DISCIPAD

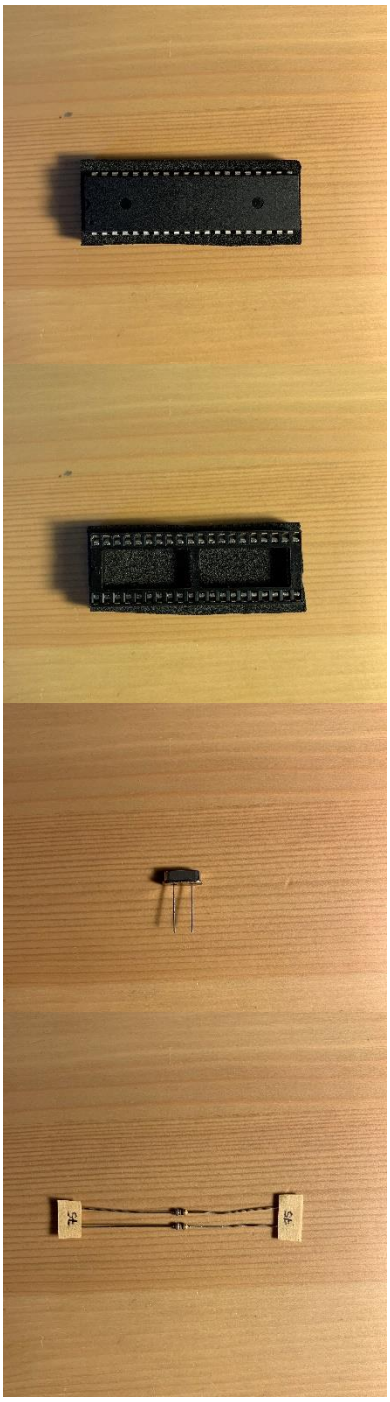
To build the DISCIPAD through hole kit you will need the following (not included):

- Soldering iron and solder wire (kester 63/37 .031 inch leaded solder recommended)
- Phillips head screwdriver
- Flush side cutters (diagonal cutters)
- Screw-in stabilizers (because there is no plate, plate mounted stabilizers are not supported)
    - 3x 2u stabilizers
- PCB-mount (5 pin) MX-style switches
- Keycaps for MX switches
- USB Type-C cable

Recommended (not included):

- No-clean flux paste (HIGHLY recommended to prevent bridging on USB pins)
- Solder wick (to remove solder bridges if they occur)
- Solder sucker (to remove solder from holes if a mistake is made and component needs to be reinserted)
- Aluminum feet to angle keyboard if desired

Included components:



Atmega328p

28-pin IC socket

16mhz crystal

2x 75R resistor

2x 22pF capacitor

2x 0.1uF capacitor

4.7uF capacitor

1.5K resistor

Included components (continued):

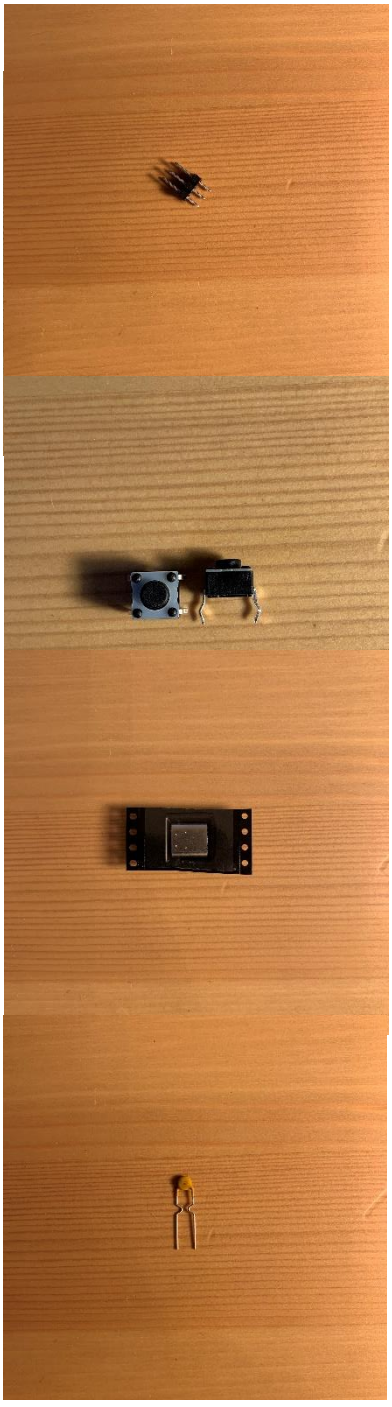
2x 5.1K resistor

10k resistor

68x 1n4148 diode

2x Zener diode 3.6V

KEEP SEPARATE FROM 1N4148 DIODES



6 pin header

2x 6mm pushbutton

usb type-c port

PLEASE SEE SOLDERING INSTRUCTION

resettable fuse (5.1mm)

