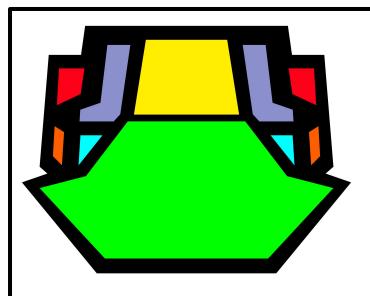


SQUEEZY ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Versions - Disruptor

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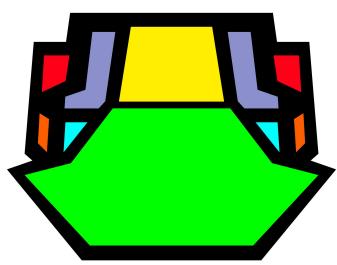
Thank you for purchasing **Squeezy**, a non-destructive 150g combat robot.

Squeezy is the very first "horizontal-grab-and-lift" competitive robot. It is designed to be **easy** to assemble, battle, maintain, and customize.

150g combat robots are known as "Fairyweight" in the US and "Antweight" throughout the rest of the world.

Squeezy is quite competitive "out of the box" and can be upgraded to be a serious contender in almost all 150g competitions.





! Safety! First and Always!

Turnabots are among the safest combat robot kits available.

HOWEVER There are still several things to be aware of:



LiPo batteries can be VERY dangerous. Charging should ONLY be done in a LiPo bag or FAR from anything flammable.

Do NOT cut both wires of a battery at the same time. If you need to change connectors, cut one wire, install it in the new connector, then cut the other wire.

If a LiPo has sustained any damage or has "puffed" do NOT charge it. DISCARD it (safely and properly).



Do not lick any electronics. Do not allow children or pets to lick any electronics.

After anyone touches any electronics, faces must not be touched and hands must be washed with soap, and cold water, particularly before eating.

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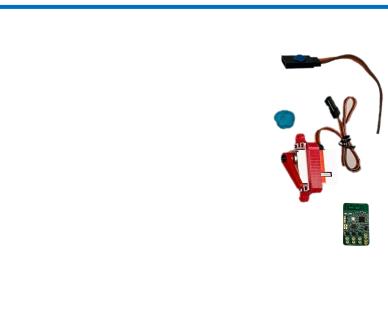
These instructions will cover every single step in properly assembling your Squeezy Kit.

There are 3 sections to these instructions; each page is bordered by the below colors

Pre-Soldered Kit Assembly Instructions (pages 6-15)

Standard Kit Assembly Instructions (pages 16-29) Setup / Radio /
Programming Instructions
(TBD – available in the video)







Tools - Required and Useful

Pre-Soldered Kit

Required:

- 1. Small Phillips Screwdriver
- 2. 1.5mm hex (allen) driver (key)

<u>Useful</u>

- Super-glue / cyanoacrylate (tires, wheels, repairs, etc. Using "accelerator / activator" is recommended)
- 2. Needle-Nose Pliers (often helpful for placing servo screws among other uses)
- 3. Thin Acetate (flexible plastic for the front edges of wedges. Often applied with thin "carpet tape" or glue)
- 4. File(s) useful for removing sharp edges

Standard Kit

Required:

- 1. Soldering Iron / Station at the very least you'll want something with adjustable temperature and a small tip
- 2. Solder if using leaded solder BE AWARE OF LEAD POISONING. Lead-free solder can be used successfully
- 3. Flux paste or pen, incredibly helpful
- 4. Flush-Cutters (aka side-cutters)
- 5. Wire Strippers decent "auto-strippers" are now available for under \$12 on Amazon and are worth it
- 6. Needle-Nose Pliers (often helpful for holding wires while soldering, placing servo screws, etc)
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<u>Useful</u>

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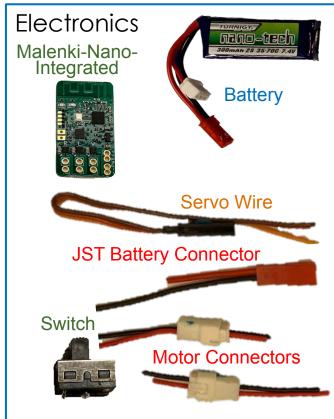
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With the **Standard Kit**, **START** by laying out the parts.

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- 1. Self-Righting-Mechanism
- 2. Top Armor
- 3. Link
- 4. Slide
- 5. Left Arm
- 6. Right Arm
- 7. Left Claw
- 8. Right Claw
- 9. Shoulder
- 10. Chassis
- 11. Plow
- 12. Left Wheel
- 13. Right Wheel







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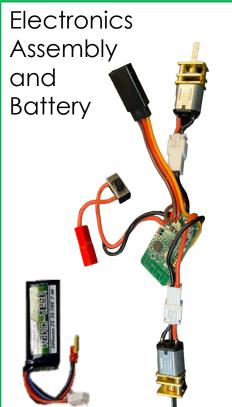
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(If you have a **Standard Kit**, go to page 6)

