XNIGHT'S GALLOP ALGO-RHYTHMIC GENERATOR

BUILDING GUIDE



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01. Components List + Tools

Resistors

$6.8 k\Omega$

X6 - Pack 1/5 R7 → R10, R19, R20

100 kΩ

X6 - Pack 2/5R15, 25, R3 \rightarrow R6

1kΩ

X5 - Pack 1/5 R11, R12, R16, R21, R26

1 MO

X2 - Pack 2/5

22Ω

X1 - Pack 1/5

15 kΩ

X1 - Pack 2/5

Capacitors

22 pF

X2 - Pack 2/5 C1 + C2

100 nF

X1 - Pack 1/5

Diodes

1N4148

X1 – Pack 1/5

DΙ

1N4742 Zenner

X1 - Pack 2/5

Quartz

16 MHz

X1 – Pack 2/5

LED's

White LED

X1 - Pack 1/5

Amber LED

X7 - Pack 2/5 LED M1 → LED M5, LED SM1 + LED SM2

Green LED

X2 - Pack 3/5

IC's

8 Pin IC Socket

X1 – Plastic Tubbing

LM358 OpAmp

X1 – Plastic Tubbing

28 Pin IC Socket

X1 - Plastic Tubbing ICS2

ATMEGA328

X1 – Plastic Tubbing on ICS2

78L05

X1 - Pack 1/5

Miscellanous

Power Supply Header

X1 - Pack 3/5

PSH1

PCB Male Header

X1 - Pack 3/5

Jack Connectors

X6 - Pack 3/5 $J1 \rightarrow J6$

Jack Knurled Nuts

X6 - Pack 4/5 on jack connectors

Potentiometers

X2 - Pack 3/5

Potentiometers Nuts

X2 - Pack 4/5

Push Buttons

X4 - Pack 3/5 $PB1 \rightarrow PB4$

Push Buttons Caps

X4 - Pack 3/5 on push buttons

M3 Panel Nut

X1 - Pack 4/5 on panel screw

M3 Screws

X2 - Pack 4/5 on panel

Chroma Caps Knobs

X2

on potentiometers

Top PCB (big)

X1 - Pack 5/5

Bottom PCB (small)

X1 - Pack 5/5

Aluminum Panel

X1

Power ribbon Cable

X1

Tools

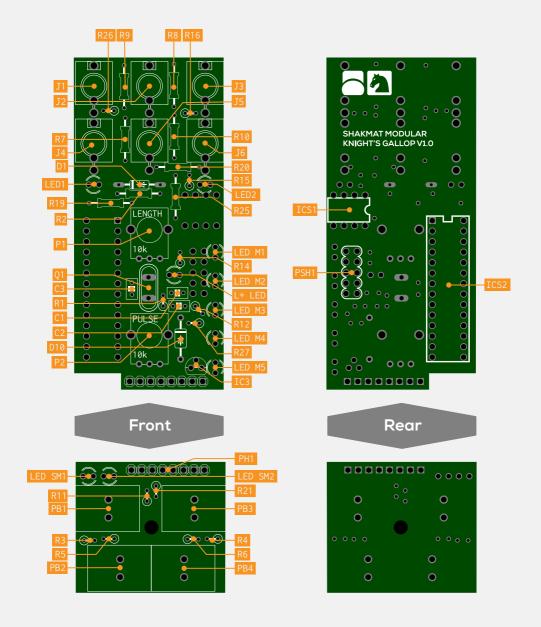
Soldering Iron

Solder

Cutting Pliers

Masking Tape

02. PCB Sides



03. Important Note

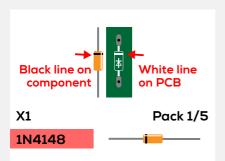
If you feel you're going to build this kit without looking at the steps, just remember that **it is very important to join the two PCB's in a strict parallel alignment.** If you don't want the final build to have hard to press buttons, please pay attention to that. We also recommand to have a look to the steps 04_9 that require unexpected cuts for the potentiometers.

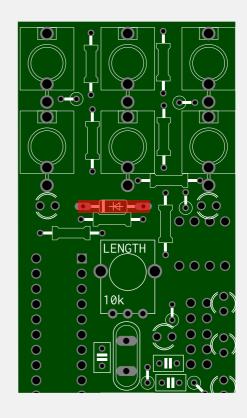
Don't split the packs open & mix components, somes are virtually indistinguishable (like the 3 different color LED that all appear clear when inactive). We strongly recommand to only take the component(s) you need and let the other in their corresponding pack.

04. Top PCB Assembly

04_1. Diode 1N4148

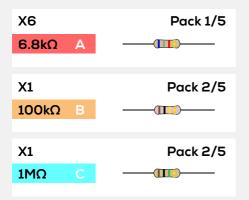
This build has two different diodes: a tiny one and a bigger one. This steps only concern the 1N4148, that's to say the tiny one. Please note that the diode orientation has to match the PCB silkscreen. The white line on the silkscreen has to match the black bar on the component, as on the following picture.