Included components (continued)

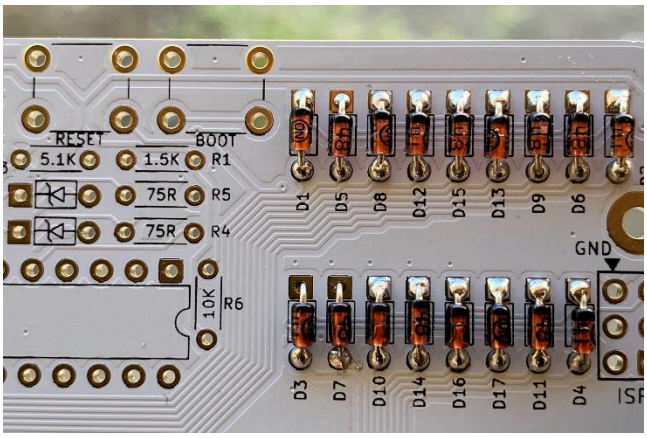
12x m2 mm screw

6x m2 5mm standoff

2x m2 9+3mm standoff

Continue for build guide.

Build Guide:

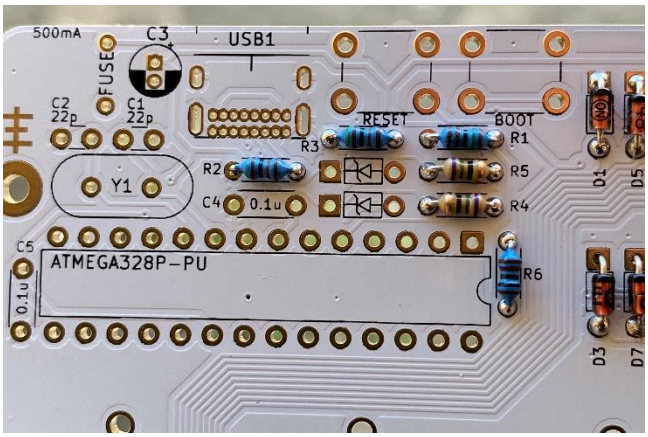


STEP 1

17x 1N4148 diodes

THIS PART HAS A SPECIFIC ORIENTATION – Black bar on diode will point upward and line up with the square pad.

Place diodes, folding down the legs to hold them in place as you go. Solder and clip the legs.

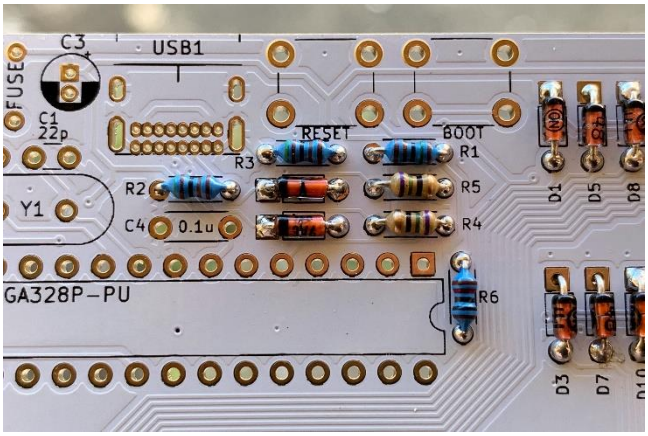


STEP 2

Resistors: 1x 10K, 2x 5.1K, 1x 1.5K, 2x 75R

THESE PARTS DO NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC ORIENTATION.

Insert and solder using the same method you used in steps 1 and 2.