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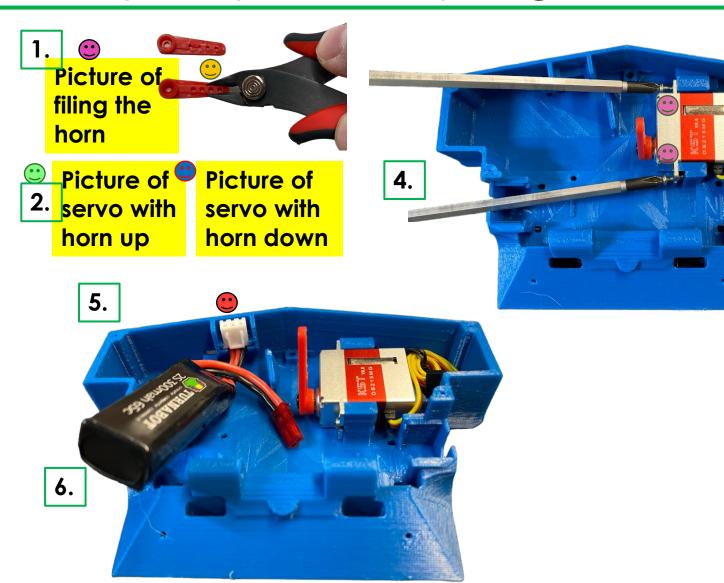




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Servo & Charging Port installation:

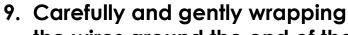
- 1. If using a KST-DS215MG servo, a "slimmed down" red horn is a nice
- e fit. This can be done easily with a
- e file or CAREFULLY with flush cutters.
- 2. Ensure that your servo is set so that with the horn on the right,
- Ch3 stick down is near vertical
- and stick up is near horizontal (in-line with the servo body)
- 3. Install the servo itself, tucking the wiring into the corner
- 4. Install the 2 servo mounting
- screws, you do want these relatively tight)
- 5. Insert the battery charging
- connector into the mount. This can be a bit tricky, but it's worth making charging easy.
- 6. For now, take care not to pull on the battery, but leave it loose until the Electronics Assembly is installed in the next step.



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Electronics Assembly Installation:

- 7. You may have previously built up the Electronics Assembly in a
- Slipper kit. If so, remove it.
- 8. The motor wires will need to be
- ereoriented to tuck into the slot at the front of Squeezy.

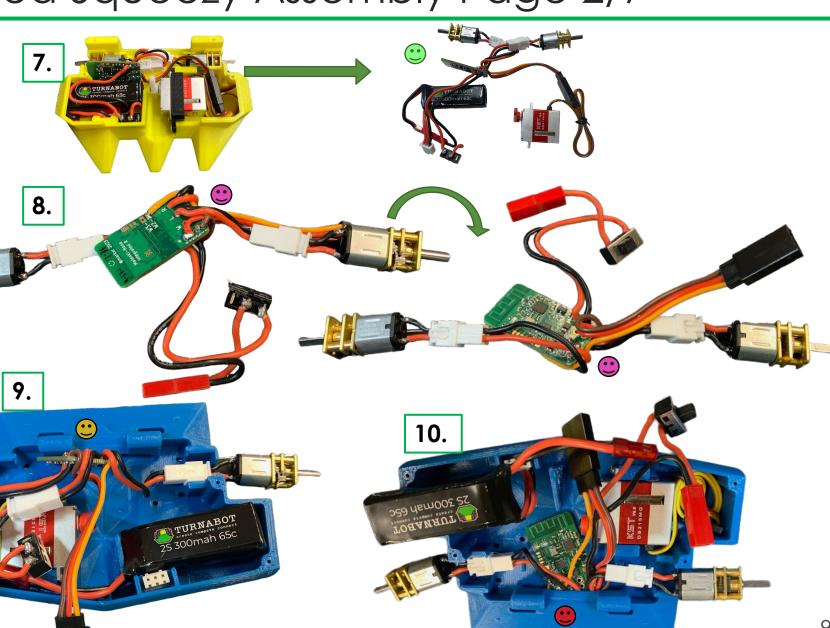


the wires around the end of the Malenki lets everything fit.

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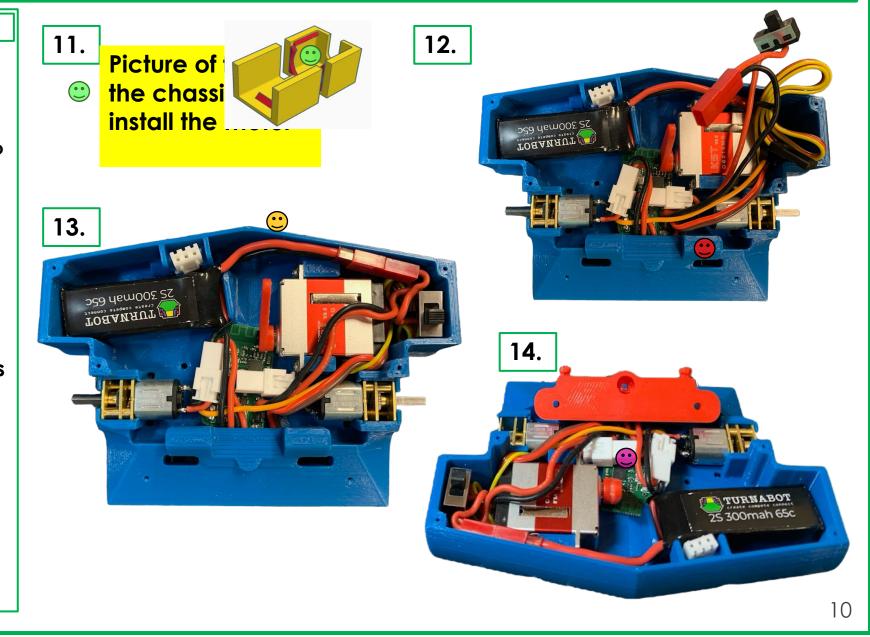
*The next slide has detailed pictures of the final arrangement.



