

Assembly Manual for V1.0

MeArm.io

# Arduino Edition

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# Introduction

This manual is for the assembly of the MeArm Version 1.0 from MeArm Limited. It is our intention that with this document you can build the MeArm with nothing but a screwdriver and enthusiasm. You need no prior knowledge and will finish as a robot builder and master of the hex key - ready to take the first steps towards mastering coding, electronics, robotics or whatever your plans for world domination require.

This version is for use with an Arduino board to control your MeArm. You will also need a power supply capable of delivering 5-6V at 2A, a breadboard and a few wires to connect everything together.

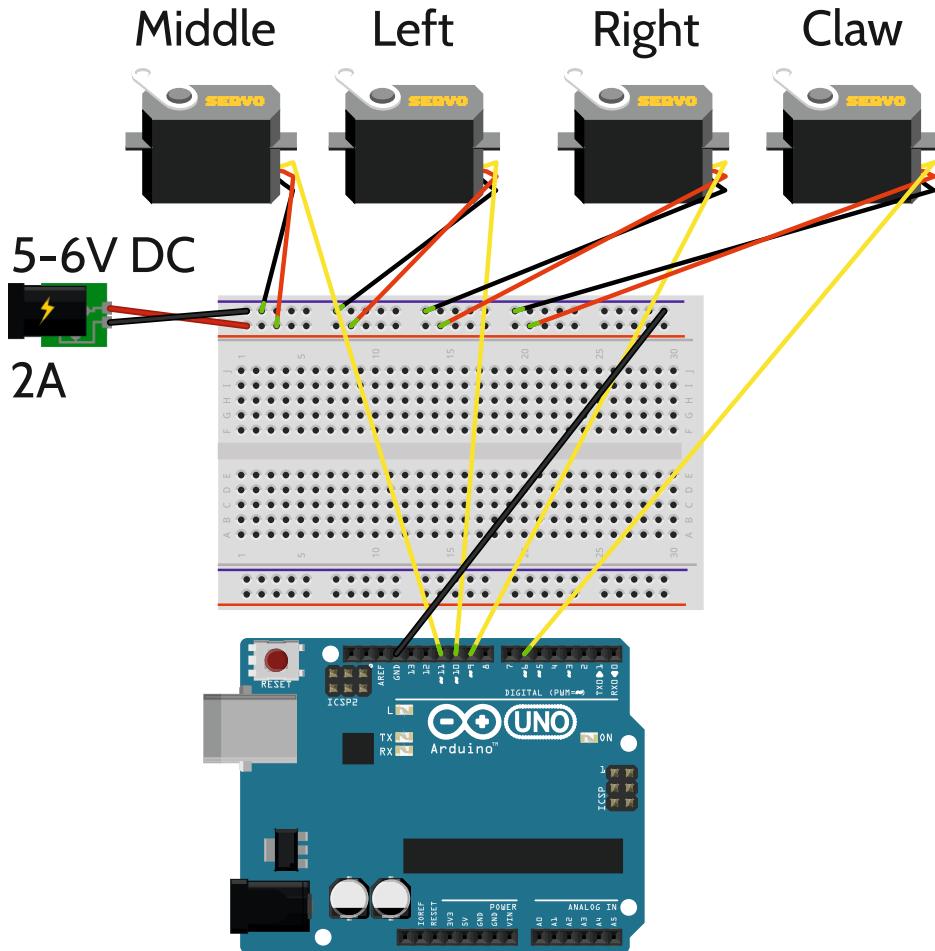
If we've not achieved our goal of a simple guild please let us know at [forum.mearm.io](http://forum.mearm.io) - we'd really appreciate your feedback and no question is too simple or too complex.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you for joining us on the MeArm Project!

All the best!

Benjamin Gray

# Setting up the Arduino



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The Bread Board (white thing with holes) is used here as a “power rail” and can easily be dispensed with. Here it connects the Servo Motors to their own power supply, which is tied to a common ground on the Arduino. You can not power four servo motors through the Arduino.

**WARNING! Exceeding 6V can irreparably damage the servo motors.**

# Setting up the Arduino

## Step 1.

Using the configuration on the previous page, connect the servo motors to power and your Arduino.

## Step 2.

Download and install the Arduino IDE

(<https://www.arduino.cc/en/Main/Software>). Install the drivers for your chosen Arduino board.

## Step 3.

Connect your Arduino to your PC via USB Cable.

## Step 4.

Start the Arduino IDE or go to [codebender.cc/sketch:148456](http://codebender.cc/sketch:148456)

