

Sketching with Hardware

03: Soldering

Soldering Iron



Soldering Iron Stand



Soldering Tip Cleaner



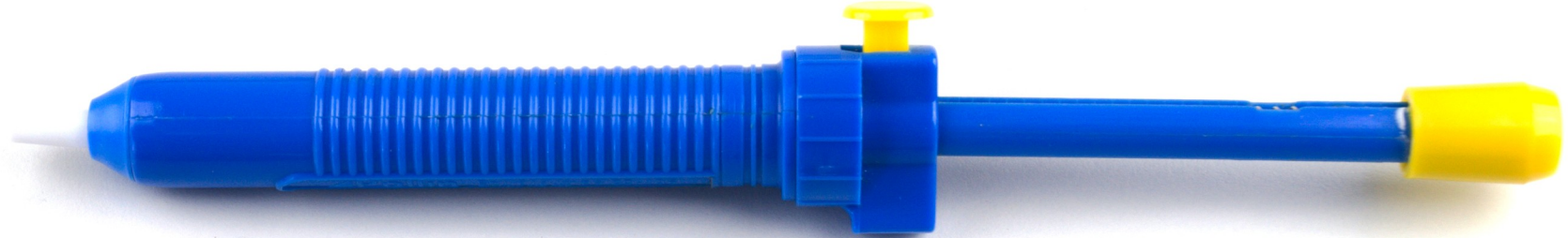
Solder



Solder Flux



Desoldering Pump



Safety Instructions

- The soldering iron gets hot (over 300 °C)
 - Do not touch metal parts
 - Use the soldering iron stand
 - Unplug if not needed anymore
- Solder contains lead (which is poisonous)
 - Wash you hands after using it (and especially before eating)
- Do not inhale the soldering smoke

Preparation

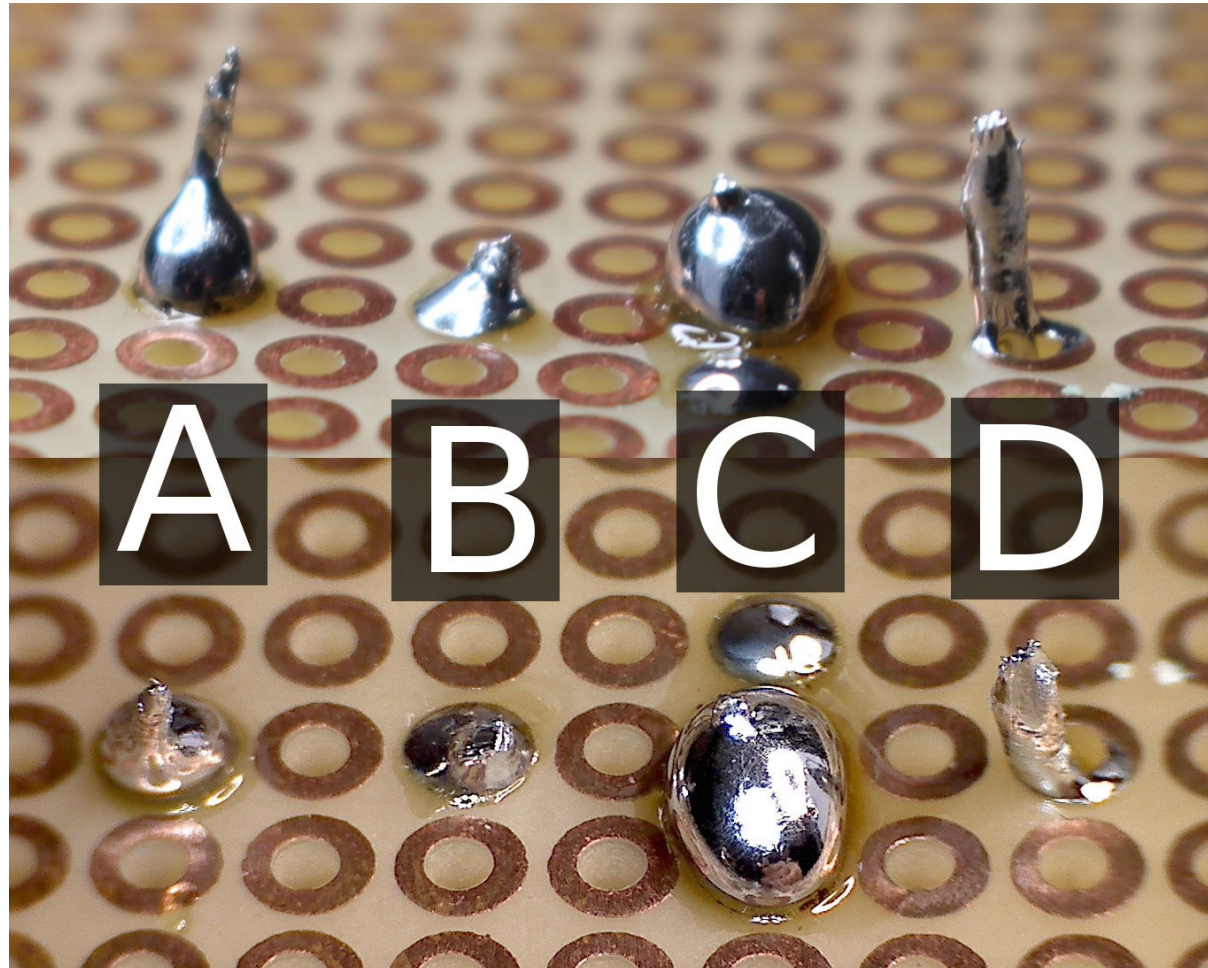
- Make room on your table
- Prepare your soldering tools:
 - Soldering iron + stand (do not plug it in yet)
 - Solder
 - Soldering tip cleaner
 - Working surface
 - Desoldering pump
 - Solder flux

Placeholder: Closeup soldering

Some tips

- Bigger contact area → faster heat transfer
- Many components are heat sensitive
 - Try to solder them quickly
- Cover wire with solder beforehand (solder flux helps)
- Clean the soldering iron before and after use

Good vs Bad Soldering...



