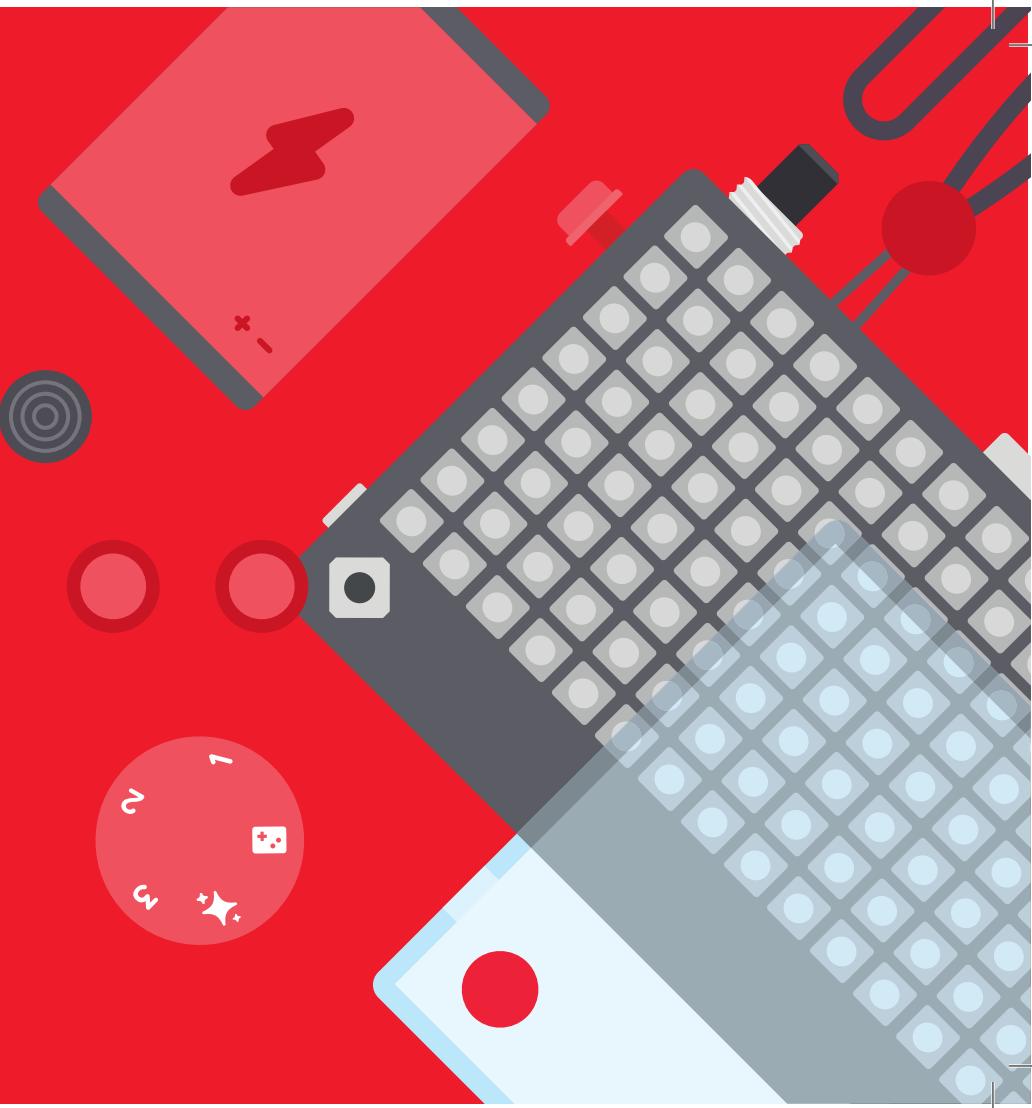
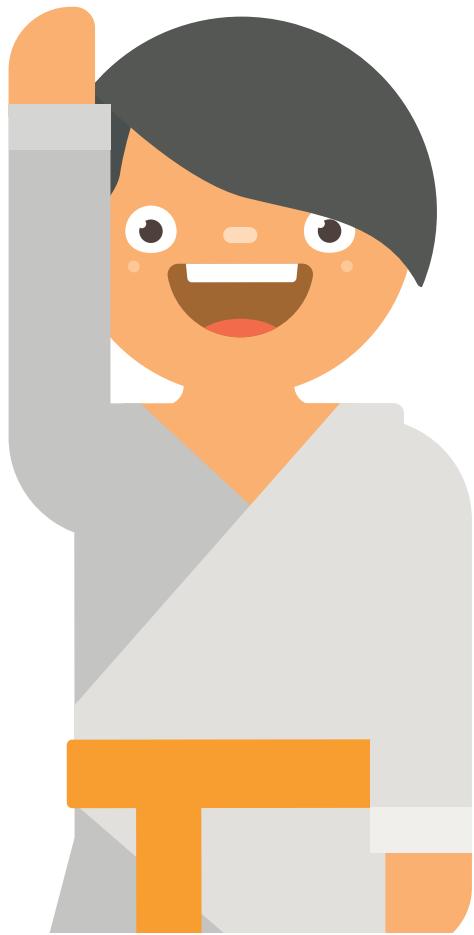


How to

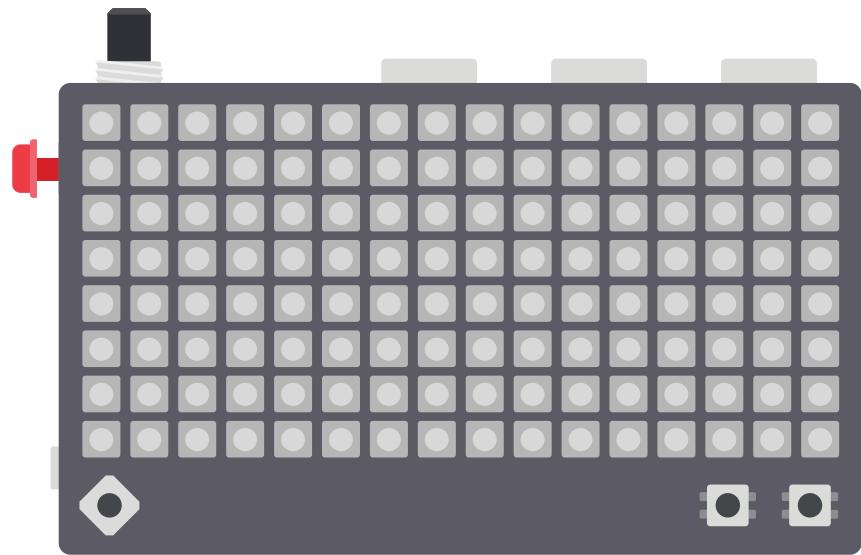
# make a lightboard



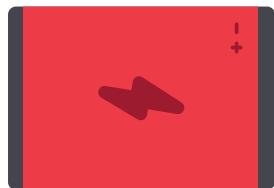


Hi! I'm Judoka, your pixel pal,  
and I'm going to help you  
build and code your own  
lightboard. **Ready? Let's go!**