## Step 5.

Type:

```
#include <Servo.h>

Servo middle, left, right, claw; // creates 4 "servo objects"

void setup()
{
  Serial.begin(9600);
  middle.attach(11); // attaches the servo on pin 11 to the middle object
  left.attach(10); // attaches the servo on pin 10 to the left object
  right.attach(9); // attaches the servo on pin 9 to the right object
  claw.attach(6); // attaches the servo on pin 6 to the claw object
}

void loop()
{
  middle.write(90); // sets the servo position according to the
  value(degrees)
  left.write(90); // does the same
  right.write(90); // and again
  claw.write(35); // yes you've guessed it.
  delay(300); // doesn't constantly update the servos which can fry them.
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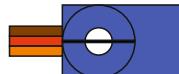
# Calibrating the Servo Motors

Step 1.

Follow steps in Setting Up the Arduino

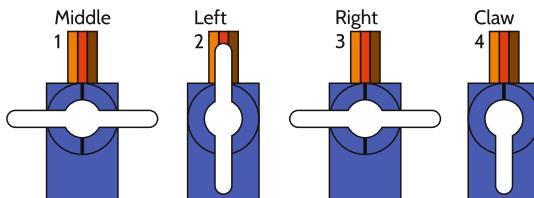
Step 2.

Using a marker, make a line across the Servo Motor Body and spindle (as shown)



Step 7.

Attach the Servo Arms as shown below using the small machine screw from the servo fixings packs. Leave these attached until you are required to use them in building the MeArm. Be careful not to move the position of the spindle now they are calibrated.



Step 8. Move onto building your MeArm

# Building the MeArm

Please Note: The MeArm relies on self tapping screws, do not over tighten or you could strip the hole or break the part.

Do not attempt to force parts together as excessive force can break them.

Please contact us on our forums at [forum.mearm.io](http://forum.mearm.io) if you encounter any problems with your build.

