

# Building a DumbPhone

## A) Set-up

1. For this we will be using Tinkercad. Go to:

**[www.tinkercad.com](http://www.tinkercad.com)**

To use Tinkercad you either need a **free account** or **classroom code**.

2. After logging in, click **Circuits** and **Create new Circuit**.
3. In the top right, find **Components** and change it to list **All** rather than Basic. Then find and assemble the following components in the Build Area:

1x **Arduino Uno**

1x **Breadboard Small**

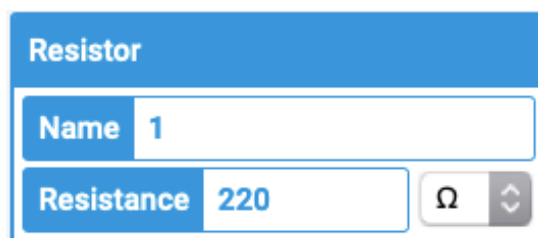
1x **LCD 16 x 2**

1x **Piezo Speaker**

1x **Resistor**

1x **Keypad 4 x 4**

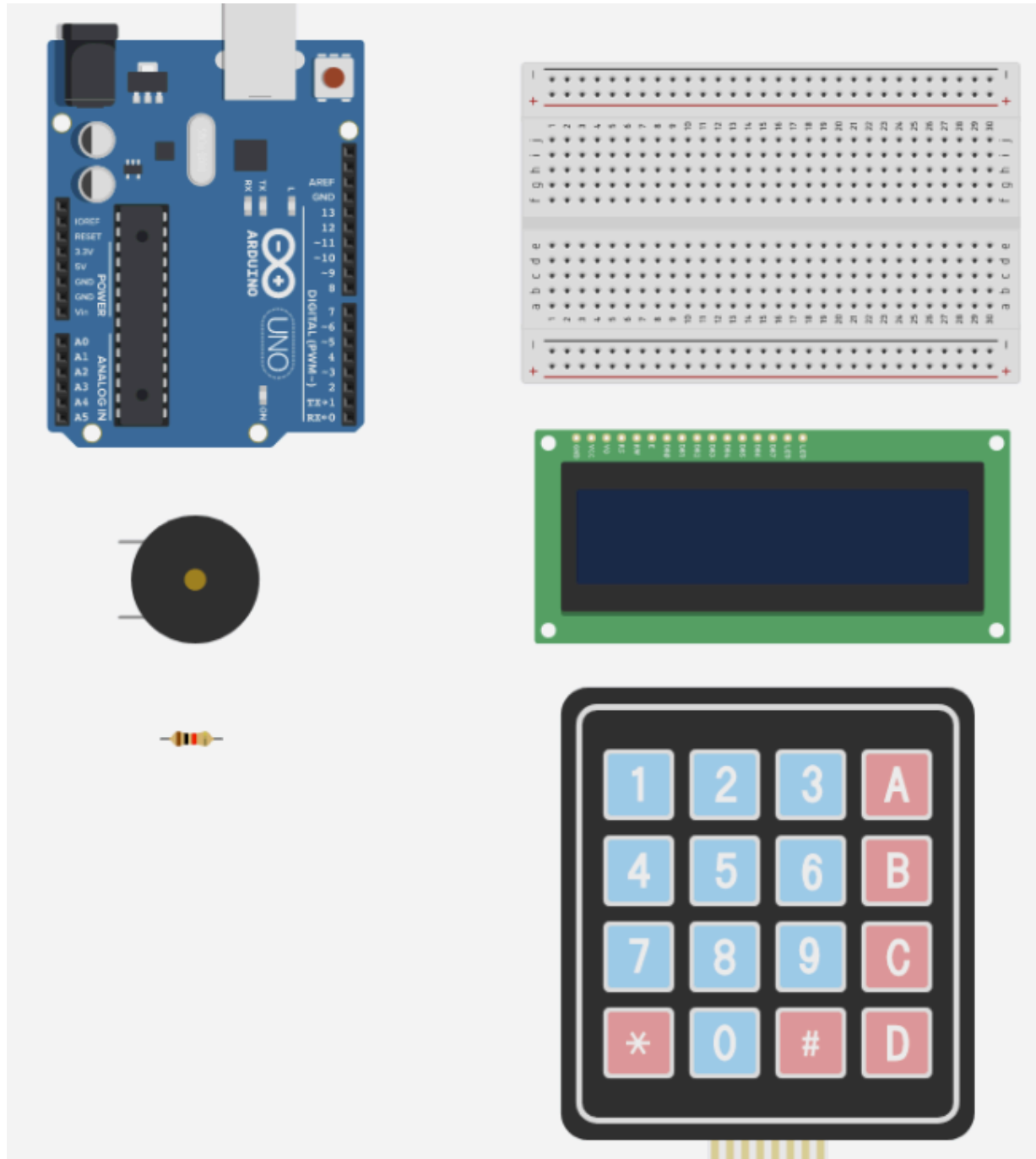
4. Click on your **resistor** and change its **resistance** to **220  $\Omega$** .