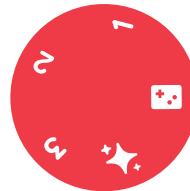
Pixel Board



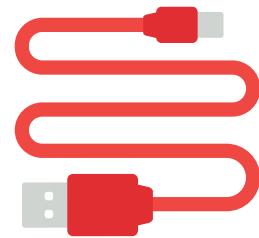
Battery



Mode Dial



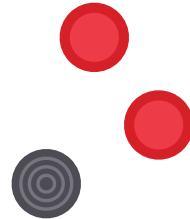
Power Cable



Lanyard



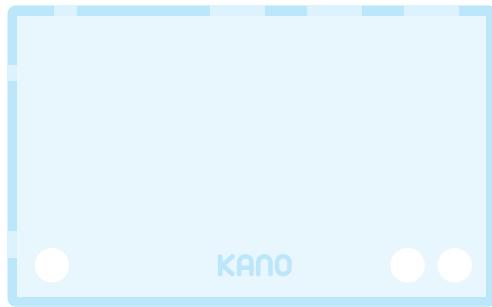
Joystick and Buttons



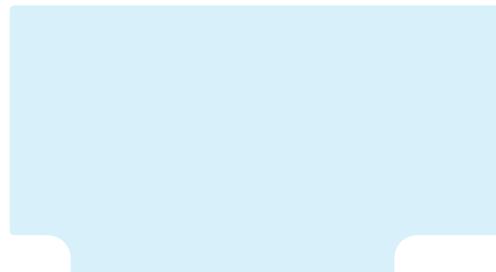
Stickers



Case



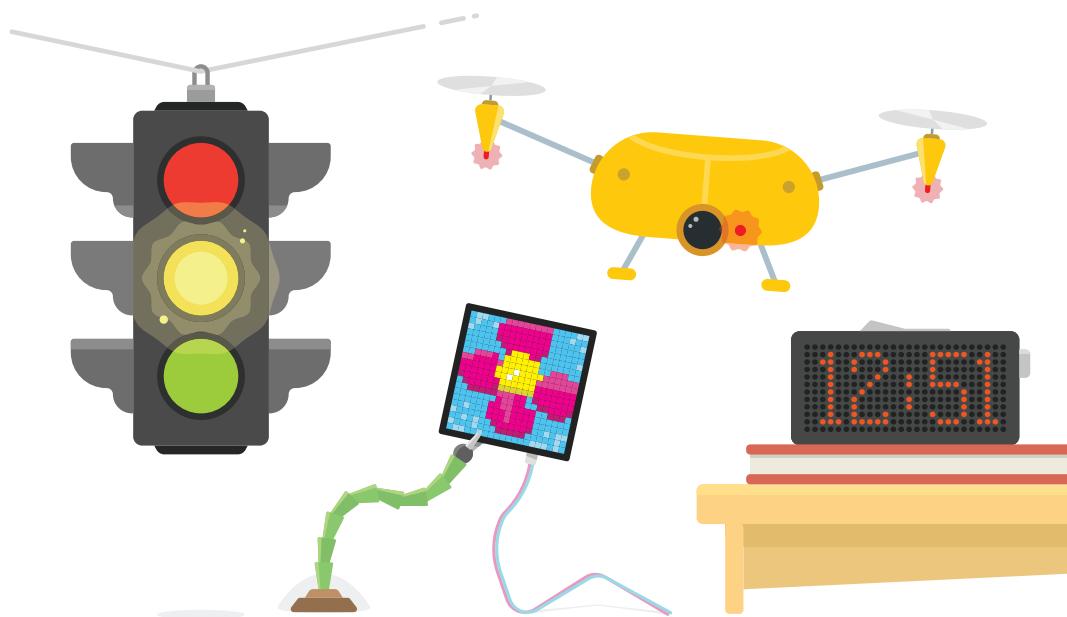
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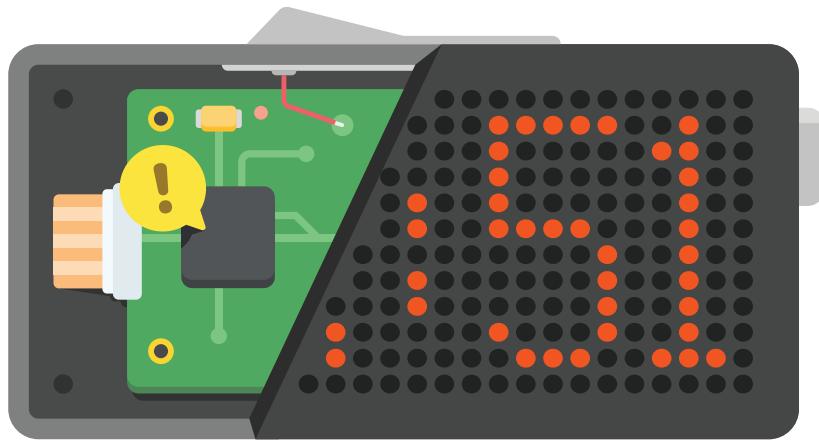
### Kano App

Download the app to talk  
to your Pixel Kit. Visit:  
[www.kano.me/app](http://www.kano.me/app)

Pixels and lights are everywhere

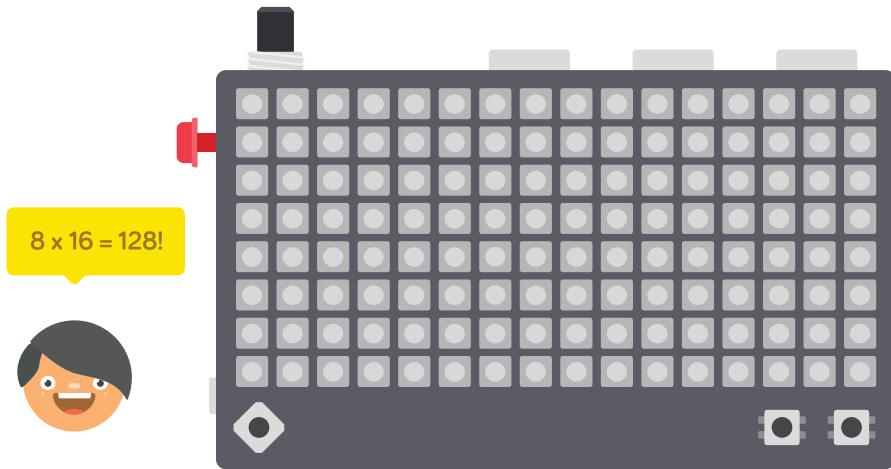


Inside them are tiny computers...



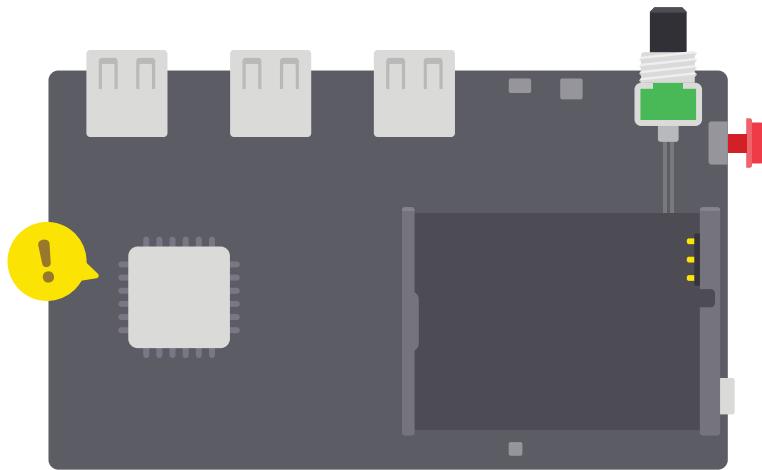
...telling the lights to blink on and off

Pick up the board



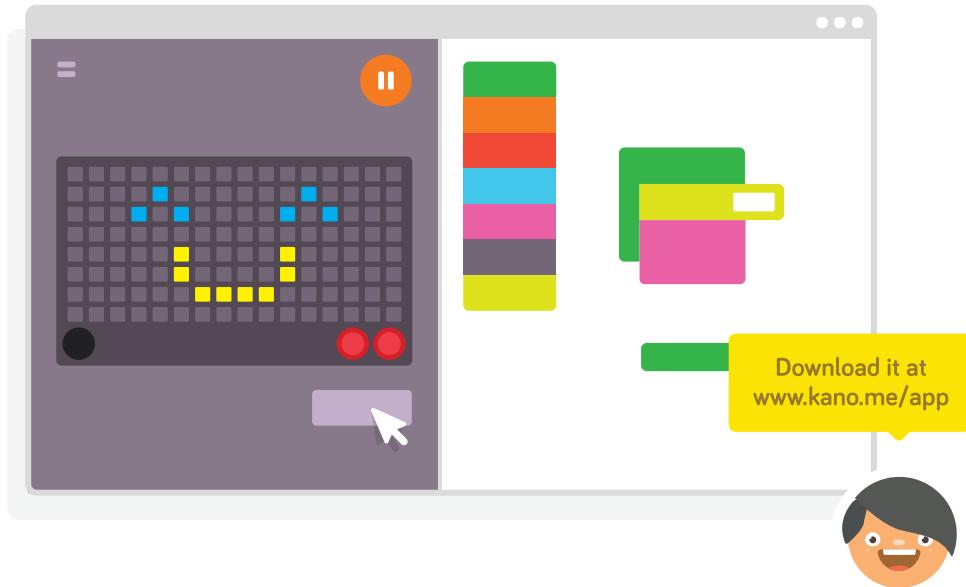
It has 128 lights

Turn it over

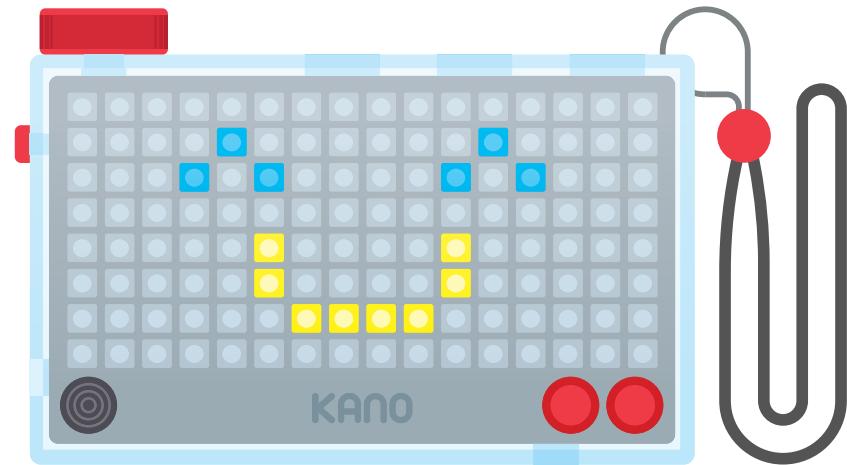


This is its brain

You can talk to the lightboard's brain using **Kano App**...