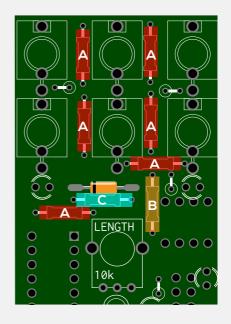




04_2. Laying Resistors

Here's a picture of the top PCB with placement of the resistors by values. There's no polarity to observe with resistors.

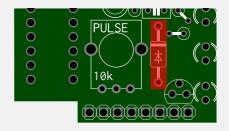




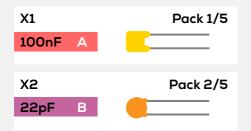
04_3. Zenner Diode

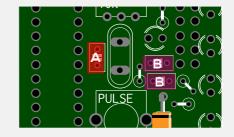


As in step 4_1, be carefull to the diode polarity. You've to match the silkscreen and component black line.

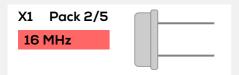


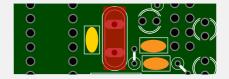
04_4. Capacitors





04_5. Quartz

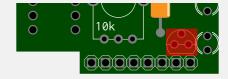




04_6. 78L05 Regulator

Bend the middle leg of the 78L05. Then place the component on the PCB, the flat side of it has to correspond to the flat side of the silkscreen.



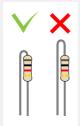


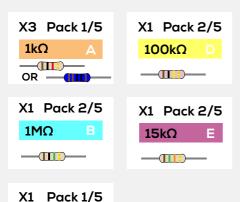
04_7. Standing Resistors

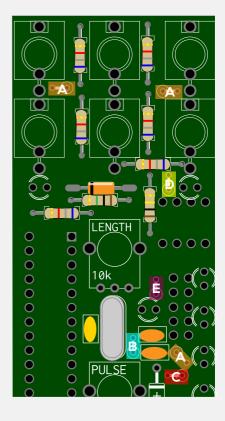
Only one leg of the resistors have to be bent before soldering. Don't bend the leg too high or it will cause short-circuit with the panel.

22Ω

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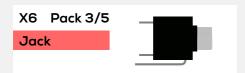


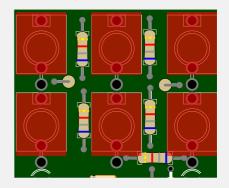




04_8. Jack Connectors

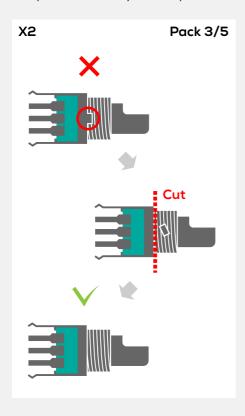
There are 6 jack connectors, that have to sit tight and flush with the PCB. Be sure to push them all the way through before soldering.

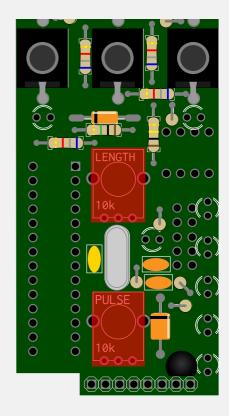




04_9. Potentiometers

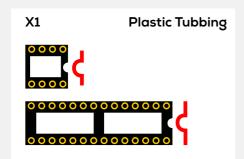
First you'll have to remove a little piece on the potentiometer as shown in the picture. Then, you can place and solder them.

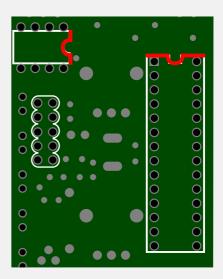




04_10. IC Sockets

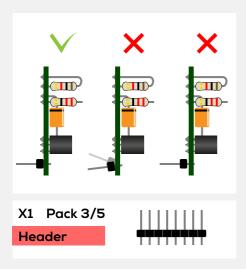
Now, let's flip the PCB and continue. We're going to solder the two ICs sockets. Be attentive to their orientation. The red lines on the picture show the right position.

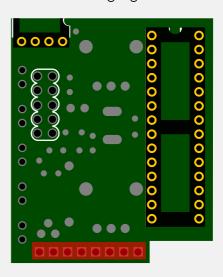




04_11. PCB Male Header

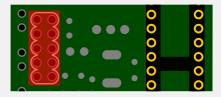
The PCB header is also mounted on the back of the top PCB. For now we are taking care of the short legs side of the header. Be very carefull with this piece: it has to lay completely flat with the PCB and perfectly perpendicular. We recommand you to place de header and solder one leg then verify it's alignment before soldering the seven remaining legs.