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Electronics Assembly Installation:

- 11. When installing the motors to the chassis you want to take care to
- minimize stress on the chassis and the "wiping" of the motor retaining features. The best way to do this is to gently flex the chassis open while pressing the motors into place.
- 12. With the motors in place you
- e can see how the switch and servo wires will be routed.
- 13. The battery wires will route
- conditions are also along the back of the chassis.
- 14. The wires and motor connectors
- eneed to clear the "shoulder" (note that the red shoulder is purple in the rest of the instructions).

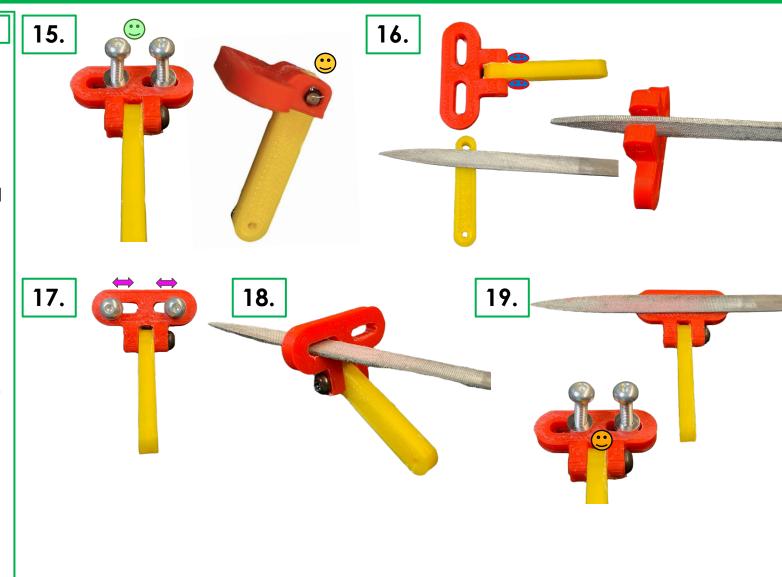


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Slider set up and Link installation:

Squeezy has a "novel mechanism" that uses the single servo to grab, then lift opponents. For this to function well it is critical that the joints move smoothly, without binding while also having minimal "slop". Putting care into this section will ensure that you have a highly competitive bot.

- 15. These are some reference images of the final assembly of the Slider and Link. The screws
- need to slide easily in the Link and the Link
- needs to rotate freely in the Slider.
- 16. Link should fit easily between the lugs of the Slider. If necessary please file the flat ends of
- the Link and the inner walls of the Slider to create clearance, but not slop.
- 17. Verify that the screws slide easily from end to end in their slots.
- 18. If necessary, clearance the slots, likely the bottom of the part, to allow easy motion of the screws across the slot.
- 19. Similarly, verify that the washers slide
- smoothly across the top of the Slider. If necessary file the top of the Slider and possibly deburr or flip the washers.



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Claw to Arm installation:

- 20. Gluing the Claws to the Arms is the most weight-efficient solution. We've found super glue with accelerator to work extremely well. The BSI kit is our favorite.
- 21. The blue marking is where we apply the glue.
- 22. Ensuring that the glue bottle and the arms with glue on them are NOT nearby, spray the accelerator into the notch in the claw.
- 23. After verifying that the Arm (with glue) is correct for the Claw (with accelerator) install the arm in a <u>SINGLE MOTION</u>. (The "working time" for glue is how long you have before it sets. The working time for the BSI is about 1.0 seconds)
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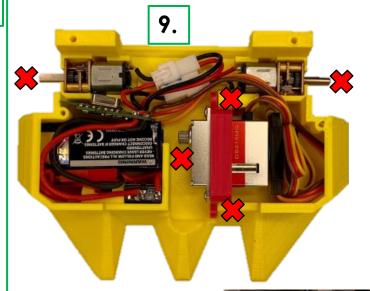


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Radio / Servo setup:

- 9. At this point in the assembly of any bot,
- BEFORE installing the wheels and servo horn and hard-mounting the servo, it's a good idea to make sure that the bot won't run away or put the servo horn hard into the chassis. You can now turn on the bot. On the Malenki the Red LED will light up and the Blue LED will begin flashing rapidly.
- 10. To bind a FlySky FS-i6, hold the Bind
- button while switching it on. To bind a
- Turnigy Evolution, hold the power button to turn it on, click the wrench, scroll down and touch RX bind. The blue LED will go solid.
- 11. With the stick down the servo should be
- near 45° the servo body.
- 12. With the stick up the servo should be
- slightly toward the rear of the bot.