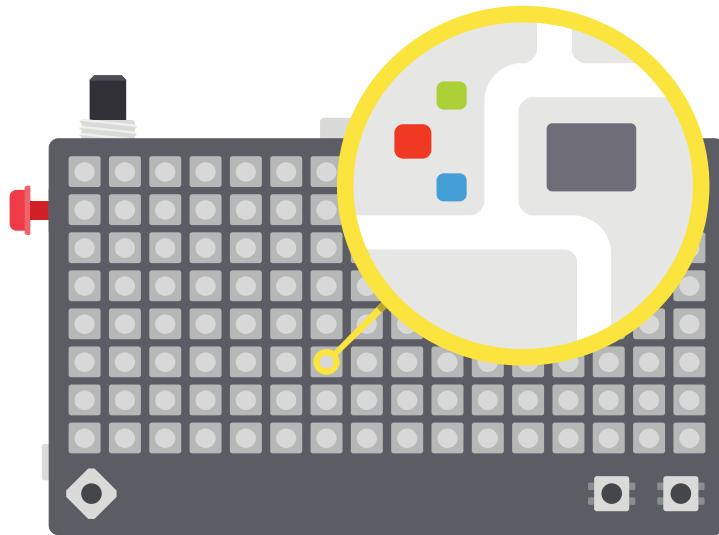


...and take control of the lights



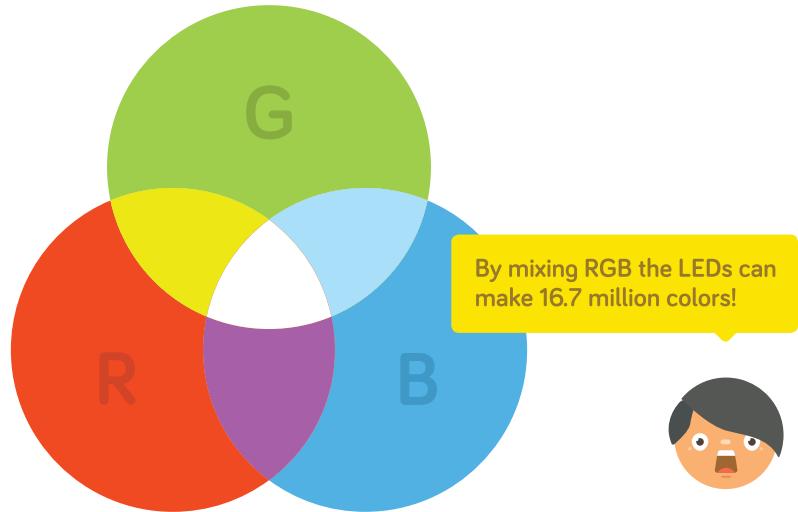
They're called **L**ight **ED**

Take a closer look. What can you see?



Hidden within each LED are 3 tiny lights – a **R**ed, a **G**reen and a **B**lue

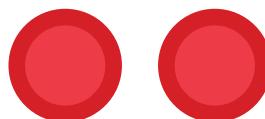
They work together to make colors



Soon you'll code the LEDs to create patterns, animations, games...

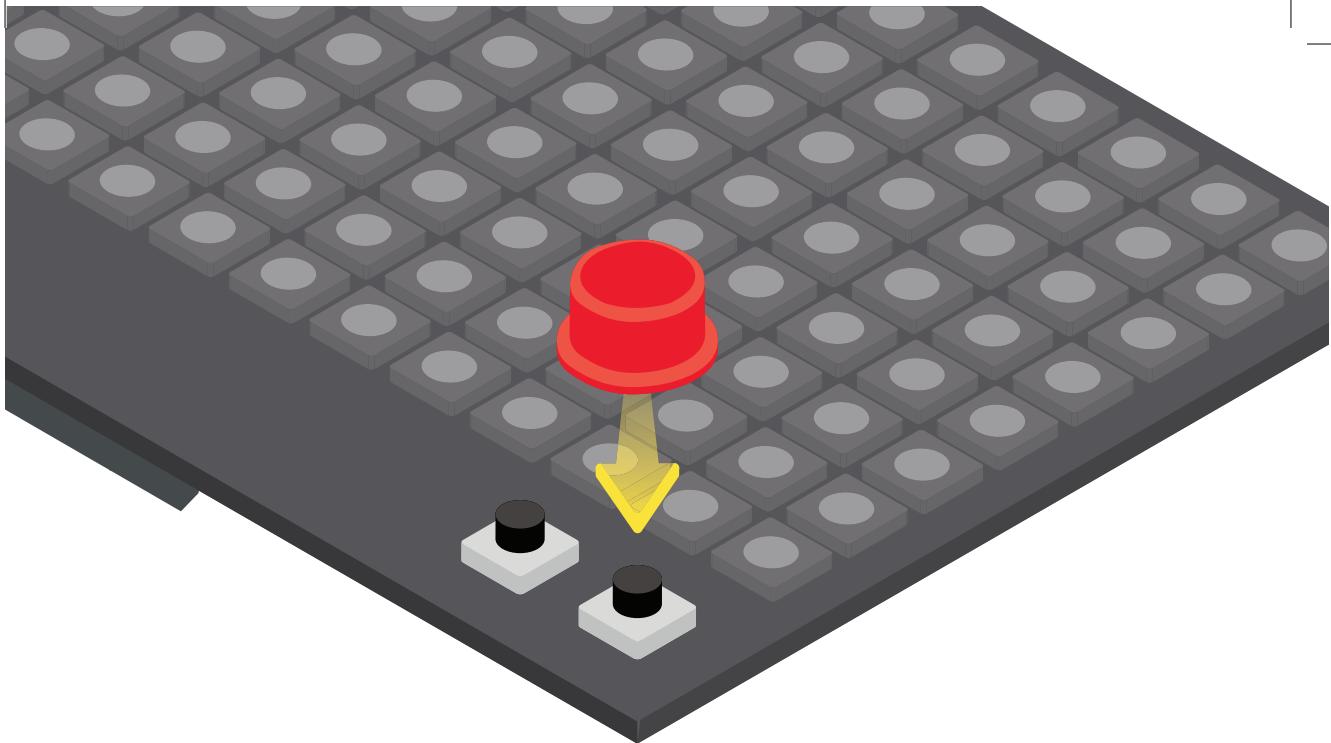


But first, you need buttons



The buttons send  
electrical signals to the  
brain when pressed





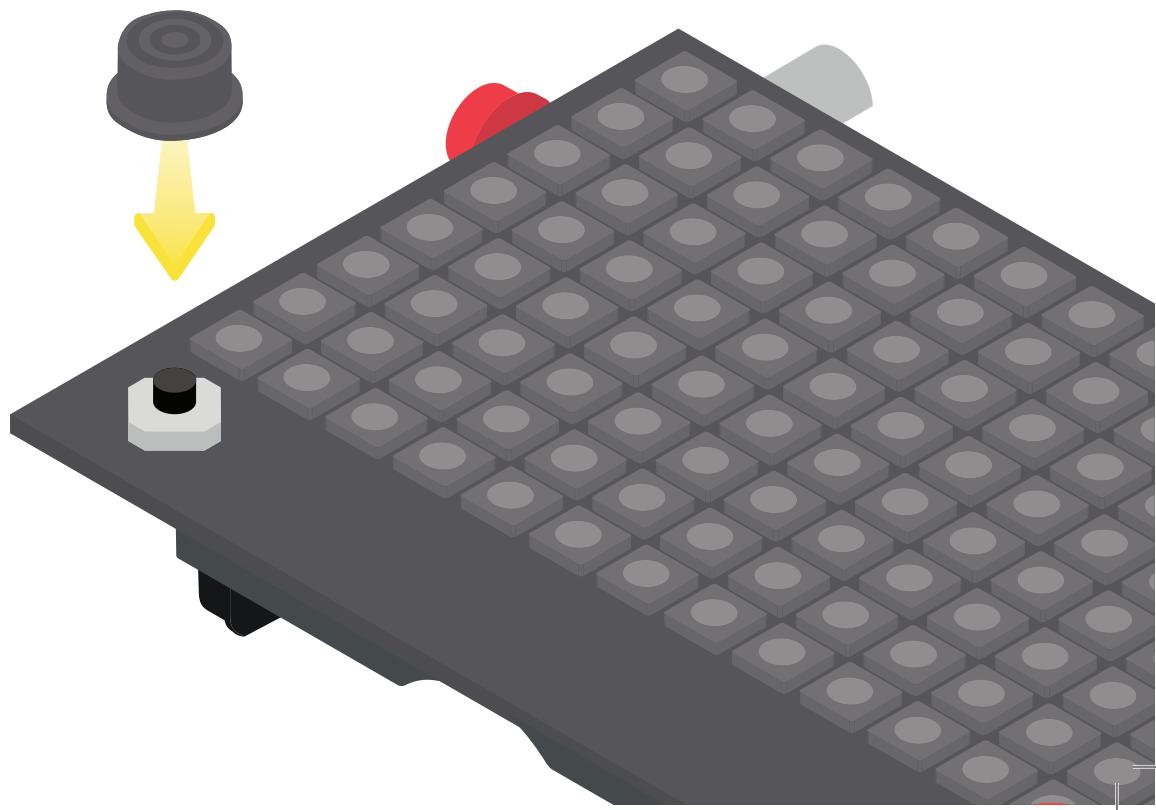
Push both red buttons firmly in place, like this

