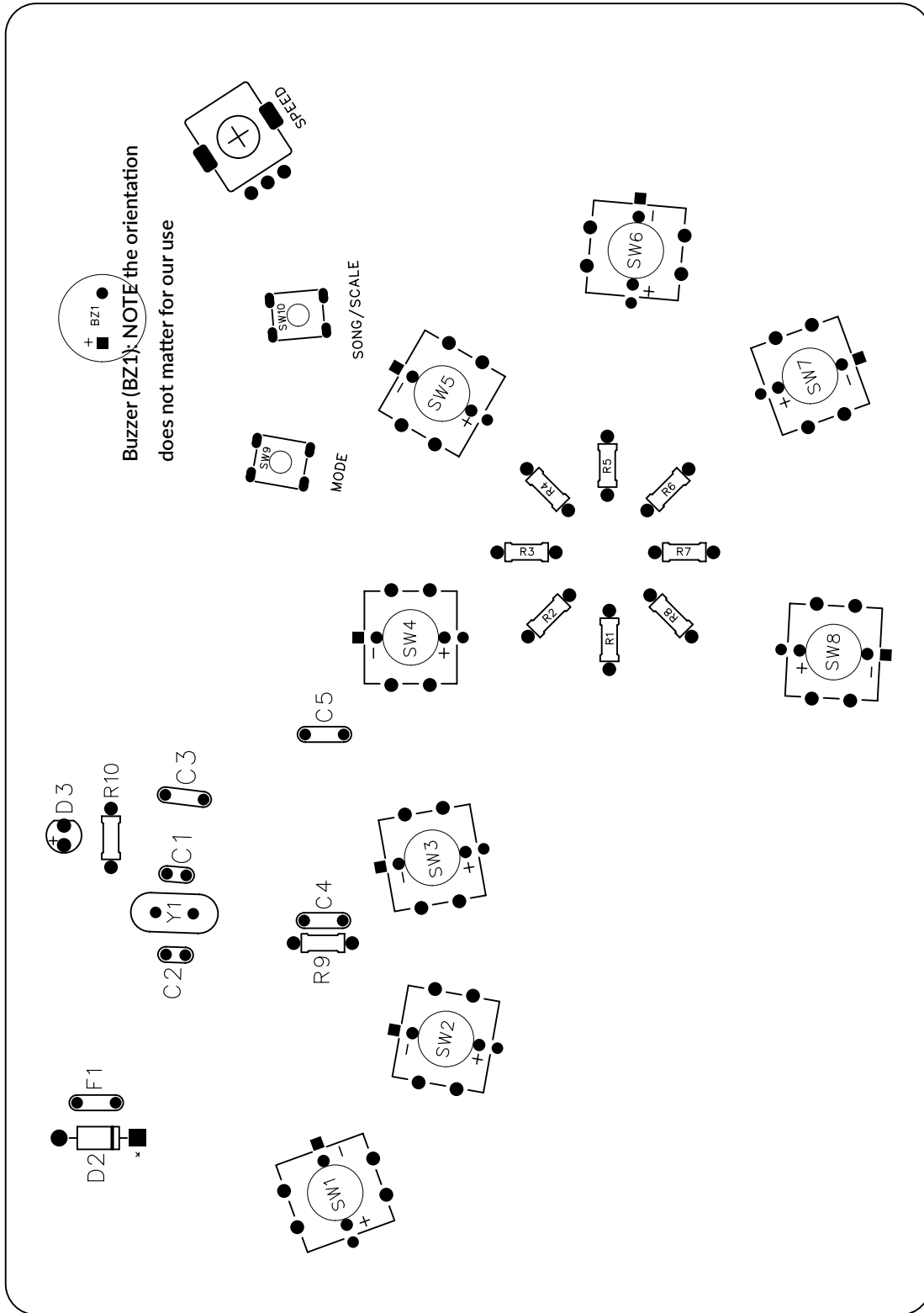


REMEMBER: Button's CATHODE (-) has an ink spot on it



# PARTS PLACEMENT

Use the following guide to identify where each part should be placed



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