## Parts

Building the MeArm Requires the following fasteners. These profiles are actual size (if printed A5 sized paper).

The acrylic parts list is shown for reference. Small differences may occur as the product is improved over time.

Construction requires a small cross head screwdriver and 2.5mm hex key, which is supplied.

Additional screws for the servo arms are included in the servo packs.

10x – M3 Nut



6x – M3 x 6



15x – M3 x 8



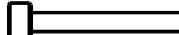
3x – M3 x 10



8x – M3 x 12



4x – M3 x 20

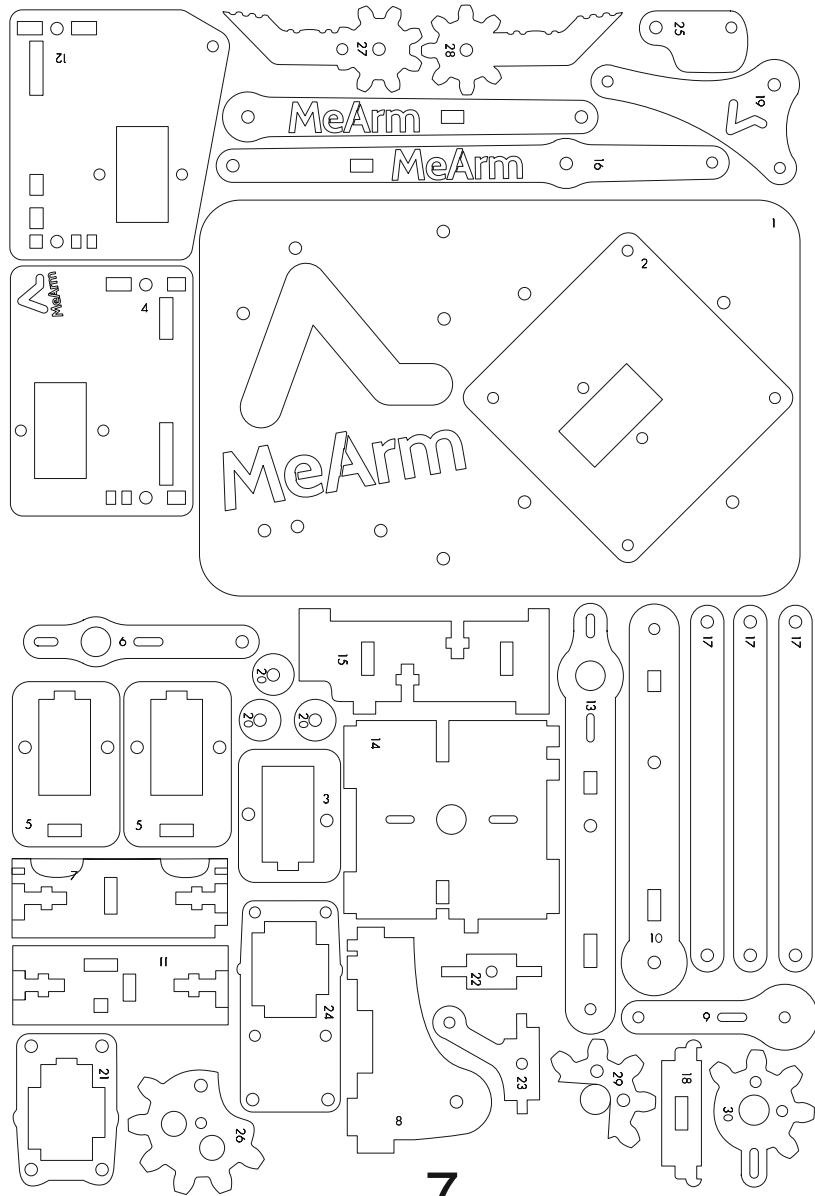


4x – Rubber Foot

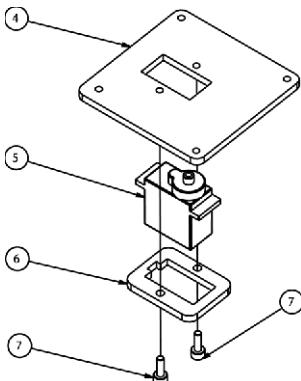


# Acrylic Parts

Comprising 24 large parts and 12 smaller parts, bagged separately

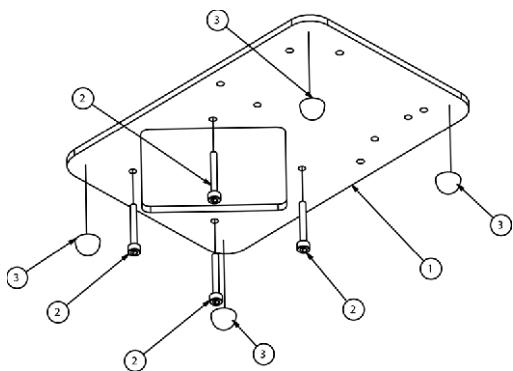


Before fixing together align screw holes on Base Plate, Pivot Servo Plate and Base Servo Collar for later reference. If the Base Servo Collar faces the wrong way then flip the Pivot Servo Plate.

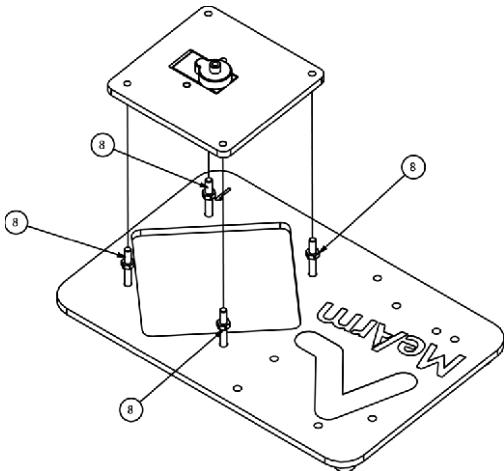


- Step 1. Insert MIDDLE Servo Motor into top side of Servo Collar  
 Step 2. Insert Servo Motor into bottom side of Pivot Servo Plate  
 Step 3. Insert (2x) M3 x 8mm Screws through bottom of Servo Collar and fix to Pivot Servo Plate

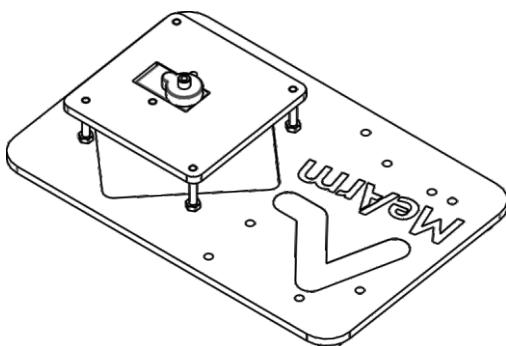
PARTS LIST			
ITEM	PART NAME	QTY	PART NUMBER
1	Base Plate	1	1
2	M3 x 20mm Screw	4	
3	Rubber Foot	4	
4	Pivot Servo Plate	1	2
5	Servo Motor	1	
6	Base Servo Collar	1	3
7	M3 x 8mm Screw	2	
8	M3 Nut	4	



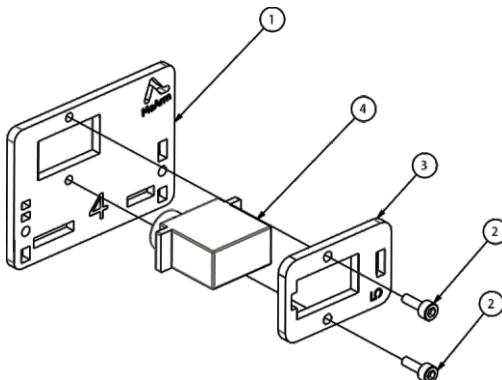
- Step 4. Attach Rubber Feet to underside of Base Plate  
 Step 5. Insert (4) 20mm Screw though from underside of Base Plate



- Step 6. Thread (1x) Nut half way down each of the (4x) 20mm Screws.  