Great! Now let's add the joystick

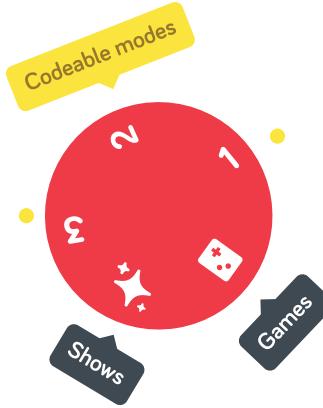


It moves up, down, left, right and clicks

Plug it firmly onto the brain

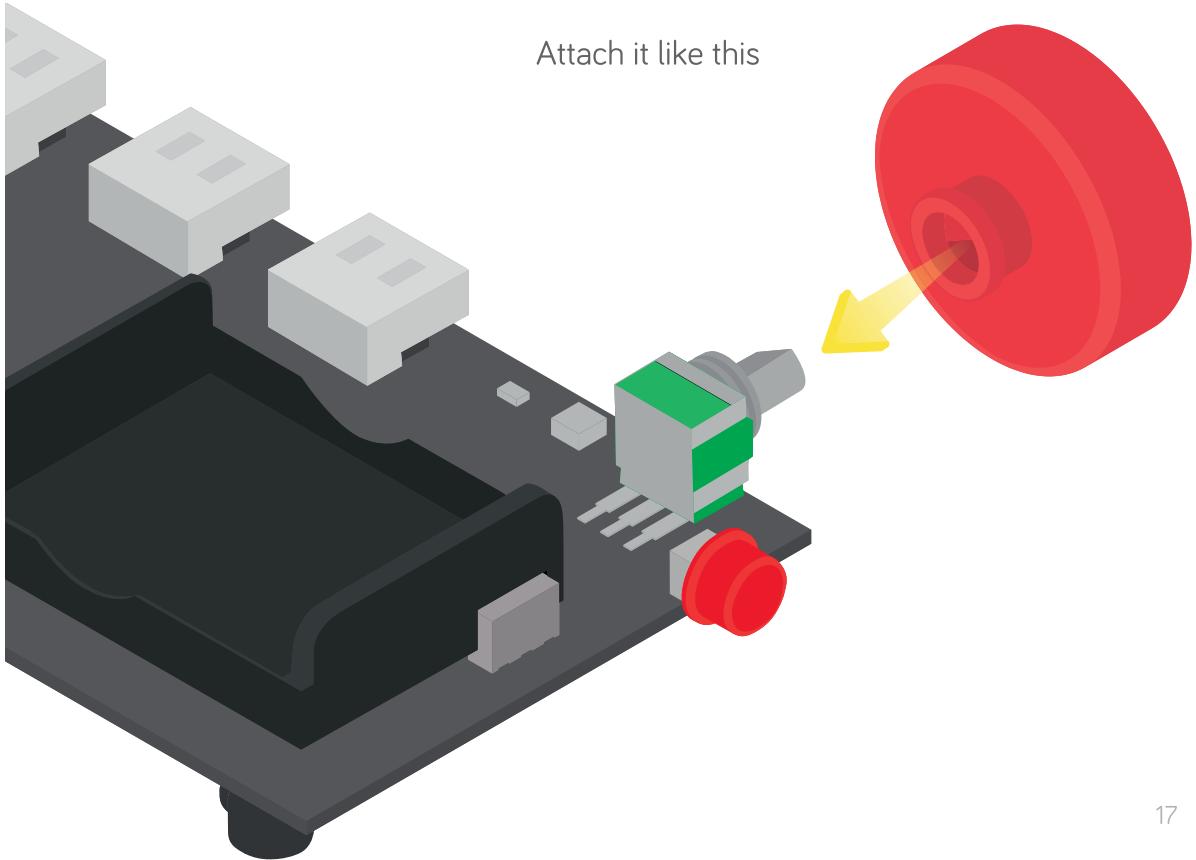


Time for the mode dial



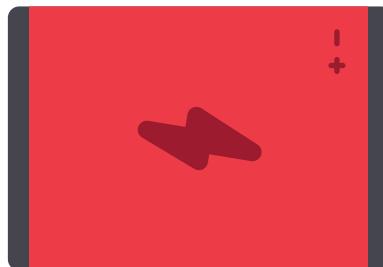
Each turn sends a signal to the brain, telling it what mode you want

Attach it like this



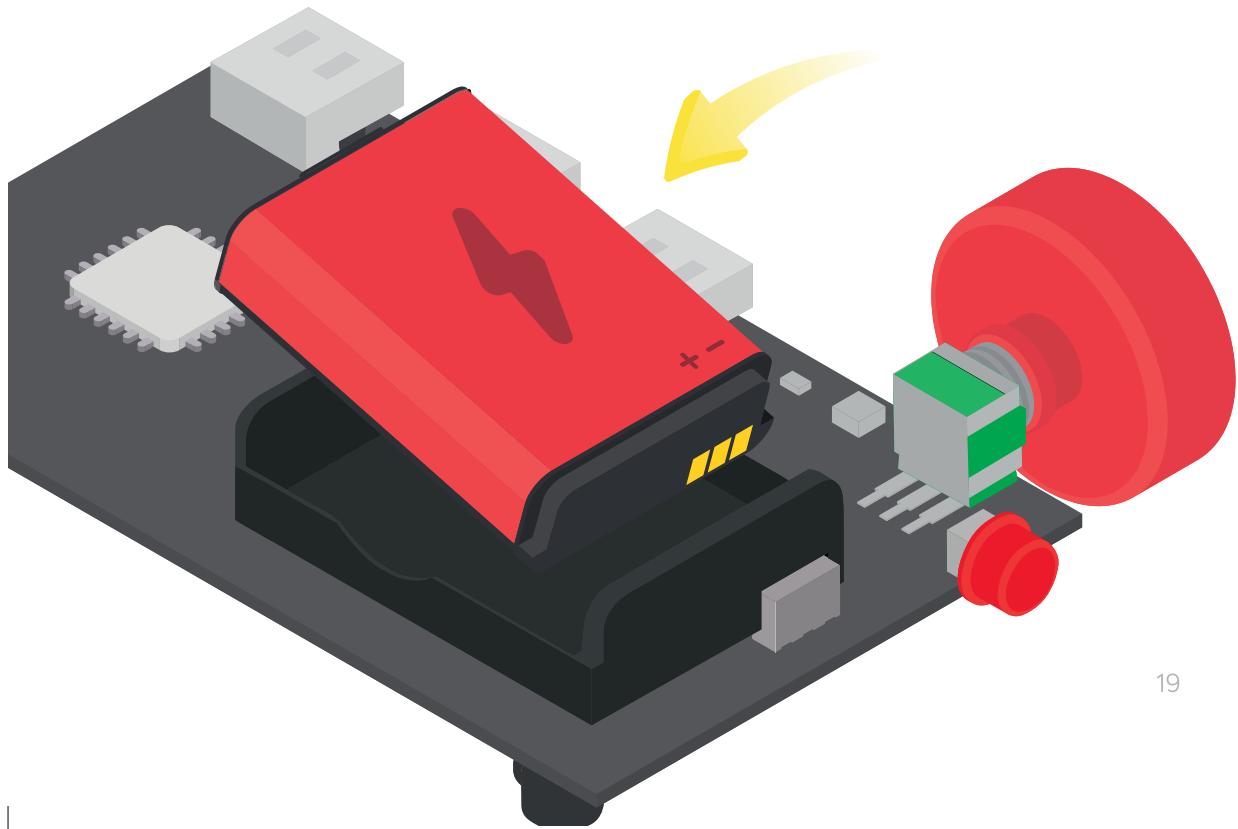
You need the battery to power up the pixels

