

BananaKastle Firmware tutorial v1 2023

This is a detailed guide on how to write the Kastle firmware to the 3 ATtiny IC's used by the Reverselandfill BananaKastle.

See below if you want to use the programming headers.

Step 1: Setup the Arduino as an ISP:

Download the Arduino software.

Open the ArduinoISP sketch from the examples menu

Select the board and serial port that correspond to your Arduino board

Upload the ArduinoISP sketch

Step 2: Setup the Attiny85

The Arduino does not support the Attiny85 by default, so we'll add it to the Arduino IDE

Go to File > Preferences

In the Add-on Manager URL' field, paste this code:

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/damellis/attiny/ide-1.6.x-boards-manager/package_damellis_attiny_index.json

Press OK

Go to Tools > Boards > Boards Manager

In the search, type “attiny”

Install the David A, Mellis ATtiny file.

After installing the file, you should see a new entry in the board menu titled Attiny25/45/85

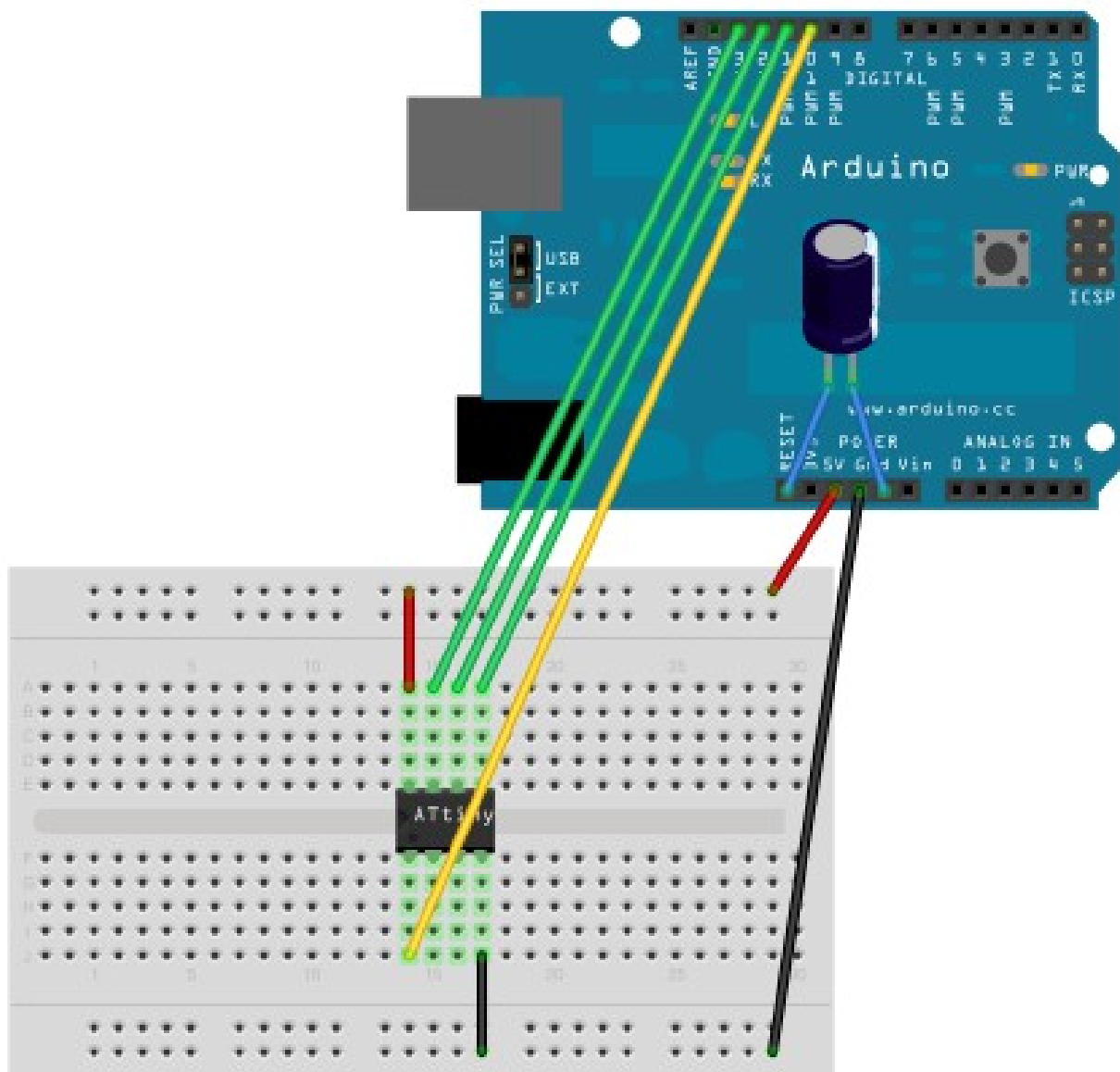
Select the board, Tools > Boards > ATtiny25/45/85

Select the processor, Tools > Processor > ATtiny85

Set the clock, Tools > Clock > Internal 8Mhz

Set the Programmer, Tools > Programmer > Arduino as ISP

Now wire up the Arduino & Attiny85 on a breadboard like this:



On the ATtiny85, pin 1 is located on the lower left, pin 8 is located on the upper left. The IC has a notch to specify the orientation (in this drawing the notch is on the left side)

On the Arduino, use a 10uF Electrolythic Capacitor between the Reset pin and the GND

ATTINY	ARDUINO
1 RST	10
2	
3	
4 GND	GND
5 MOSI	11
6 MISO	12
7 SCK	13
8 +5V	+5V

Step 3: Kastle Firmware:

Go here:

<https://github.com/bastl-instruments/kastle>

Download the software, Code > Download ZIP

Unpack the ZIP file and go to the kastleSynth_VCO_2 folder

Doubleclick the kastleSynth_VCO_2 INO file to open it in the Arduino software.

Uploading the sketch works a bit different than normal:

Sketch > Upload Using Programmer

Now the VCO ATtiny is ready for use. Take the VCO IC out of the breadboard.

Insert the next ATtiny IC.

Navigate to the kastleSynth_LFO folder and doubleclick the kastleSynth_LFO INO file.

Upload the LFO firmware, Sketch > Upload Using Programmer

Repeat this step for the second LFO IC

Using the Programming Headers:

The BananaKastle has 3 programming headers.

This way you can upload the firmware while the IC's are in the sockets.

Use male to female pincables or a 2x3 connector to pincable.

Programming header pinout

2 GND	4 MOSI	6 +5V
1 RST	3 SCK	5 MISO

Connect the pins like this:

ARDUINO	Header
10	1 RST
GND	2 GND
13	3 SCK
11	4 MOSI
12	5 MISO
5V	6 +5V

Follow the guide to setup the Arduino from step 1 to step 3, skip the breadboard wiring.

Start with the VCO firmware headers.

When the firmware is loaded, connect the pincables to the next programming header (LFO1) and repeat step 3

Repeat this for the LFO2 programming header.

How to upload the Attiny files

<https://highlowtech.org/?p=1695>

<https://srituhobby.com/how-to-program-attiny85-with-arduino-uno-step-by-step/>

<https://forum.arduino.cc/t/a-programmer-is-required-to-upload/1101631/2>

<https://www.instructables.com/How-to-Program-an-Attiny85-From-an-Arduino-Uno/>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1T40cyKEE0bYxRSw4JoP4Z0kGpukS9gH5oQCyxj19cs0/edit>

<https://github.com/bastl-instruments/kastle>