The image shows a configuration window for a Resistor component in Tinkercad. The window has a blue header with the text "Resistor". Below the header, there are two input fields. The first field is labeled "Name" and contains the value "1". The second field is labeled "Resistance" and contains the value "220". To the right of the "Resistance" field, there is a small icon of a resistor and a dropdown menu showing the unit " $\Omega$ ".

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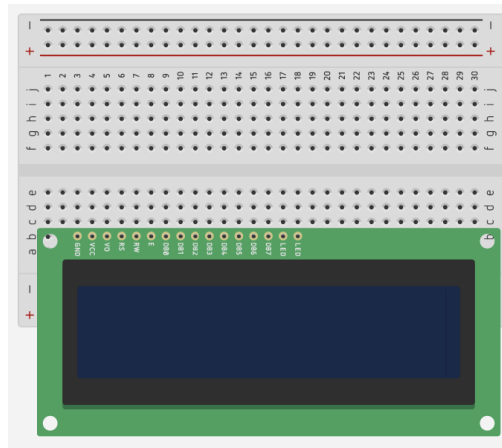
## B) Assembling the Components



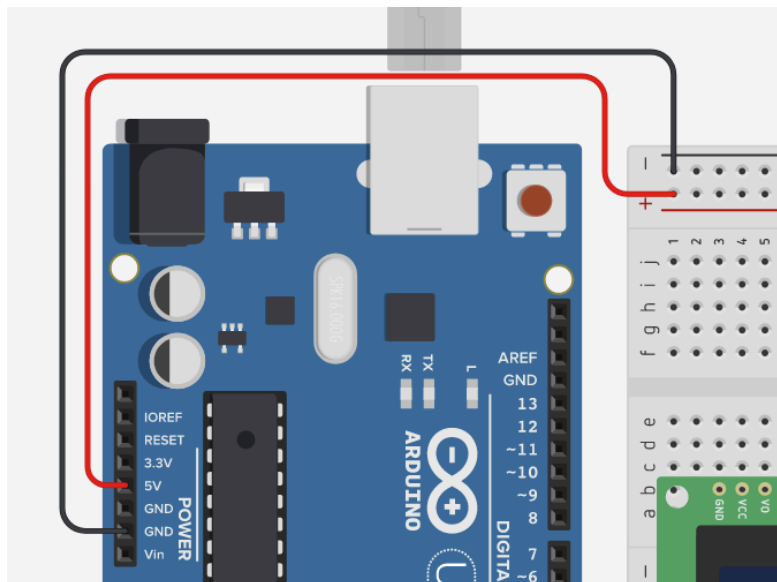
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## C) Setting up the Breadboard

5. First we need to attach the LCD to the Breadboard.



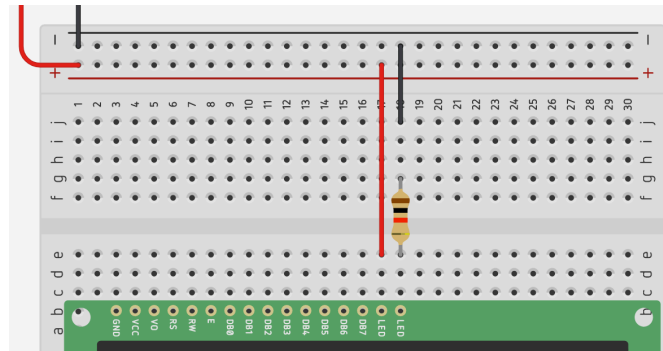
6. Then, we should power the breadboard by connecting the **+** line to **5V** and the **- line** to the **GND** on the Arduino.