 Step 7. Screw each of the 20mm Screws into the mating holes on the Pivot Servo Plate until the end of the screw is flush with the top of the plate



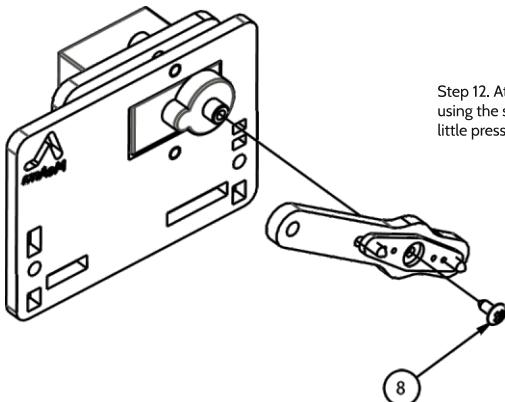
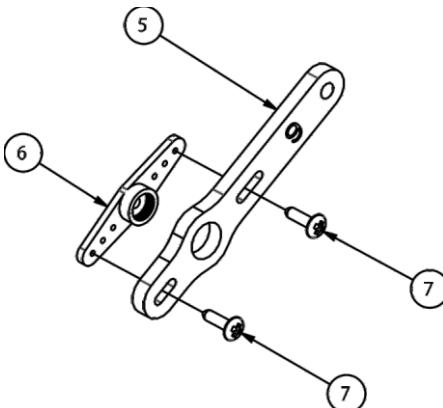
- Step 8. Tighten the Nuts rest of the way down (finger tight is fine).



ITEM	PART NAME	QTY	PART NUMBER
1	Left Arm Servo Plate	1	4
2	M3 x 8mm Screw	2	
3	Servo Collar	1	5
4	9 Gram Servo	1	
5	Long Servo Arm	1	6
6	Servo Double Arm	1	
7	Servo Mount Screw	2	
8	Servo Screw	1	

Step 10. Slide Servo Collar over the bottom end of the Servo and insert cable through rectangular hole

Step 11. Insert (2) M3 x 8mm Screws into the Servo Collar and attach to Left Arm Servo Plate

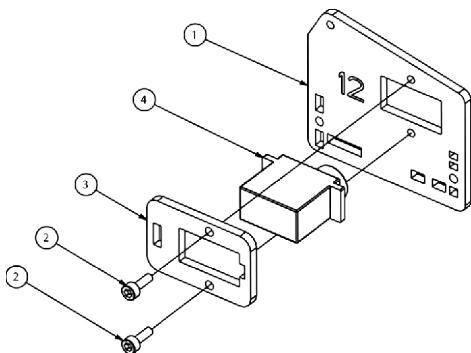


Step 12. Attach the Servo Arm to the Long Servo Arm Extension using the sharp screws in the servo pack. These will self tap with a little pressure.

Step 13. Attach the Long Servo Arm Extension assembly to the calibrated LEFT servo motor (using the Brains Board Guide as a reference for position).

Step 14. Use the machine screw from the servo pack to secure in position.

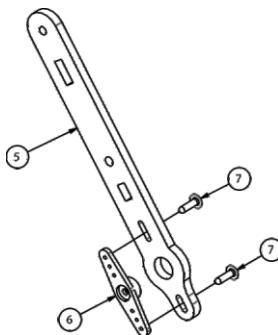
Step 15. (Optional) Power the Arduino and check that the Long Servo Arm Extension assembly points to approximately 9 o'clock.



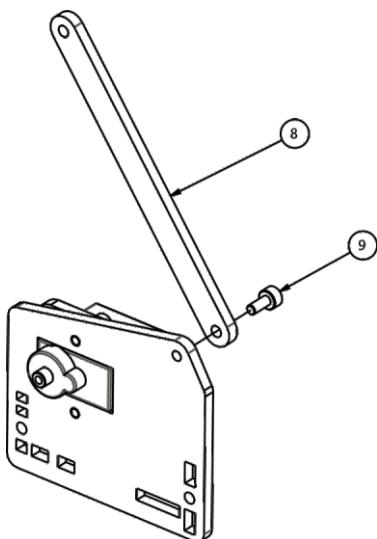
Step 16. Slide Servo Collar over the bottom end of the Servo and insert cable through rectangular hole

Step 17. Insert (2) M3 x 8mm Screws into the Servo Collar and attach to Right Arm Servo Plate

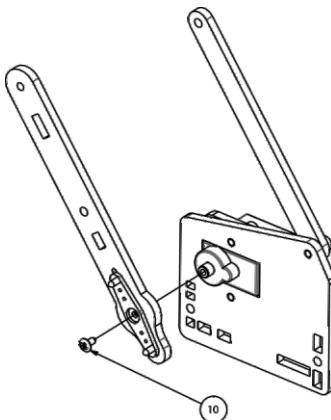
ITEM	PART NAME	QTY	PART NUMBER
1	Right Arm Servo Plate	1	12
2	M3 x 8mm Screw	2	
3	Servo Collar	1	5
4	9 Gram Servo	1	
5	Right Arm Base Joint	1	13