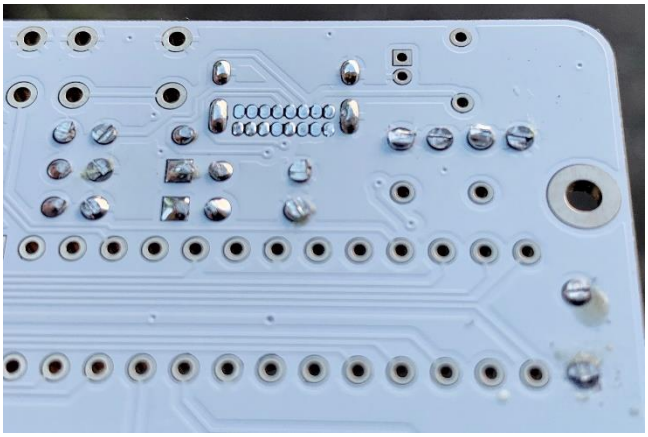
STEP 3

2x 3.6V Zener diodes

THIS PART HAS A SPECIFIC ORIENTATION – Black bar on diode will point to the left and line up with the square pad.

These two diodes will be separated from your other diodes. They are NOT interchangeable. Use same method for soldering.

STEP 4

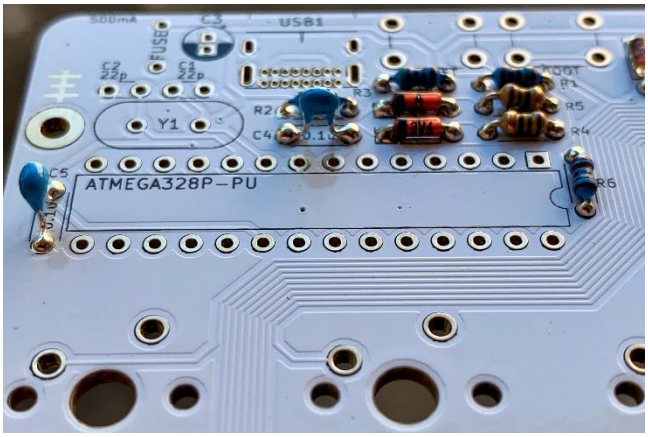


1x USB Type-C port

Insert and flip board over. Use a small piece of tape to hold if having trouble keeping in place. Solder only one of the bottom legs. Remove tape if present. Heat up soldered pad and press down to ensure the port is flush and even before soldering the other three legs. **IMPORTANT NOTE BELOW:**

For the small pins you are going to use a different technique than the rest of the components. If you have no-clean flux available apply it across the pins now. If not, having solder wick is recommended in case a bridge occurs. This step is possible without flux, but using it is highly recommended and will make the process much easier.

Apply a small amount of solder and drag your iron across the pins. Repeat until all holes are filled as pictured above.

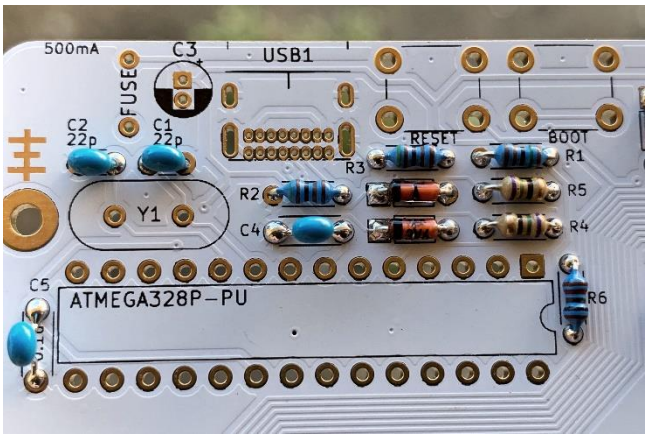


STEP 5

2x 0.1uF capacitors

NO SPECIFIC ORIENTATION

These capacitors are the larger blue capacitors with winged/wider legs.