Inside there are trillions  
of moving electrons,  
which create electricity

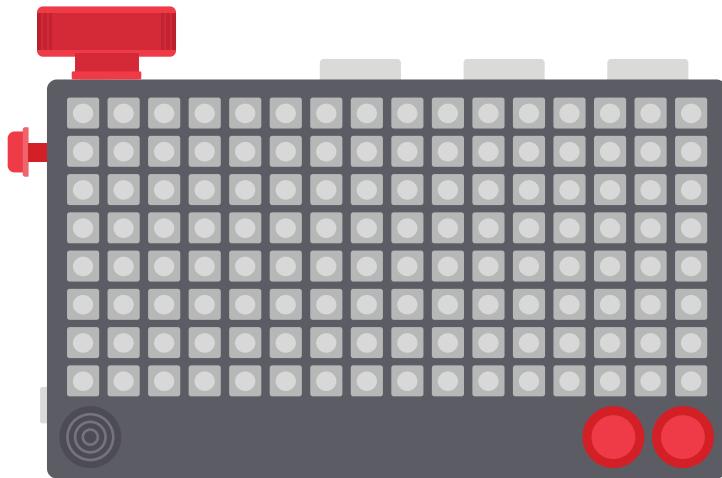


Make sure it is this way up

Place the battery in, shiny connectors first

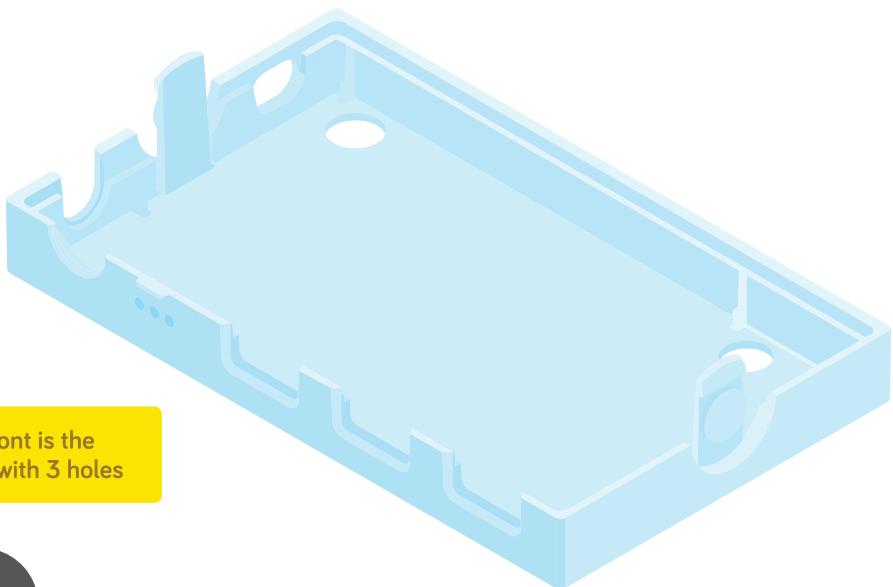


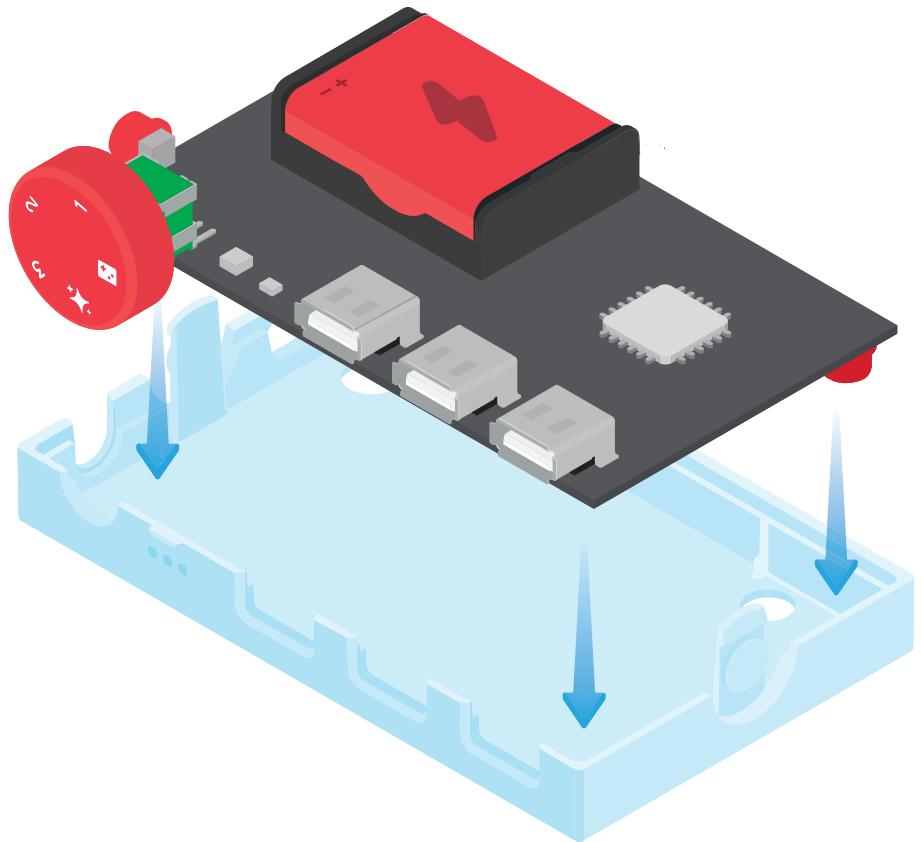
Great! Now, to keep it strong and safe...

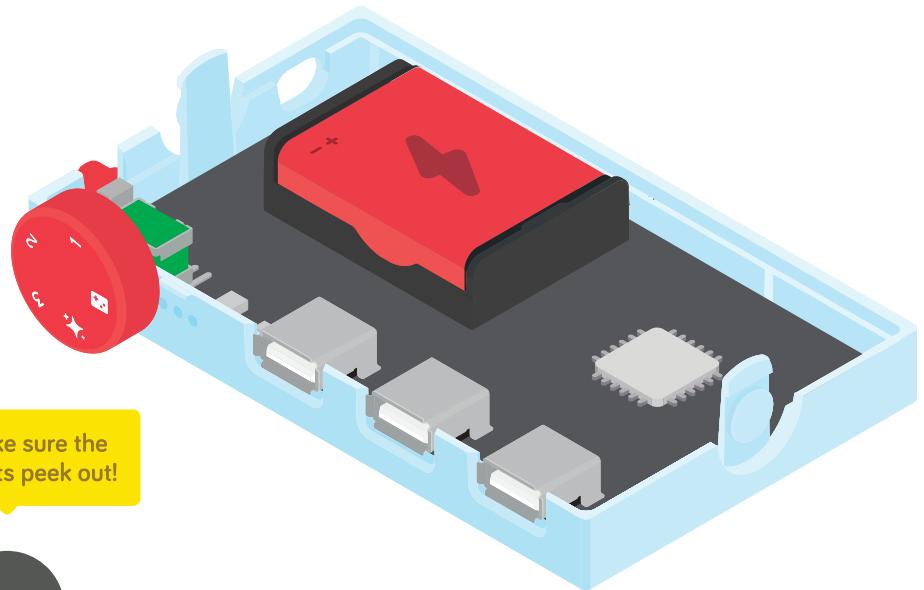


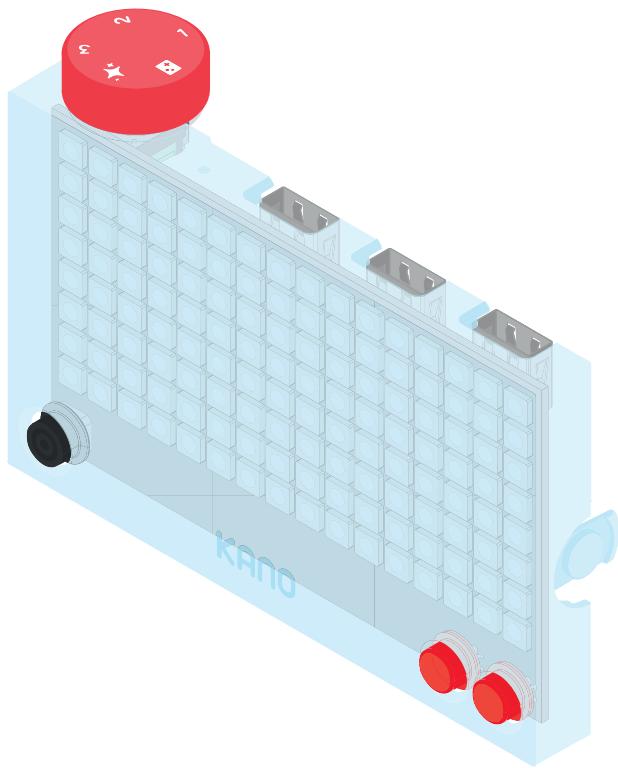
...let's make a case

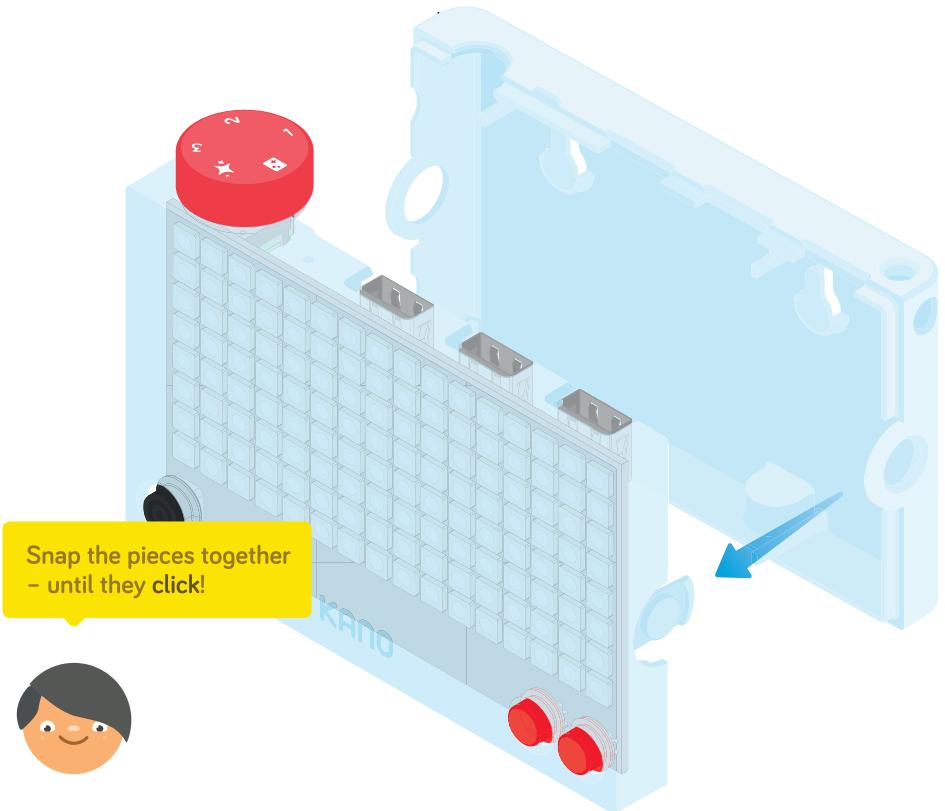
Put the front of the case on a flat surface



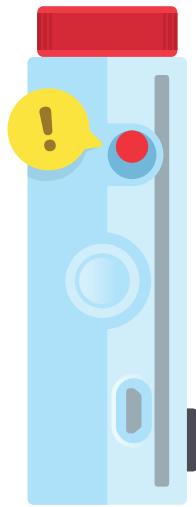








Let's bring it to life



Slide the switch down to turn it on

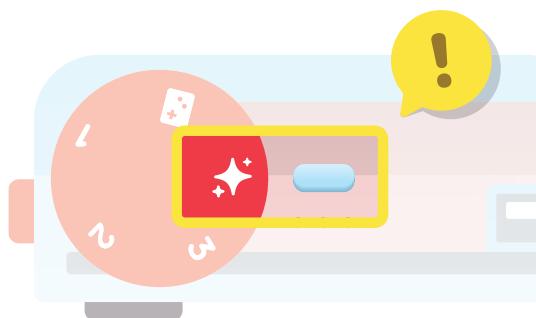
Awesome!