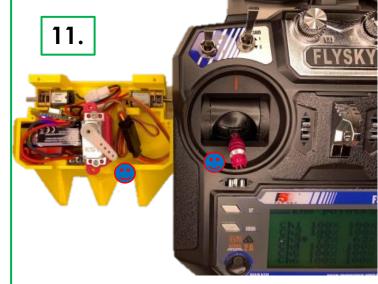
If you're unfamiliar, please see Section 3 for additional instructions on radio setup.





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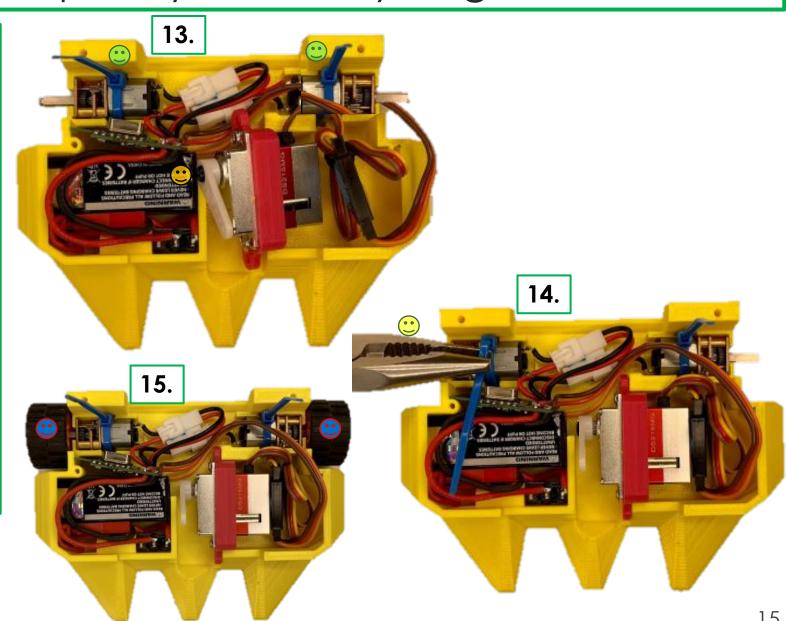
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Motor (optionally Wheels) installation:

- 13. With the Servo Horn properly installed and the End Points set to ensure a
- safe servo range, install the Servo
- horn Screw. Install the Zip Ties to the motors.
- 14. You may want to use pliers and "roll"
- them to get the Zip Ties as snug as you can without breaking them.
- 15. Optional You can continue building, but if you'd like, you can
- temporarily install the Wheels (without glue) because....

Congratulations! YOU HAVE A ROBOT!!!

At this point you can drive it around and actuate the flipper servo.



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Armor Installation:

- 22. The Turnabot should look like this.
- 23. Install the Top Armor, with the last
- 2 M2x6 screws and the Right
- Armor and Left armor with the 4 Phillips screws.

22. BATTLE!!! 😬

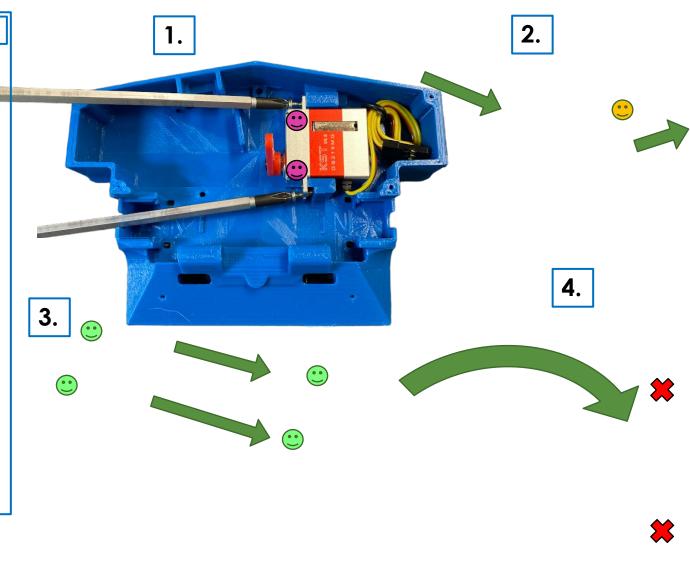






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Servo installation: 1. Install the servo itself 2. Install the 2 servo mounting screws, you do want these relatively tight)

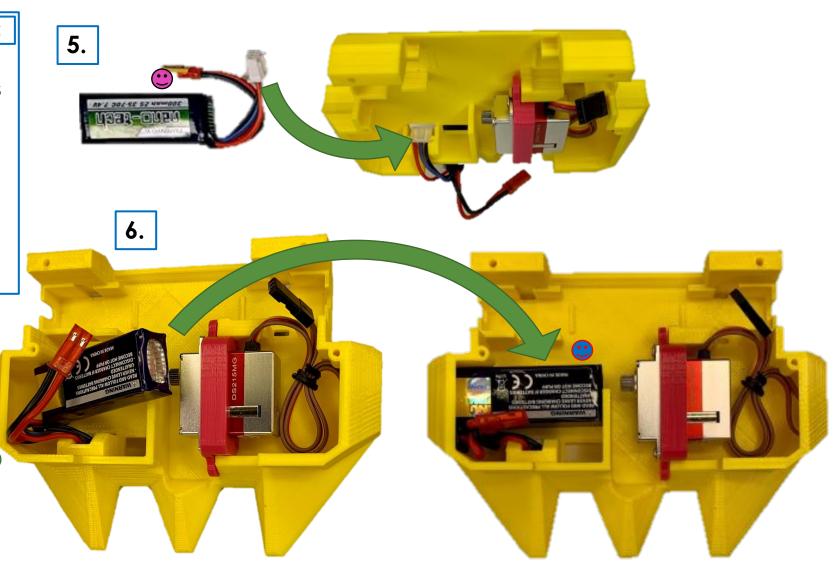


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Charging Port/Battery Installation:

- 5. Insert the battery charging
- connector into the mount. This can be a bit tricky, but it's worth making charging easy.
- 6. Place the Battery into the
- Chassis with the wires tucked into the front corner. The battery should fit snugly into

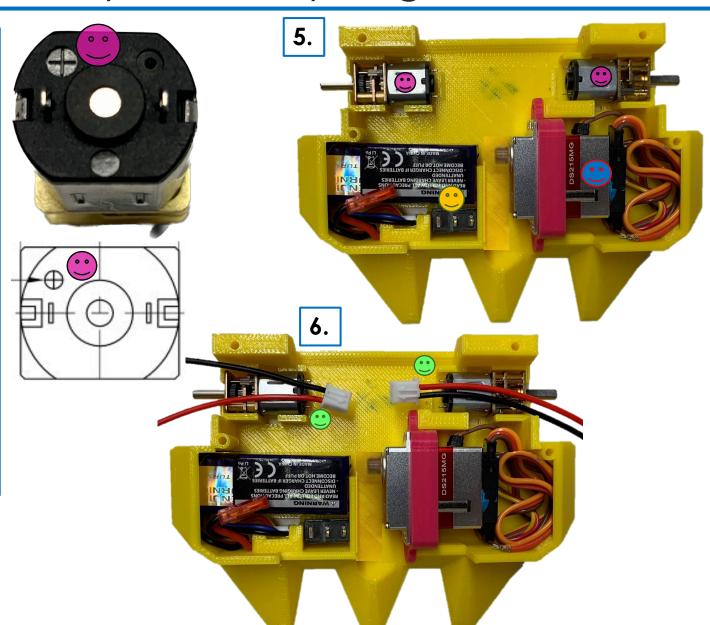
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Placing components 1/2:

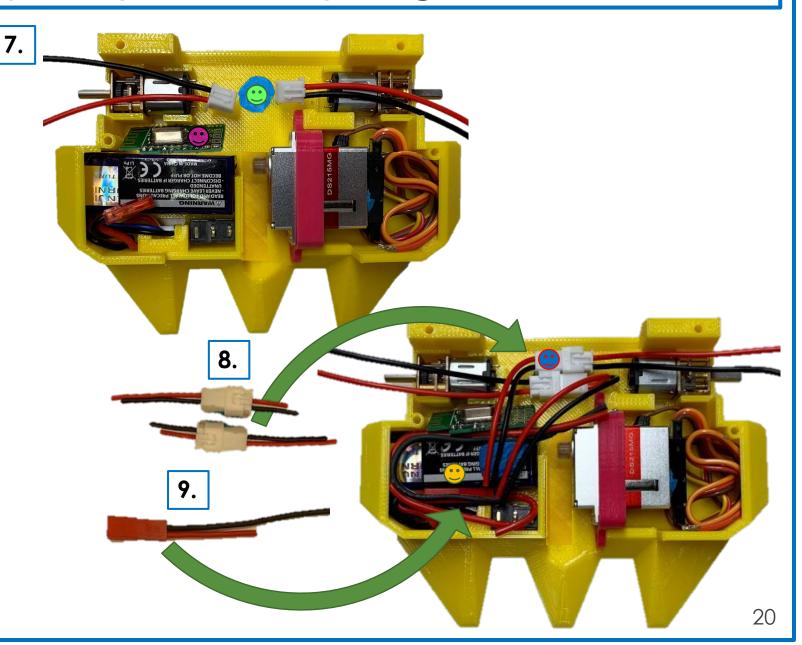
- 5. Place the components to prepare for wire trimming. First Insert the motors.
- We make a general practice of having "Plusses Up" to make it easier to see when installed. It helps know where the wires go. This is helpful with troubleshooting, particularly in pit sessions between battles.
- Place the Switch. Wiring is easier with the two long legs toward the middle of the bot.
- Connect the Servo Extension to the Servo wire and tuck into the corner.
- 6. "Plusses Up" on Turnabot motors
- generally result in the Red Wire to the front on the Right side of the bot and to the back on the Left side. The male side of the motor connector goes to the motor.



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Placing components 2/2:

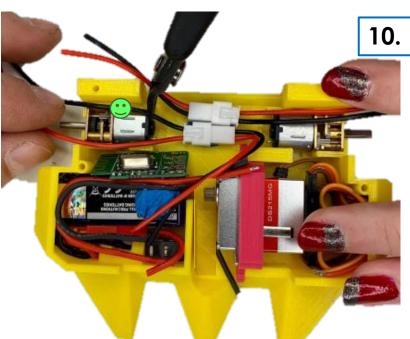
- 7. A dot of Blu-Tak under the motor
- connectors is very helpful for wiring.
- Place the Malenki-Nano between the right motor and the battery as shown.
- 8. Connect the male and female ends
- of the two motor connector wires.
 They nest next to each other and are secured to the dot of Blu-Tak.
 Left motor connector toward the back of the bot improves the routing.
- 9. Insert the JST Battery Connector
- between the battery and the charge port mount. To ease battery swaps the Black Wire is routed along the corner of the bot, then to the Malenki. The Red Wire is cut at the further leg of the switch. The cut portion of Red Wire is routed along the corner and then to the Malenki.