6	Servo Double Arm	1	
7	Servo Mount Screw	2	
8	Parallel Linkage	1	17
9	M3 x 6mm Screw	1	
10	Servo Screw	1	



Step 18. Attach the Servo Arm to the Right Arm Base Joint using the sharp screws in the servo pack. These will self tap with a little pressure.



Step 19. Insert 6mm Screw into Parallel linkage and attach to Right Arm Servo Plate.

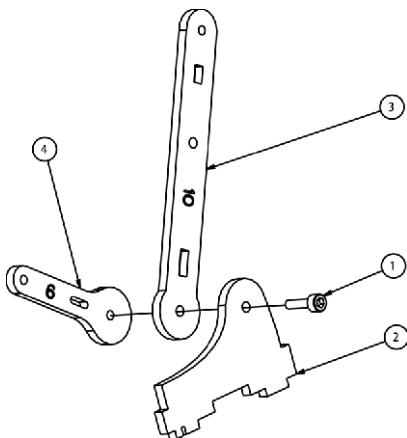


Step 20. Attach the Right Arm Base Joint assembly to the calibrated RIGHT servo motor (using the Brains Board Guide as a reference for position).

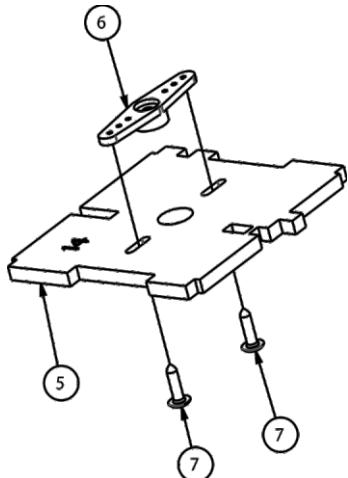
Step 21. Use the machine screw from the servo pack to secure in position

Step 22. (Optional) Power the Arduino and check that the Right Arm Base Joint assembly points to approximately 12 o'clock.

PARTS LIST			
ITEM	PART NAME	QTY	
1	M3 x 10mm Screw	1	
2	Left Arm Mount Tablet	1	8
3	Left Arm Base Joint	1	10
4	Short Servo Arm	1	9
5	Arm Bottom Plate	1	14
6	Servo Double Arm	1	
7	Servo Mount Screw	2	



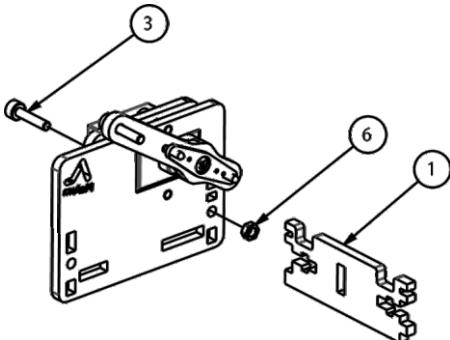
Step 23. Fix parts shown together using 10mm Screw. These should move freely. This assembly is known as the pig.



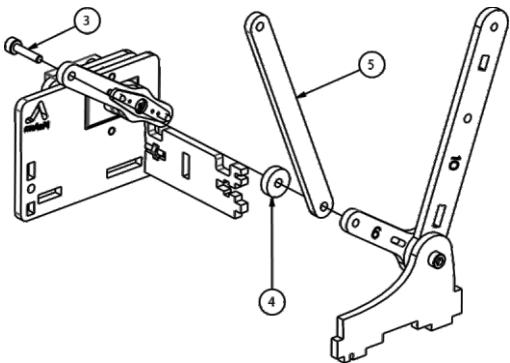
Step 24. Attach the Servo Arm to the Arm Bottom Plate using the sharp screws in the servo pack. These will self tap with a little pressure.

Step 25. Insert the machine screw to attach to the servo later into the Servo Arm as insertion later is a little tricky.

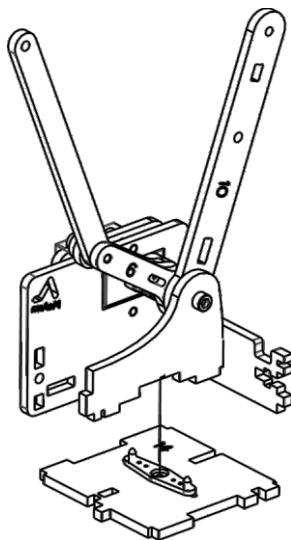
ITEM	PART NAME	QTY	PART NUMBER
1	Front Arm BaseCross Member	1	7
2	Back Arm BaseCrossMember	1	11
3	M3 x 12mm Screw	3	
4	Spacer	1	20
5	Parallel Linkage	1	17
6	M3 Nut	2	



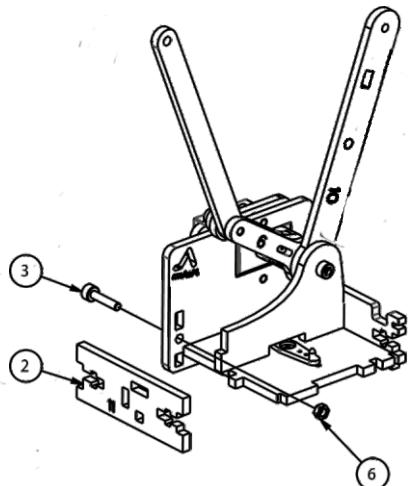