No lights? Go back to page 20

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Turn the dial to ✨

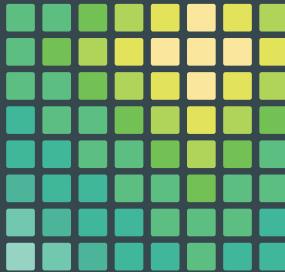


Make sure it  
lines up like this

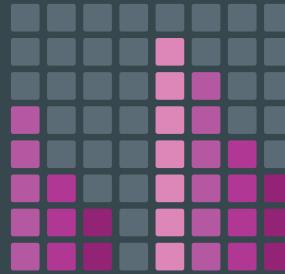


This is Light Mode

There are three lightshows



Perlin noise



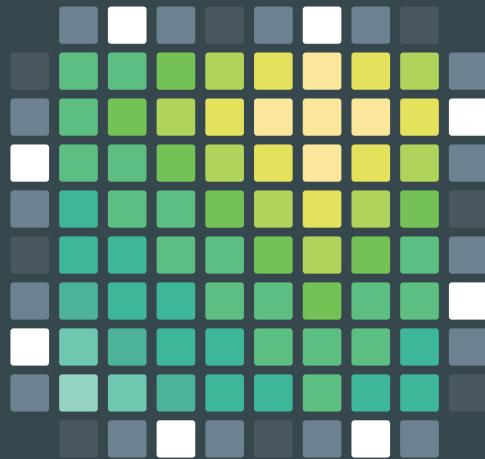
Sound Visualizer



Particle Flow

Move the **joystick** left and right ( ← ⚡ → ) to choose between them

Select the one that looks like this



Press A ( ) to Start

This is **Perlin Noise**



Perlin Noise is an algorithm. It's used to create textures and landscapes in animations, movies, and games like Minecraft.

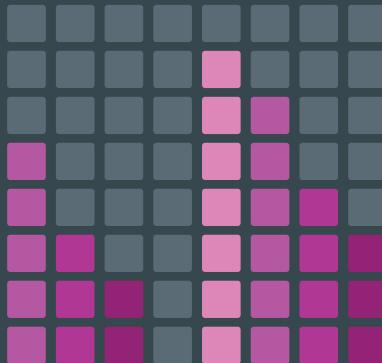


Use your **joystick** to adjust the noise pattern

The **A** button morphs the colors

Press **B** ( ) to go back to the Menu

Select the second lightshow, **Sound Visualizer**, and press **A** to start



Sound Visualizer uses your Pixel Kit's microphone to turn sound into light



Now make some  
**noise**, and see how  
the device reacts

Change the colors  
with your **joystick**

Press **B** to go back to the Menu

## The third lightshow is **Particle Flow**



These points of light drift across the lightboard  
leaving a trail of color like shooting stars

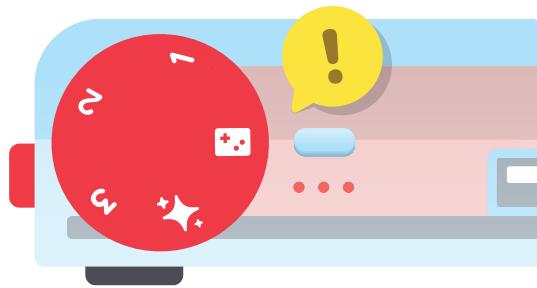


Use the **joystick**  
to control the flow of  
the particles

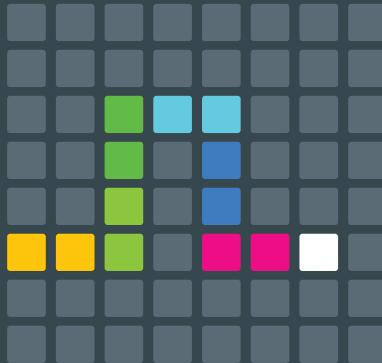


**Up and Down**  
adjusts the speed

Now turn the dial to **Game Mode**, ☰



Let's start with a classic – **Super Snake**



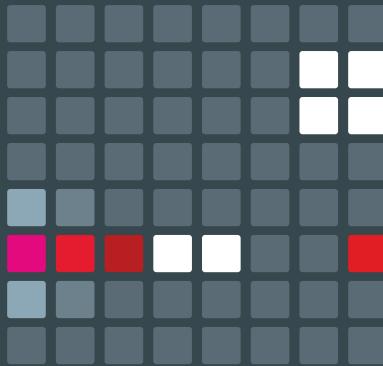
Snake was first released in 1978, but the same rules still apply today – eat the apples, don't hit your tail!



Move the snake around with your **joystick**

Press **A** to start and **B** when you're finished

## Rainbow Runner



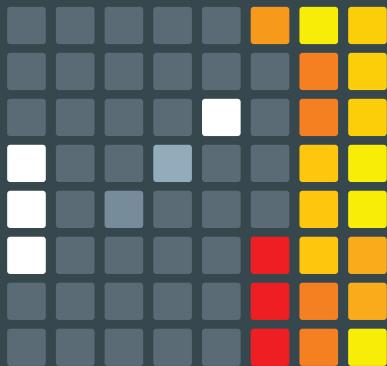
Switch lanes. Avoid white meteors. And grab the flashing fuel crystals! Swoosh!



Steer your ship using the **joystick**

Press **B** to go back to the Menu

Test your accuracy in **Breakout!**

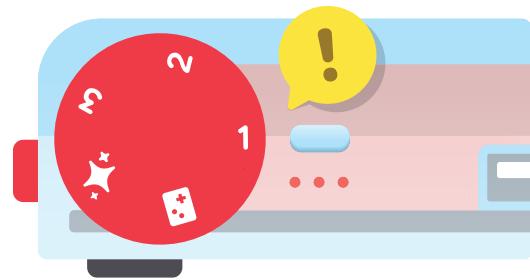


Bounce the ball, using the paddle. And smash your way through the wall!



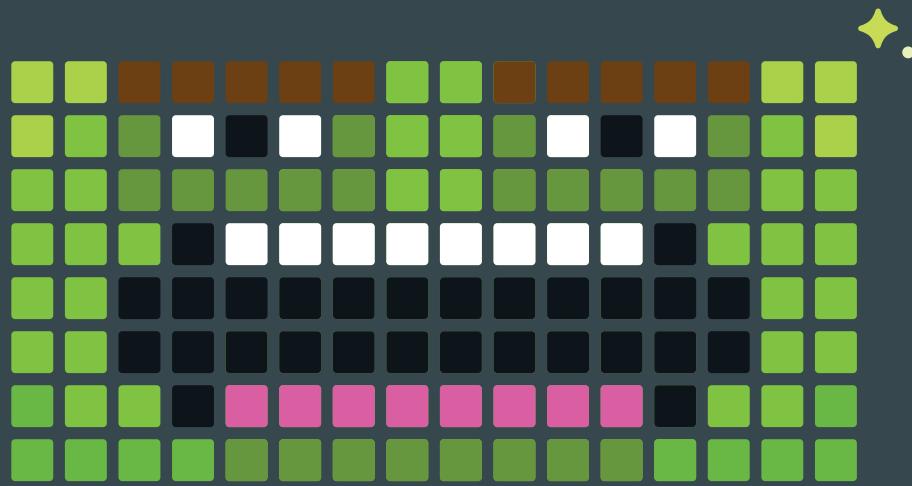
Move your paddle with the **joystick**

Now it's time to code your own creations...