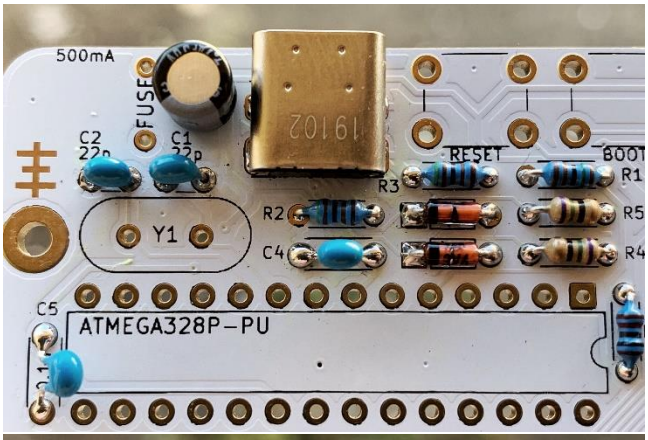


STEP 6

2x 22pF capacitors

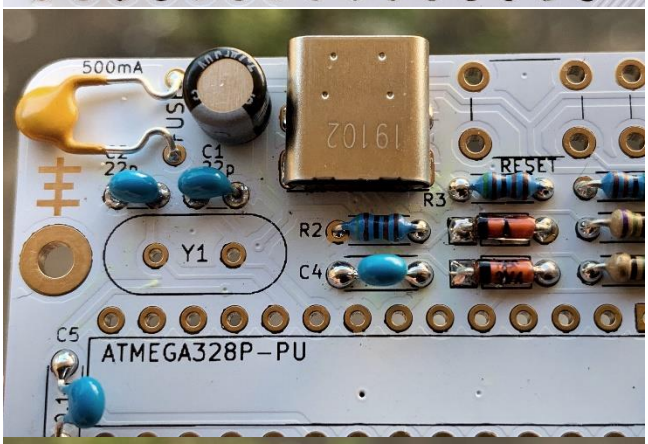
NO SPECIFIC ORIENTATION

These capacitors are the smaller blue capacitors with straight legs.



STEP 7

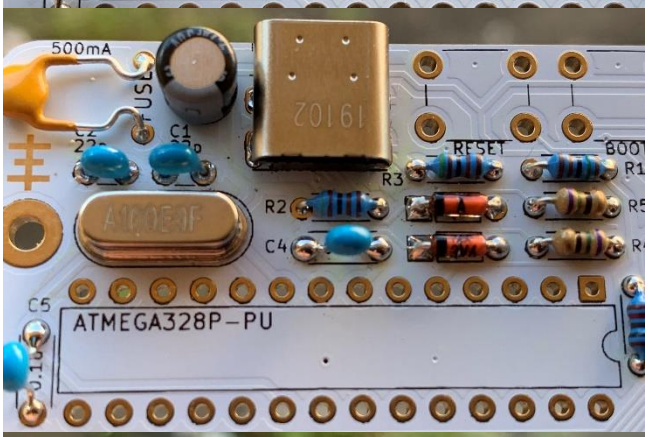
1x 4.7uF capacitor – THIS PART HAS A SPECIFIC ORIENTATION – Longer leg goes to square pad and white mark will be pointing upward.