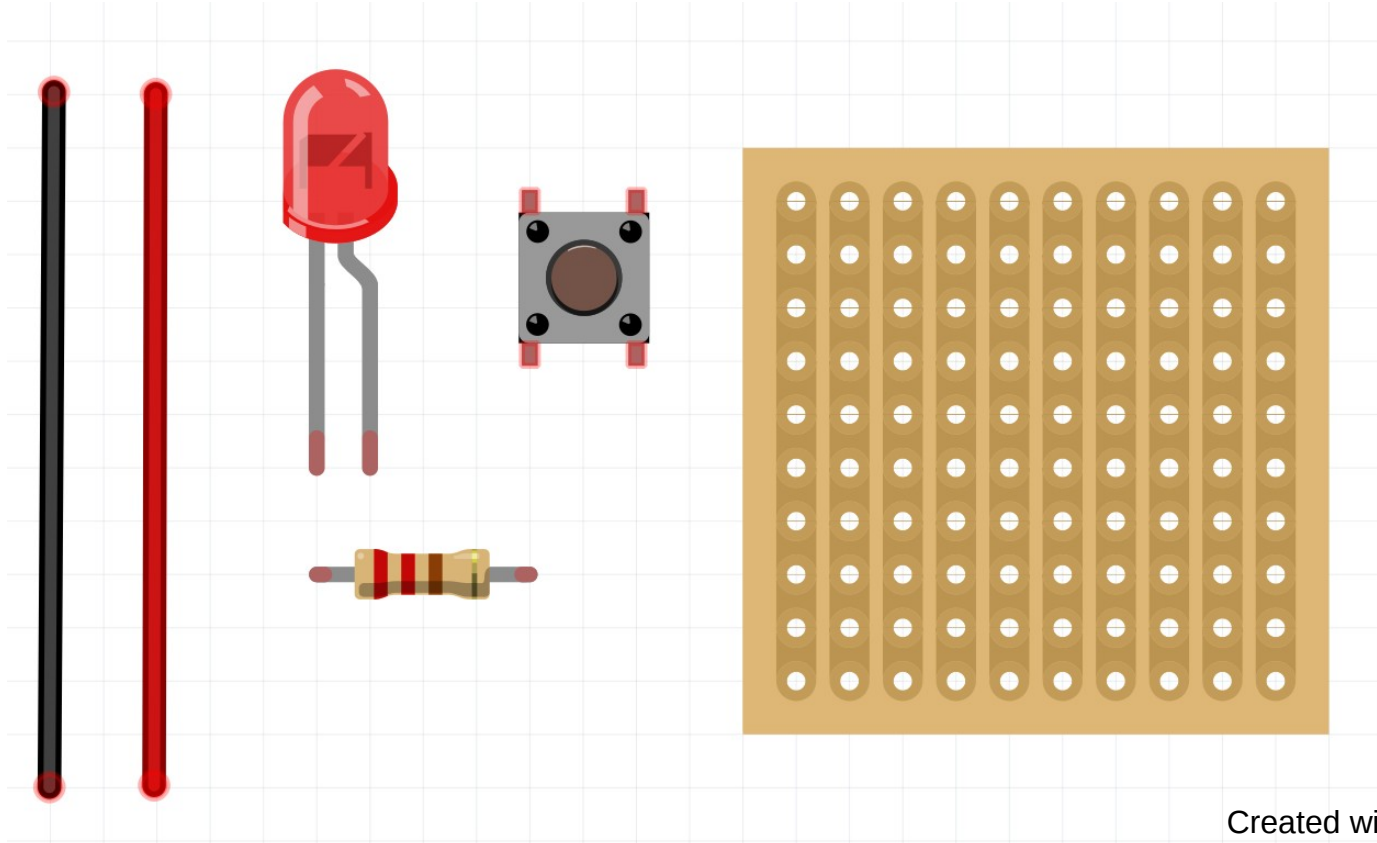


Live Demo...

Tutorial 02 - Soldering

Exercise: Mini-Circuit

- LED, button, resistor, wire, perfboard



Approach

- Think of a layout beforehand
- Bend the component's legs to fit into the board
- Place components on the copperless side of the board
- Solder components on the back side
- **Tip:** Begin with resistor and wire as they are more resistant to heat
 - Heat can damage the LED or melt the plastic button

Testing the circuit

- Continuity testing:
 - Is everything connected properly?
 - Are there any short circuits?
- Plugging it in...
 - Red wire to 5V (+), Black wire to GND (-)
- If it does not work: Troubleshooting
 - Correct polarity of the LED?
 - Correct resistor?
 - Is current flowing?
 - ...

Solution