...with modes **1**, **2** and **3**

You'll make your own **games, animations** and **more**



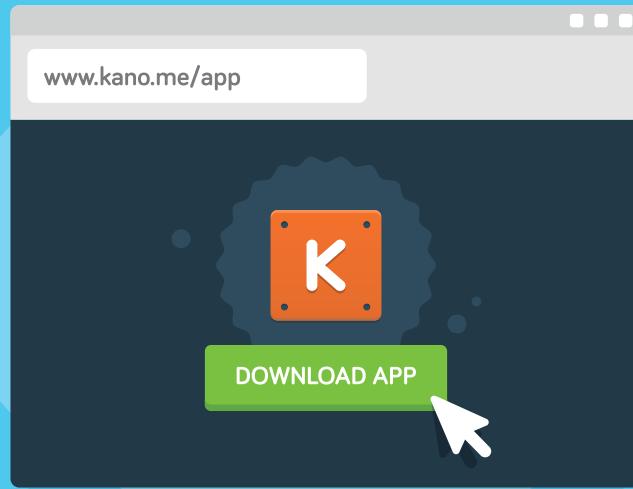
Let's fire up the **Kano App**

Go to [www.kano.me/app](http://www.kano.me/app) on your home computer...



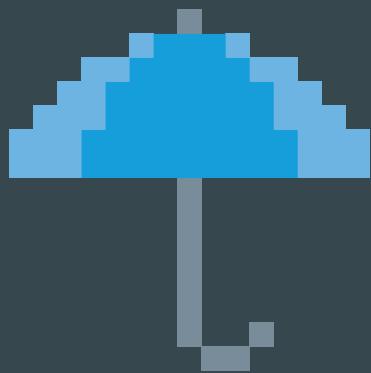
...and follow the instructions on screen

Once installed and connected...



...you'll activate the full power of your lightboard!

Beat the **coding challenges** to unlock...

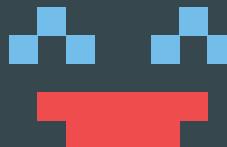
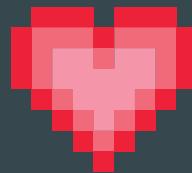


### Weather Watcher

Live weather data to help you decide if you need an umbrella

### Musical Heartbeat

Create amazing light displays that move in time with the beat

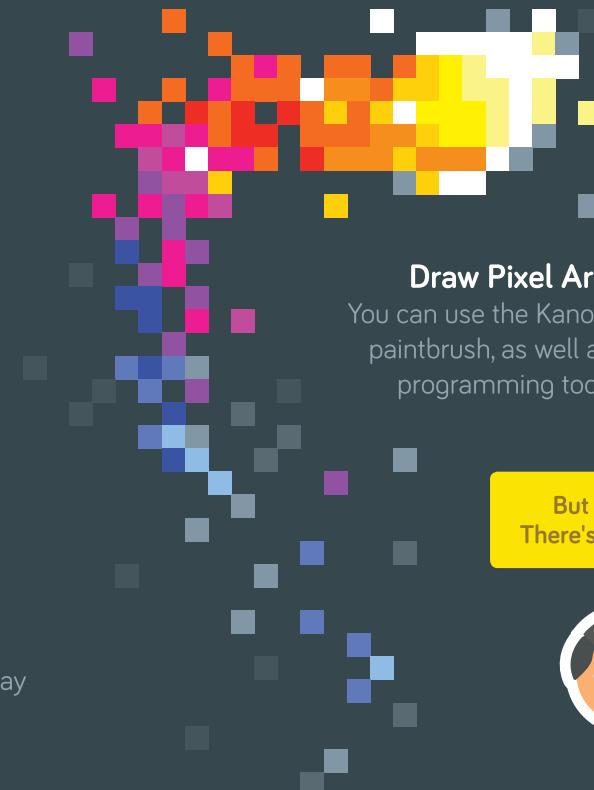


### Chatterbox

A face that talks when you talk



**News Ticker**  
Stream live news to your display  
to stay on top of events

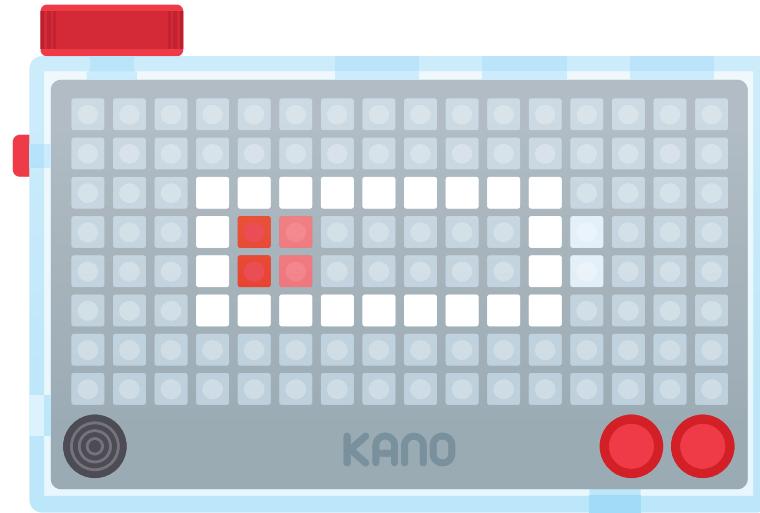


**Draw Pixel Art**  
You can use the Kano App's  
paintbrush, as well as its  
programming tools

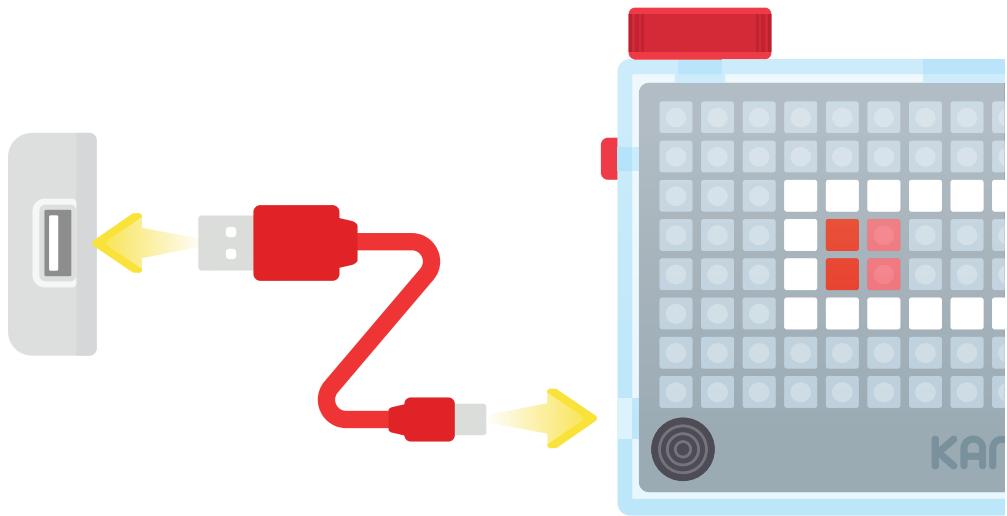
But wait!  
There's more...



Your lightboard will need to be charged from time to time

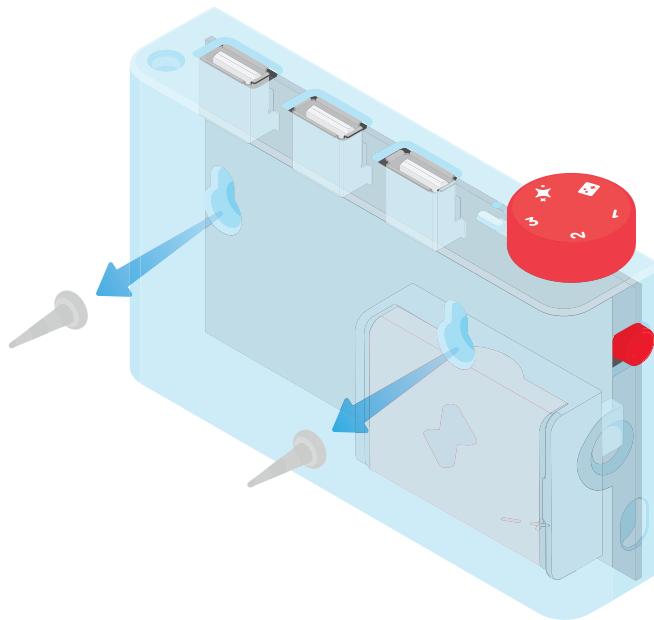


Plug the small end of the red cable into your lightboard...