STEP 8

1x resettable fuse

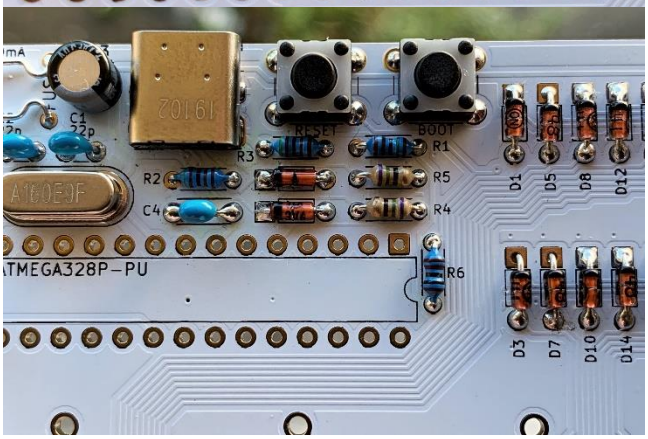
Solder and fold down as pictured



STEP 9

1x 16mhz crystal

NO SPECIFIC ORIENTATION

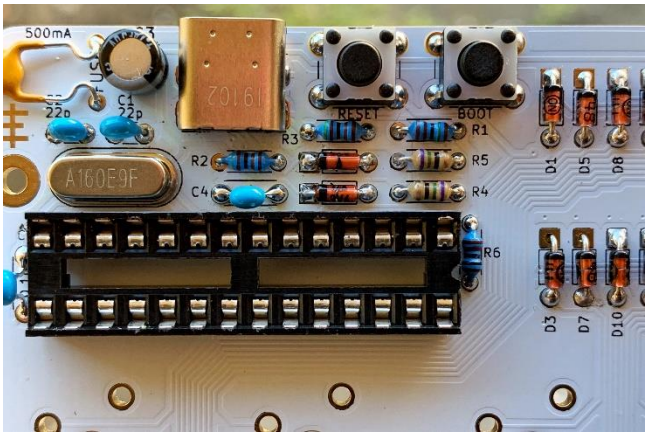


STEP 10

2x 6mm pushbutton

NO SPECIFIC ORIENTATION

Insert and solder BOOT and RESET switches



STEP 11

1x 28-pin IC socket

1x ATmega328p

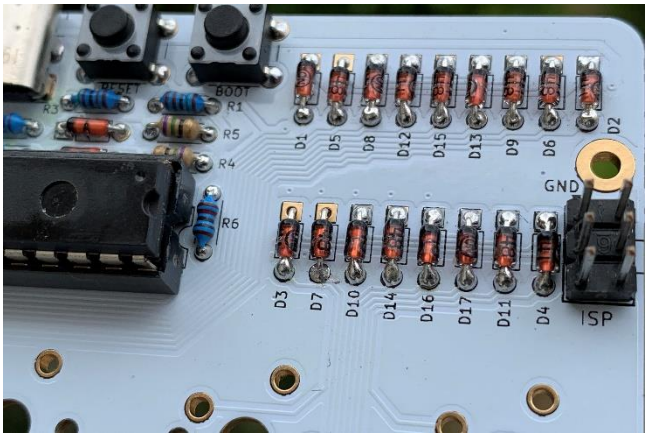
Take note of notches marked on the PCB, socket, and microcontroller for proper orientation.

Do not insert microcontroller before soldering the socket to the PCB.

Solder two opposite corners of the IC socket. Reheat and press down on each to ensure socket is flush with PCB. Solder the rest of the pins.

Insert microcontroller into socket, with the notch on the right side. You may have to GENTLY bend the pins slightly inward for proper alignment with the socket.

With a white PCB leftover flux may be very visible after soldering. This is fine but may be unsightly for some, though it will be hidden. If you would like to clean it use a lint free cloth and isopropyl alcohol and rub over soldered area to loosen leftover flux. Use dry end of rag to dry and wipe away.

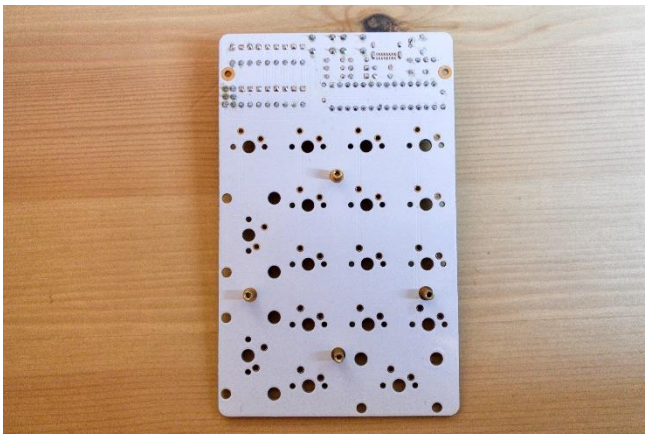


STEP 12

1x 6-pin header

Longer side of header on top.

For header, solder only one pin. Then heat up pin and press down to align flush with pcb before soldering the rest of the pins. Use rag or glove to protect hand from heat.



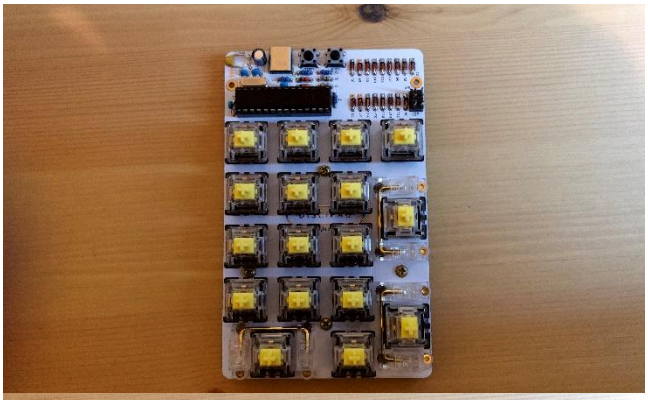
STEP 13

4x M2 4mm screws

4x M2 5mm standoffs

Before soldering switches install the 4 lower standoffs to the bottom of the PCB.

STEP 14



Switches and stabilizers not included

Screw in stabilizers.

Install and solder switches.

STEP 15

2x M2 4mm screws

2x M2 5mm standoffs

2x M2 9+3mm standoffs

Install standoffs to the top two holes with the 9+3mm standoffs on top and the 5mm standoffs on the bottom of the PCB. Screw in acryilic guard with 2x 4mm screws.

STEP 16

10x M2 4mm screws

2x aluminum feet (not included)

Install aluminum feet (if desired) and use remaining 10x screws to attach bottom plate.

STEP 17

2-4x rubber bumpons

Install rubber bumpons near corners as evenly aligned as possible to avoid wobble. If using aluminum feet you will not need bumpons in the top corners.