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Trimming Motor Connector Wires 1/2:

- 10. *The wire lengths are shown in Step 18.
- Trim the four motor connector wires flush to the motor caps. This will allow you to solder the wires to the sides of the motor terminals, making as strong of a connection as possible.











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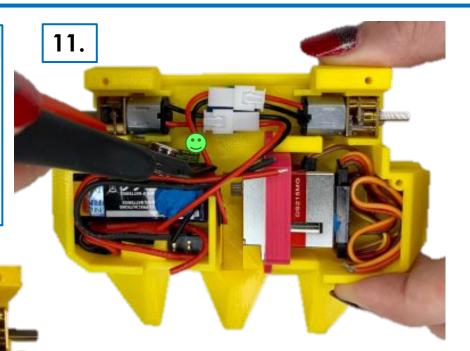
Trimming Motor Connector Wires 2/2:

11. Trim the motor connector wires to the FAR side of the appropriate solder rings on the Malenki. Leave enough wire to go through each solder ring. You can always trim extra later.

> Finished Wiring

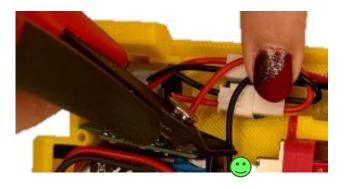
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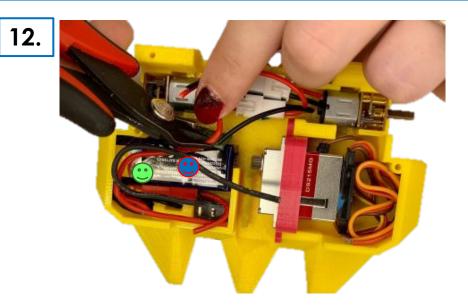


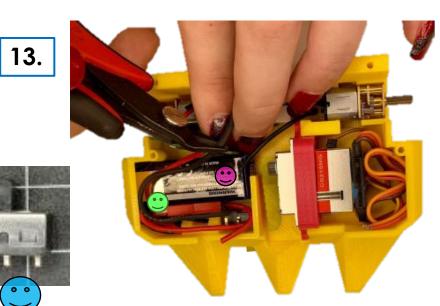


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Trimming Battery / Switch Wires:

- 12. To ease battery swaps the wires from
- the battery and switch are routed along the corner of the bot, then to the Malenki. The cut portion of Red Wire is routed along the corner and then to the B+ solder ring. Trim the
- Red Wire on the "far" side of the Malenki to leave room to go through the solder ring.
- 13. The Black Wire is routed along the
- corner of the bot, then to the Bsolder ring on the Malenki. Trim the
- Black Wire on the "far" side of the Malenki to leave room to go through the solder ring.
- 13b. The switch should only have 2 short legs. If necessary, use a flush-cutter and/or file to trim one leg all the way off and leave 2 legs approximately 3mm long as pictured.





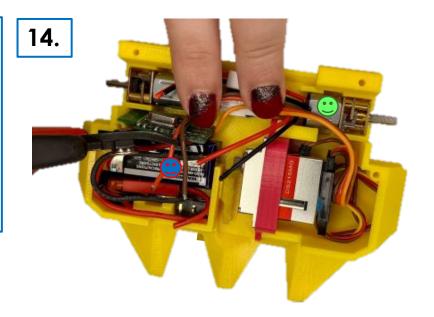
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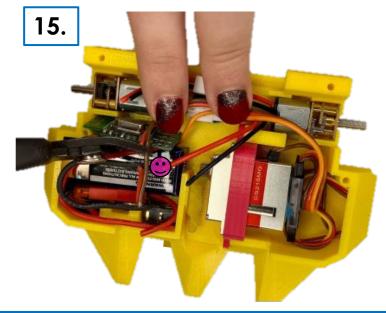
Trimming Servo Connector Wires 1/2:

- 14. Route the Servo Connector Wire across the back
- of the bot. Trim the Red Wire flush with the B+
- 👝 solder ring on the Malenki.
- 15. Trim the Brown Wire (or Black) flush with the solder
- ing on the Malenki.

The below image is the final harness for reference.