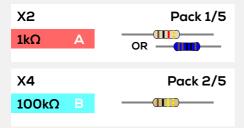
04_12. Power Supply Header

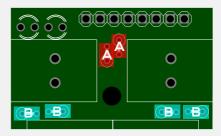




05. Bottom PCB Assembly

05_1. Standing Resistors

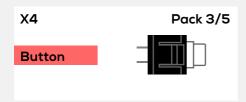


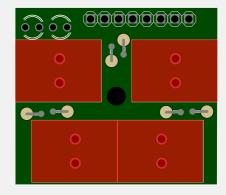


05_2. Push Buttons

The buttons are easy to plug & solder but they need to be thoroughly pushed on the PCB. Before soldering, we recommand to place the

four buttons, then flip the PCB and press it against your table in order to ensure that every button is well placed.

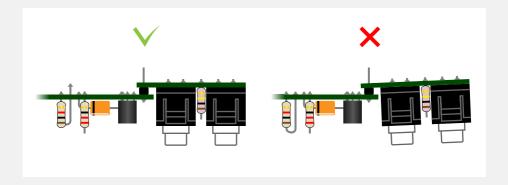




06. Top & Bottom PCB's Assembly

Be very carefull that the header you're soldering is well passed through all the bottom PCB holes and that the two PCB's are perfectly horizontal. If there is a gap between the header and the PCB's, or if they're not correctly aligned, the push button could be pourly placed and hard to press.

As you did before, we recommand you to only solder one pin of the header and check the alignment before soldering the seven other pins.

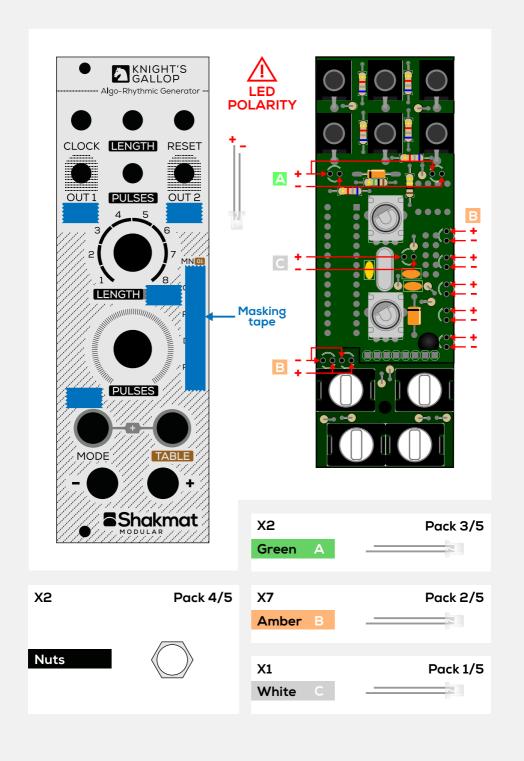


07. LED's Mounting

To get well soldered LED flush with the panel, you need to assemble the front panel to the PCB. We recommand you to do this by finger tightenning the two hex nuts on the potentiometers.

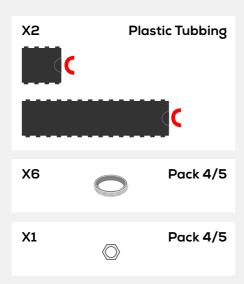
A good way to do this is to use masking tape to cover the panel LED holes. Therefore you can place the LED on the PCB, assemble them with the potentiometer nuts and push LED's through the panel until they sit flush and stick to the tape. Then you can solder them.

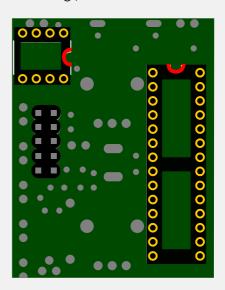
Be carefull with the LED polarity, the long leg is always the positive side. Please refer to the following picture to know wich LED goes where. You also need to pay attention to not mix LED's from different packs, when inactive the clear LED's are very hard to differenciate from each other.



08. IC's, Nuts, Bolt & Caps

It's now time to plug the IC's in their sockets. Make sure the IC orientation matches the socket orientation as on the following picture.





You can now place the six knurled nuts on the jack connectors and the M3 nut on the screw that is mounted on the back side of the panel. The function of this nut is to retain the bottom PCB to retreat when the buttons are pushed.

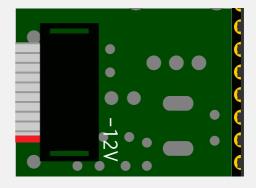
Do not screw the M3 nut to far or it will push the bottom PCB out of it's parallelism with the top PCB and interfer with the buttons caps. Just tighten it until it sits flush with the bottom PCB. To prevent this nut to move over time, we recommand you to put a small amount of nail polish on it. Some glue will also do the trick but can be very problematic to remove if you need to unscrew this nut. Finally, mount the four buttons caps and two potentiometers knobs. That's it, you've finished!





Plug the power cable and make sure the red side of the ribbon matches the -12V on the PCB.

Now let's plug the module in your system and test it. The module LEDs doesn't blink if the module isn't running. So don't panic if the modules seems quiet when nothing is connected to it.



A fast and easy way to check if the module is working is to feed the clock input with a trig gate signal and mangle with the potentiometers, both LEDs should be blinking.

If ever you get some troubles or questions, send us an email at support@shakmatmodular.com.

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