Step 26. Insert (1) 12mm Screw, add nut and Front Arm Base Cross Member and tighten. Stop before you break it.



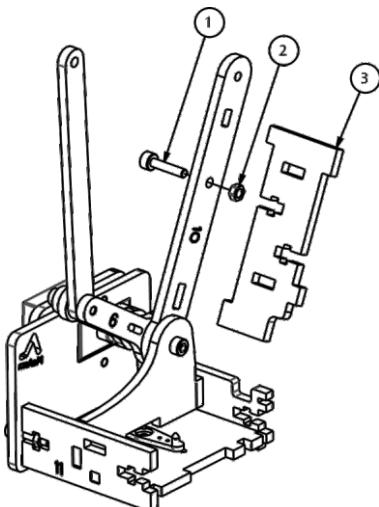
Step 27. Insert the Pig into the Front Arm Base Cross Member and using 12mm Screw attach the Pig to the Long Servo Arm Extension



Step 28. Insert the Arm Bottom Plate into the Left Arm Servo Plate at a diagonal angle and lever into place on the Pig Section.

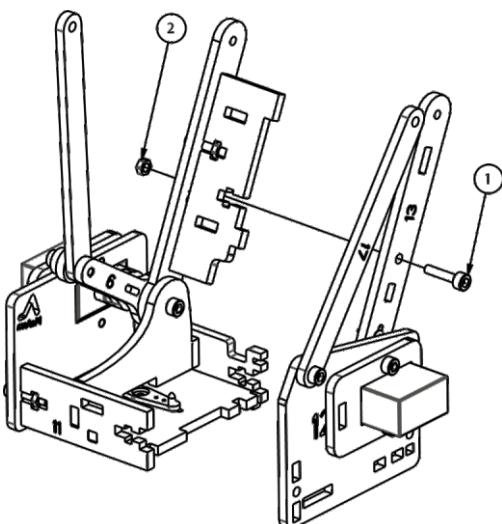


Step 29. Insert 12mm screw, add nut and Rear Arm Base Cross Member and lever carefully onto the rear of the Pig and the Arm Bottom Plate. Leave this screw slightly loose to aid attaching this assembly to the base later.



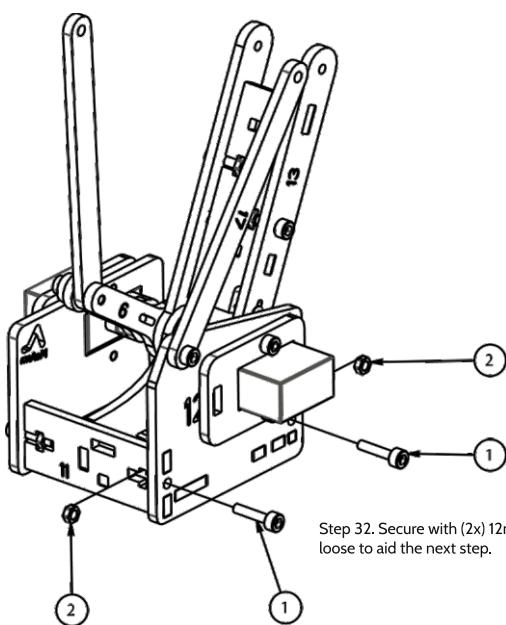
Step 30. Using 12mm Screw and Nut attach Main Arm Cross Web

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ITEM	PART NAME	QTY	PART NUMBER
1	M3 x 12mm Screw	4	
2	M3 Nut	4	
3	Main Arm Cross Web	1	15



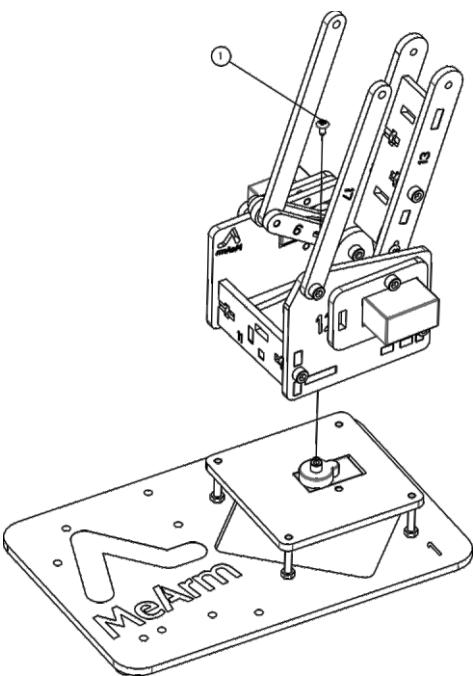
Step 31. Bring the right and left assemblies together securing with a 12mm Screw and Nut in the Main Arm Cross Web.

This part is tricky. Be gentle and have some patience. Small adjustments of the parts will allow it all to push together.



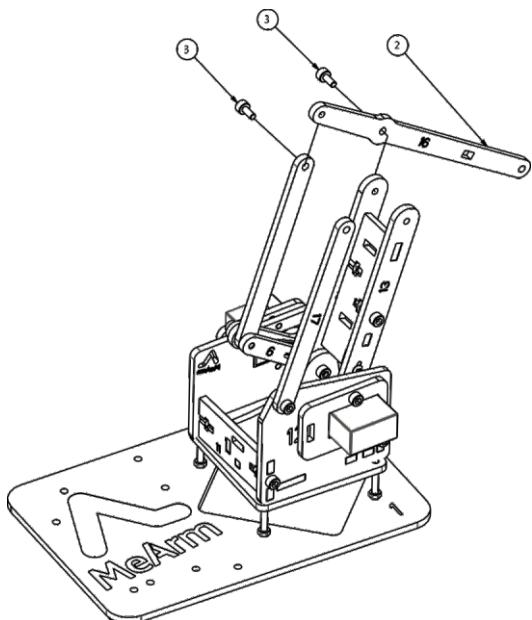
Step 32. Secure with (2x) 12mm Screws and (2x) Nuts. Leave a little loose to aid the next step.

ITEM	PART NAME	QTY	PART NUMBER
1	Servo Screw	1	
2	Left Wrist Joint	1	16
3	M3 x 6mm Screw	2	



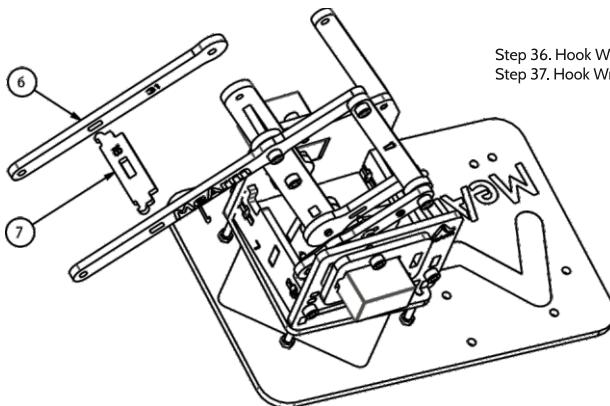
Step 33. Attach Arm Assembly to Base using small machine screw from Servo Pack, which should have been left in the Servo Arm from Step 25.

Step 34. (Optional) Power Arduino and check that the assembly sits at approximately 12 o'clock relative to the base.