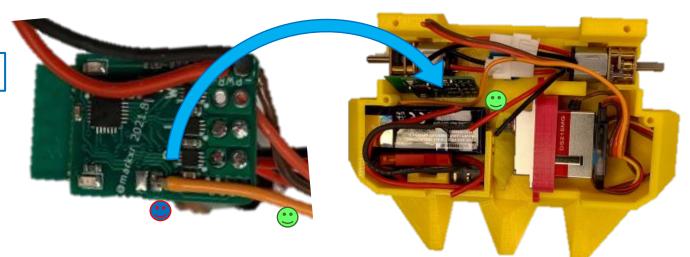


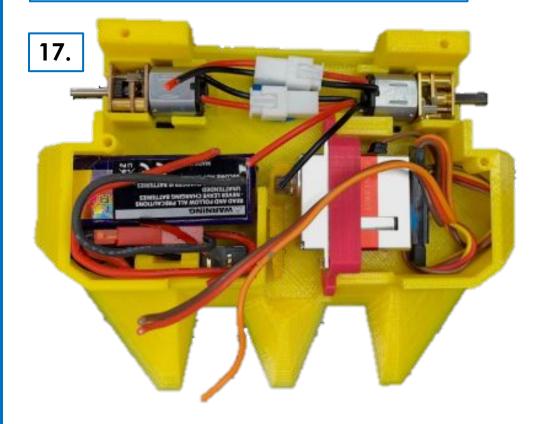
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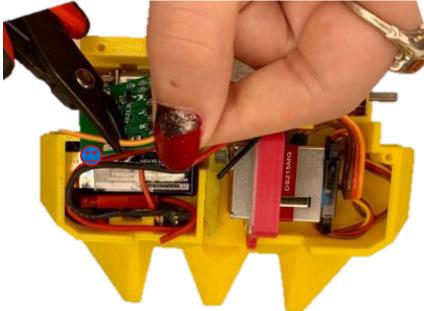
Trimming Servo Connector Wires 2/2:

- 16. Trim the Orange Wire (signal wire)
- (1) flush with the far side of the solder
- pad closest to the solder rings.
- 17. The trimmed harness in the bot should look like the below image.

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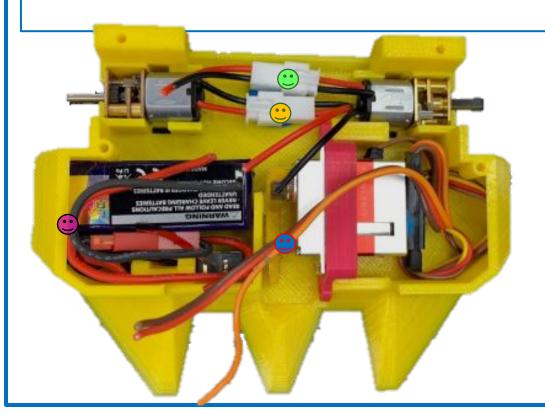
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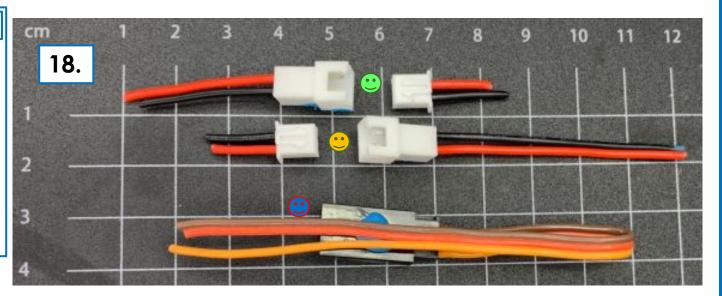
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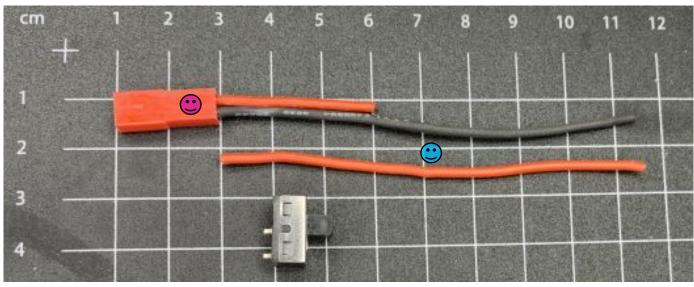
18. If you would prefer, you can cut your wires to the lengths visible in the images on the right.

(You are reading this <u>BEFORE</u> starting, right?)

You can see the lengths of the Left Motor Connector, the Right Motor Connector, the Servo Connector, JST Battery Connector and the Red Wire from Switch to Malenki.





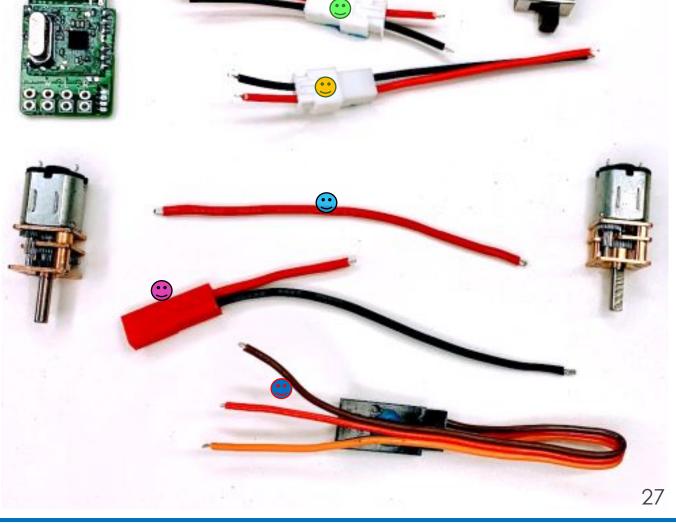


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Strip all the wires:

- 19. Strip all exposed wire ends 1-2mm. Including
- the Left Motor Connector, the Right Motor
- Connector, the Servo Connector, the JST
- Battery Connector and the Cut Red Wire from Switch to Malenki.