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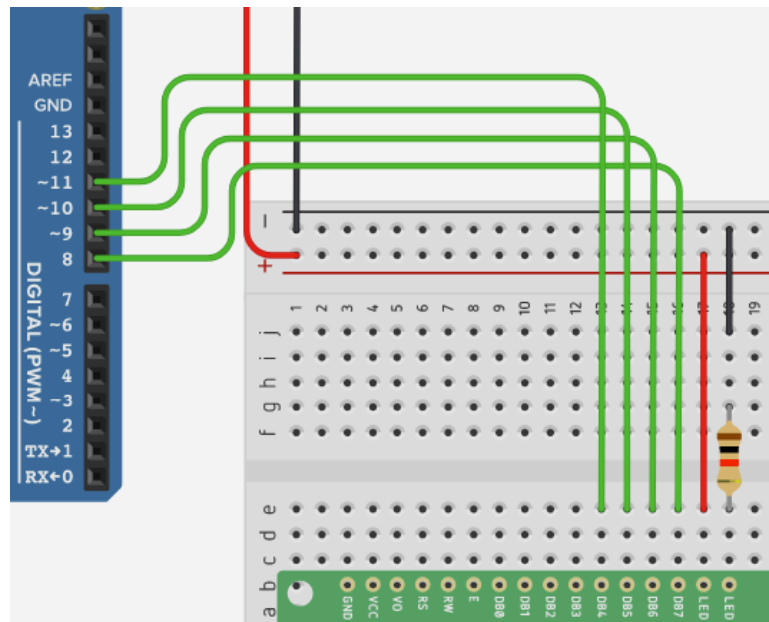
## D) Connecting the LCD

- Start by attaching the resistor to the **rightmost** pin of the LCD. Then connect this resistor to the **- line**. Next, connect the next pin along of the LCD to the **+ line**. We have now powered the backlight.



- Now we can hook up the **Data Buses** of the LCD to the Arduino. Do so in this order:

DB7 goes to Pin 8  
DB6 goes to Pin 9  
DB5 goes to Pin 10  
DB4 goes to Pin 11



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## E) Connecting the LCD (part II)

9. We're going to skip the next four Data Buses (DB3 to DB0) and instead start connecting from the **E Bus** on the LCD. Connect up the following pins to the right places according to the following:

**E** goes to **Pin 12**

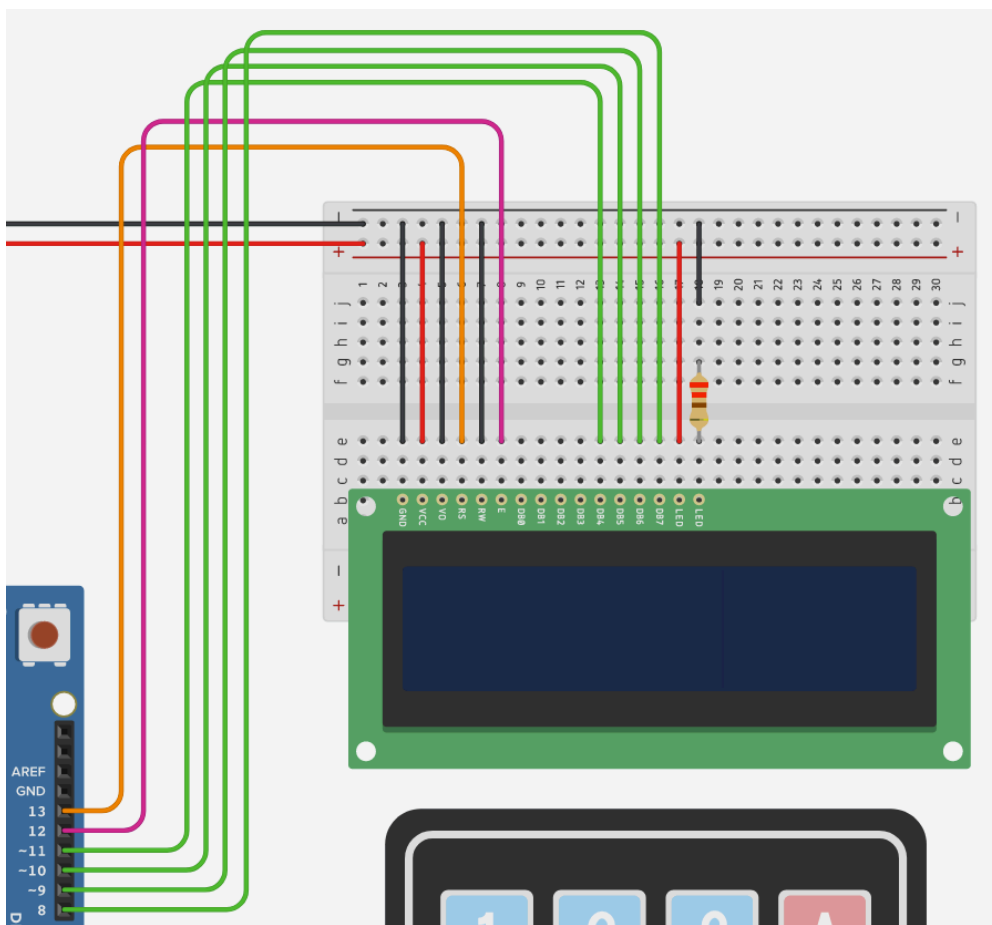
**RW** goes to **- line**

**RS** goes to **Pin 13**

**VO** goes to **- line**

**VCC** goes to **+ line**

**GND** goes to **- line**



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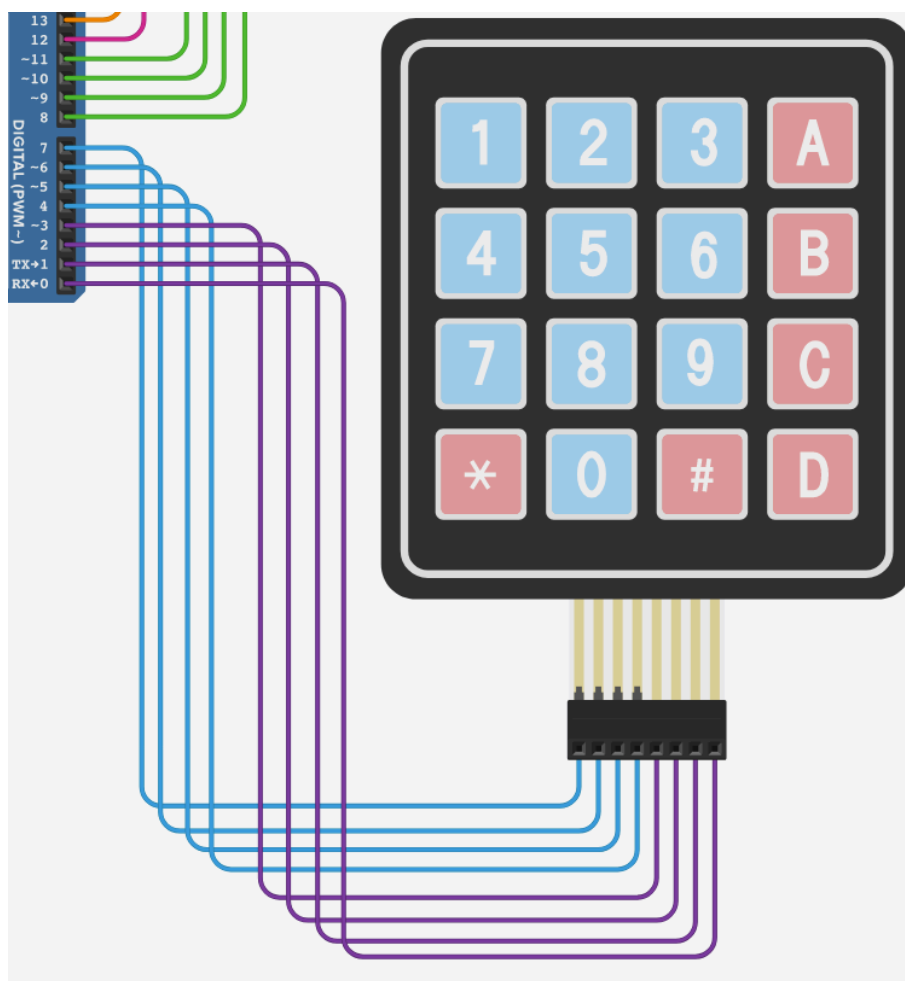
## F) Connecting the Keypad

10. Now it's time to connect up the Keypad.

If you **hover your mouse** over each terminal of the keypad it will tell you its name. Use this technique to connect the keypad to the Arduino:

**Row 1** goes to **Pin 7**  
**Row 2** goes to **Pin 6**  
**Row 3** goes to **Pin 5**  
**Row 4** goes to **Pin 4**

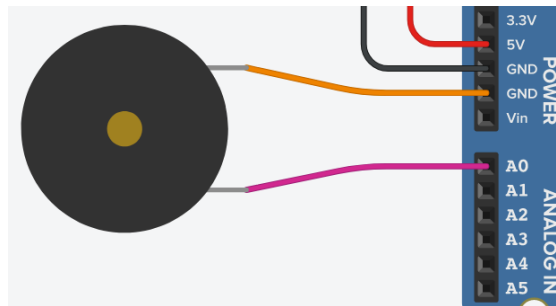
**Column 1** goes to **Pin 3**  
**Column 2** goes to **Pin 2**  
**Column 3** goes to **Pin 1**  
**Column 4** goes to **Pin 0**



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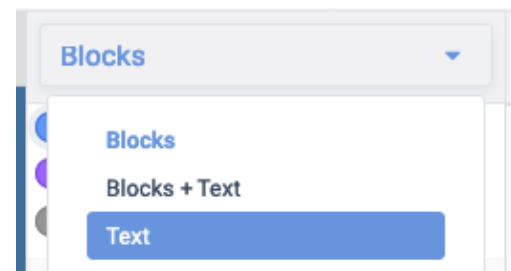
## G) Finishing Touches

11. To make our phone sound, we need to attach the **Piezo Speaker** to the Arduino. Hovering over the legs of the Piezo reveal a negative and positive terminal. Connect the negative to **GND** and the positive to **A0**.

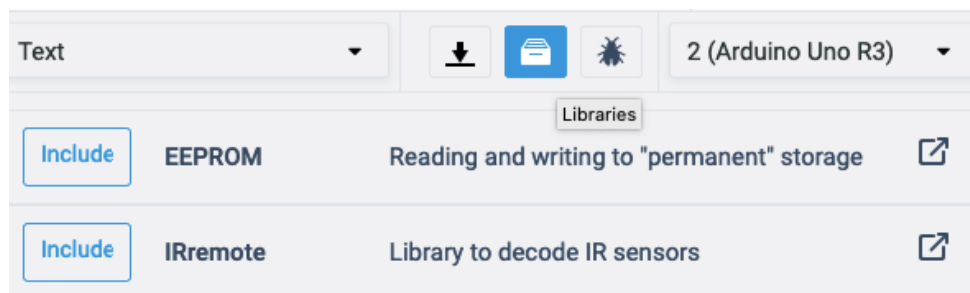


13. With everything connected, we can start writing the code. Click **Code** in the top right.

We need to convert to **Text Mode**. To do so, click the drop-down menu next to 'Blocks'. Then, select **Text**.



14. The last step before coding; Click the **Libraries** button and Include both **LiquidCrystal** and **Keypad**.



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## H) The Code

14. Here is listed the code needed for basic functionality. Make sure to rewatch the livestream for a full explanation of each part of the code.

```
#include <LiquidCrystal.h>
#include <Keypad.h>

LiquidCrystal lcd(13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8); //Tells Arduino the LCD Pins

const byte numRows = 4; //How many rows does the Keypad have?
const byte numCols = 4; //How many column does the keypad have?

byte rowPins[numRows] = {7,6,5,4}; //Which pin controls which row (1 to 4)
byte colPins[numCols] = {3,2,1,0}; //Which pin controls which column (1 to 4)

//Here we tell the Arduino what symbol is on which letter.
char keymap[numRows][numCols] =
{
  {'1', '2', '3', 'A'},
  {'4', '5', '6', 'B'},
  {'7', '8', '9', 'C'},
  {'*', '0', '#', 'D'}
};

Keypad myKeypad= Keypad(makeKeymap(keymap), rowPins, colPins, numRows, numCols);

int currentCol = 0;

void setup() {
  lcd.begin(16, 2); //Tells Arduino how many columns and rows our LCD has.
  lcd.print("Enter number:");
}

void loop() {
  lcd.setCursor(currentCol, 1); //Tells LCD to start printing on second row.

  char keypressed = myKeypad.getKey();
  if (keypressed != NO_KEY) {
    if (keypressed == '#') {
      lcd.clear();
      currentCol = 0;
      lcd.print("Dialing...");
    } else {
      tone(A0, 400, 50);
      lcd.print(keypressed);
      currentCol = currentCol + 1;
    }
  }
}
```