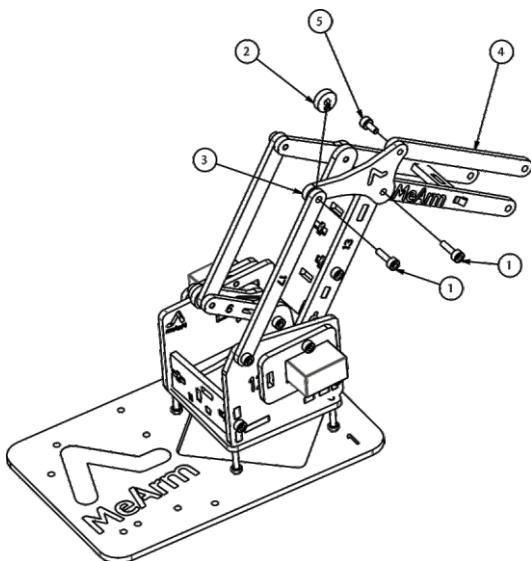


Step 35. Attach using (2) 6mm Screws.

ITEM	PART NAME	QTY	PART NUMBER
1	M3 x 10mm Screw	2	
2	Spacer	1	20
3	Parallel Linkage Connector	1	
4	Parallel Linkage	1	17
5	M3 x 6mm Screw	1	
6	Right Wrist Joint	1	31
7	Wrist Joint Connector	1	18



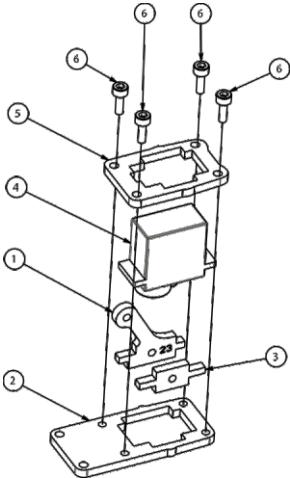
Step 36. Hook Wrist Joint Connector into Right Wrist Joint  
 Step 37. Hook Wrist Joint Connector Assembly into Left Wrist Joint



Step 38. Secure Right Wrist Joint with Parallel Linkage Connector and a 10mm Screw

Step 39. Attach Parallel Linkage (from Right Servo Plate) to the Parallel Linkage Connector using 10mm Screw and a Spacer.

Step 40. Attach final Parallel Linkage to the Parallel Linkage connector using a 6mm screw.



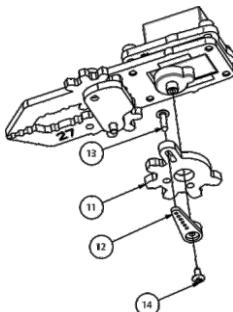
ITEM	PART NAME	QTY	PART NUMBER
1	Right Wrist Attachment	1	23
2	Clamp Bottom Servo Mount	1	24
3	Left Wrist Attachment	1	22
4	9 Gram Servo	1	
5	Clamp Top Servo Collar	1	21
6	M3 x 8mm Screw	6	
7	Right Gripper	1	27
8	Left Gripper	1	28
9	Gripper Plate	1	25
10	Gripper Gear	1	26
11	Top Servo Gear	1	30
12	Servo Single Arm	1	
13	Servo Mount Screw	1	
14	Servo Screw	1	
15	Bottom Servo Gear	1	29
16	M3 x 6mm Screw	2	
17	M3 x 12mm Screw	1	

Step 41. Insert Servo into Clamp Top Servo Collar

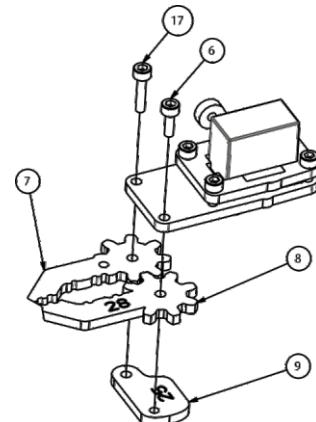
Step 42. Slide Right and Left Wrist Attachments into the Clamp Top Servo Collar as shown

Step 43. Slide the Clamp Bottom Servo Mount over the Servo

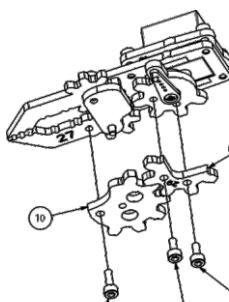
Step 44. Insert (4x) 8mm Screws into the Clamp Top Servo Collar and attach to the Clamp Bottom Servo Mount