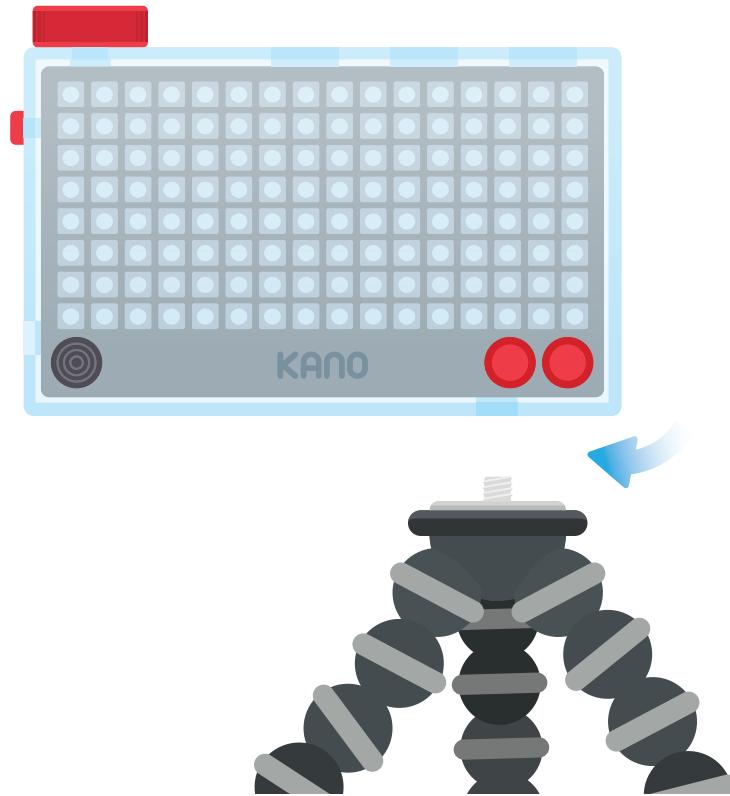


...and the big end into a USB charger or computer

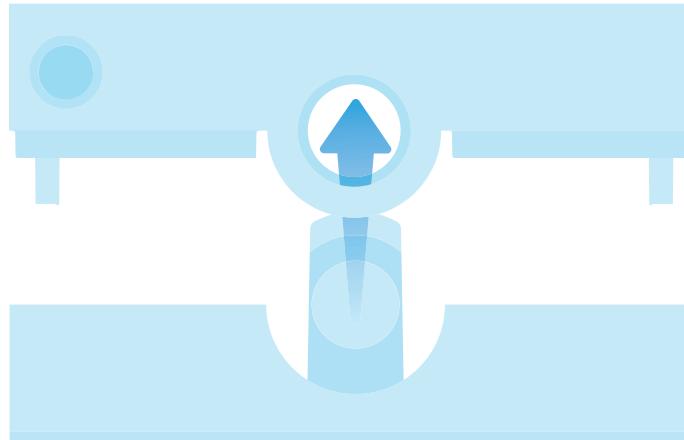
The holes on the back help you mount it to things



Even screw it onto tripods!

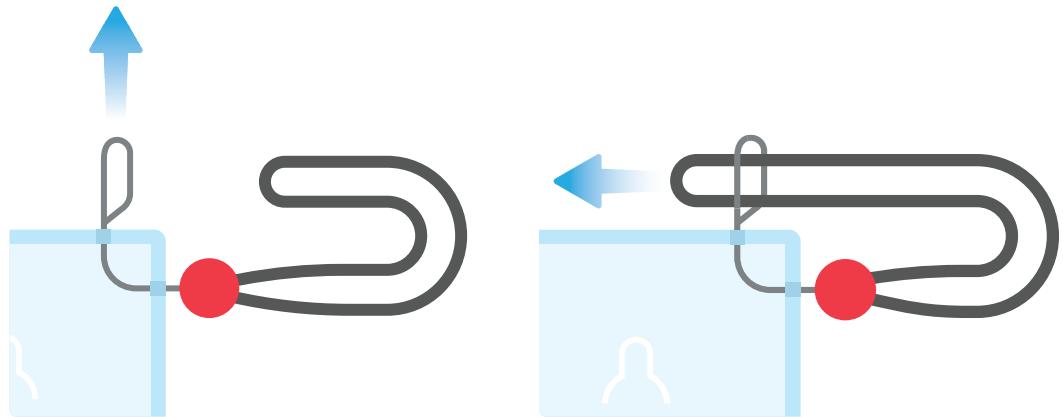


Let's make it easier to carry

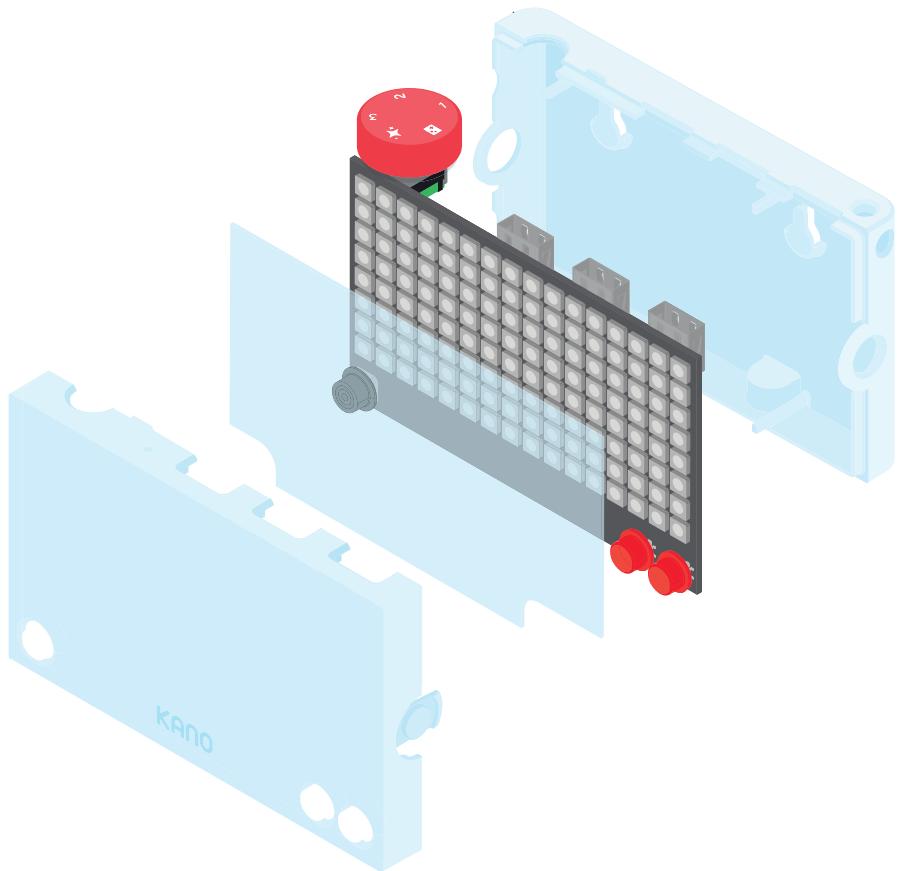


Take off the back

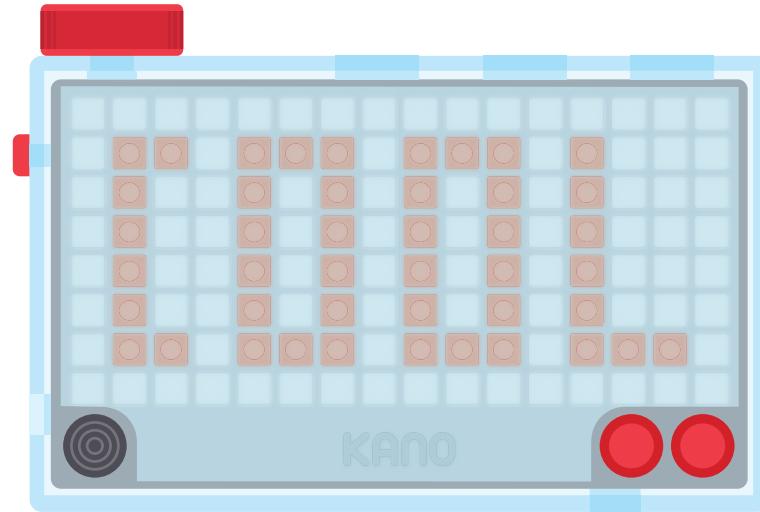
Push the small end of the lanyard through the side hole



Now pull tight

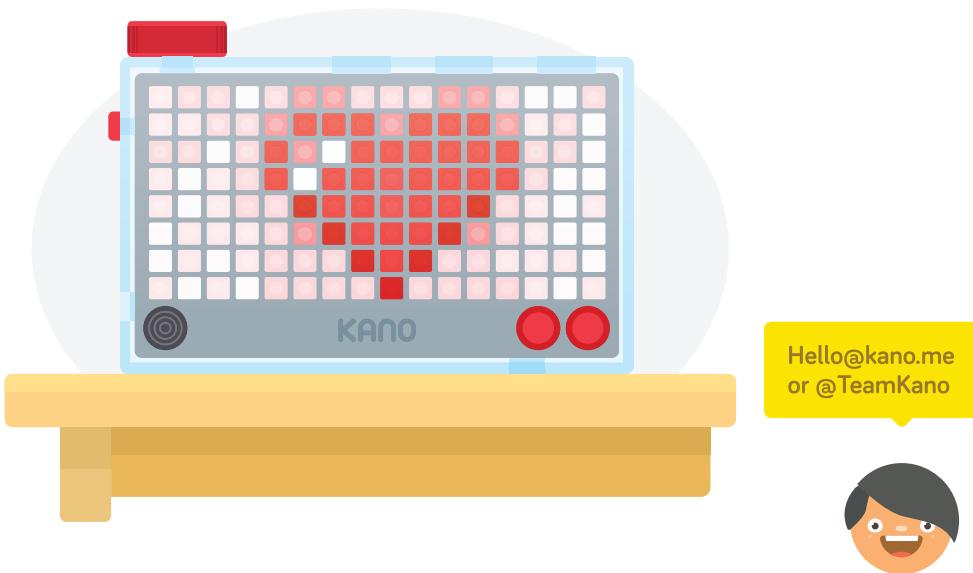


Add a filter



It'll change the effect of the light

Email or tweet us a picture of what you make with your Pixel Kit...



...and we'll make you famous!

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