Step 46. Attach Servo Single Arm to Top Servo Gear and attach to calibrated CLAW servo (using the Brains Board Guide as reference).  
NOTE. On the calibrated CLAW Servo the Servo Arm assembly and longest lug should point towards 6 o'clock (Gripper at 12 o'clock)



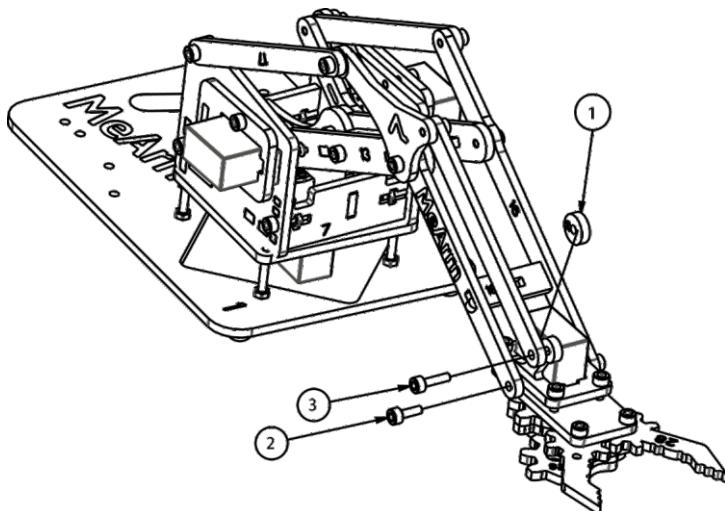
Step 45. Attach Left Gripper with 8mm Screw into Gripper Plate  
Insert 12mm Screw to keep assembly in place (does not tighten yet)



Step 47. Connect Bottom Servo Gear using 6mm Screws.

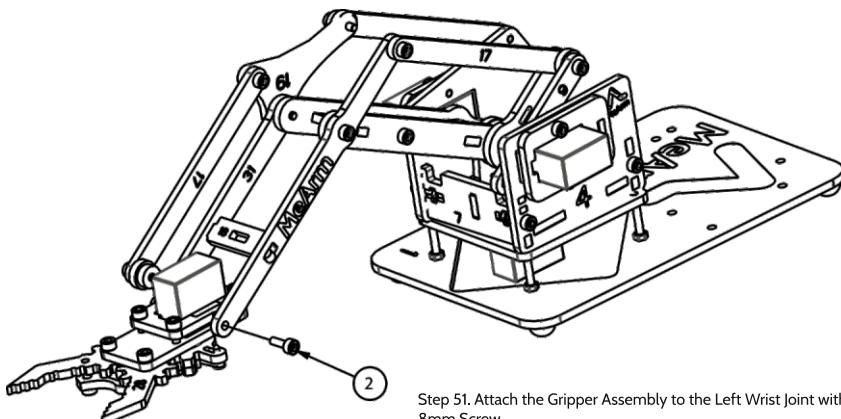
Step 48. Attach Gripper Gear with 8mm Screw from underside and 12mm Screw (previously inserted from above). **IMPORTANT NOTE!**  
Jaws should be set open to 90 degrees (180 degrees to each other) when meshed with calibrated servo gear! NOT AS SHOWN

PARTS LIST			
ITEM	PART NAME	QTY	PART NUMBER
1	Spacer	1	20
2	M3 x 8mm Screw	3	



Step 49. Attach the Gripper Assembly to the Right Wrist Joint with 8mm Screw

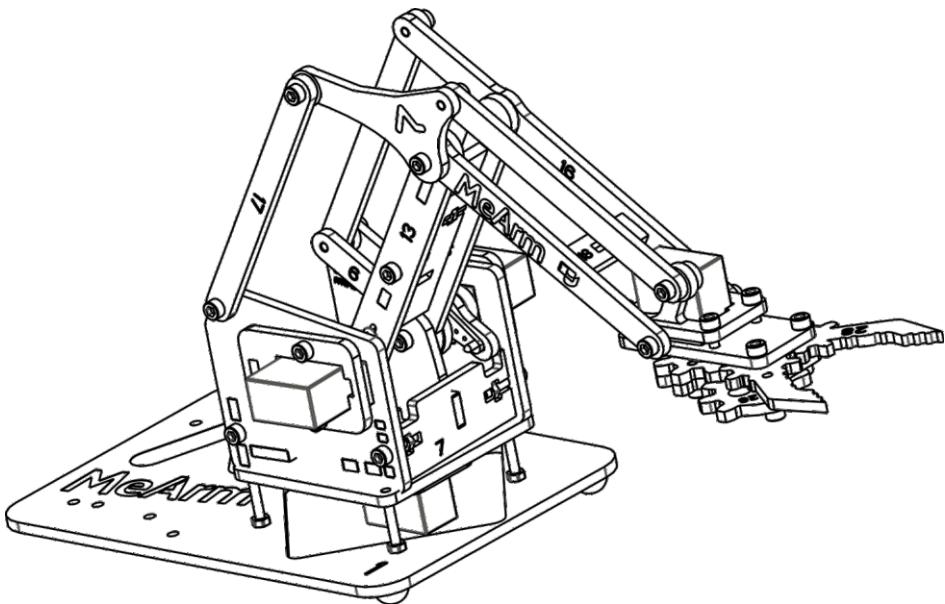
Step 50. Connect the Parallel Linkage with a 8mm Screw and Spacer



Step 51. Attach the Gripper Assembly to the Left Wrist Joint with 8mm Screw

Step 52. Thread CLAW Servo cable through cable guides and attach Servo Extension to reach Arduino.

Step 53. Attach Arduino to mounting holes in base plate.



## Congratulations!

Now you've completed your MeArm! It's now ready to control with your Arduino. You can build your own controller or control directly via your Arduino. Code examples of both are available on our codebender page at <https://codebender.cc/user/MeArm>.

We'll be adding to this guide so please check back and in the meantime we hope to see you on our forums at [forum.mearm.io](http://forum.mearm.io)

Many thanks for supporting the MeArm project!