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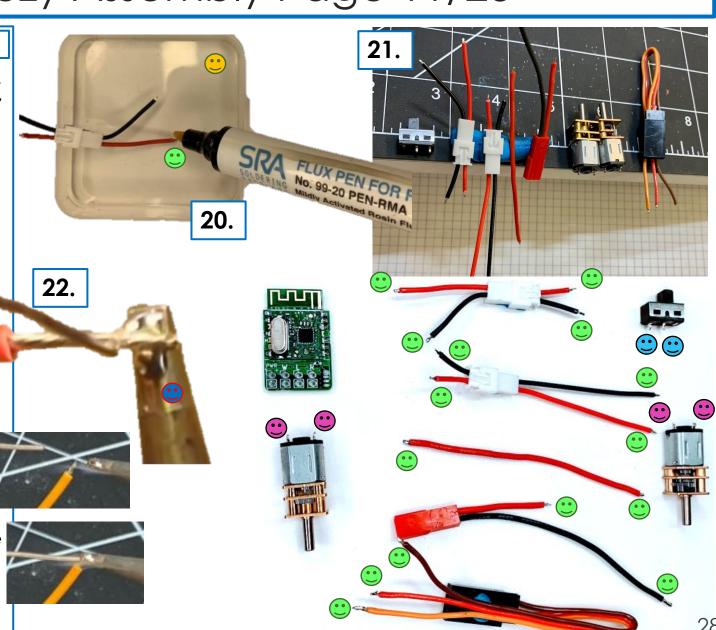
Tinning (Do NOT tin the Malenki):

- 20. Start by putting flux on ALL 15 of the wire as, the 2 Switch Ternals, and all 4 of the Motor
- Terminals. (Flux is very sticky, take care not to get it on anything you don't want it on. We use a small tray to contain
- it. It is well worth using flux it gets the solder to flow where you want it with significantly less heating of parts.)
- 21. Set everything up so that you can tin all the wires and terminals. (Tinning is getting a bulb of solder onto all the components that you will be soldering.)

Do not tin the Malenki

22. Tinning basics:

- a) Heat the iron
- b) Clean your iron tip
- c) Touch the solder to the iron to put a drop (aka "pillow") of solder on it to improve heat transfer to the wire
- d) Touch the iron to the "back" of the wire or component to support it as you heat it. Particularly if you fluxed your wire or component, after a moment you will see the solder from the iron wick into the wire or component.
- e) You can then feed solder into the "front" of the wire or component. You'll want to get enough solder into / onto the wire or component that many joints have enough solder already on the mating parts that they don't require additional solder. That said, with combat robots you'll often add solder to make the joints as strong as possible.



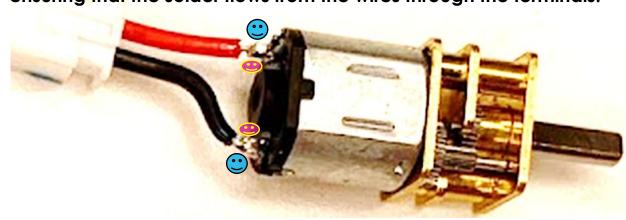
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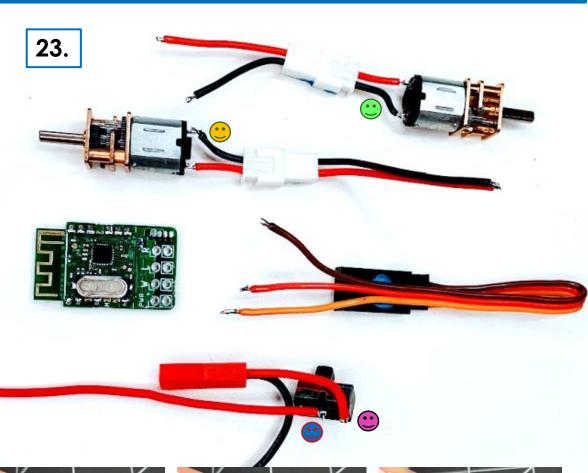
Solder the wires to the components:

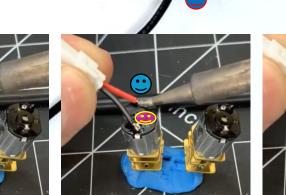
- 23. Solder the Motor Connectors to the Motors, The Left is
- offset toward the back of the bot, the Right is offset
- o toward the front of the bot. There are details on the
- <u>next slide</u> for soldering the Red Wire on the JST Battery Connector to the far switch leg and the Cut
- portion of the Red Wire from to the near switch leg.

It is important to have as strong of a joint as possible between the motor terminals and the motor connector wires. The failure of these joints are among the most common causes of losing drive, which often results in losing battles.

For soldering these critical joints, the best technique we have found is to have well-tinned wires along the outside of well-tinned motor terminals and touching the iron to the inner side of the terminals, ensuring that the solder flows from the wires through the terminals.





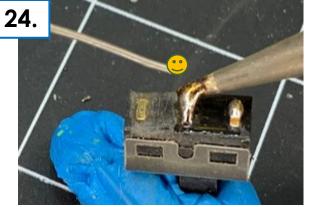


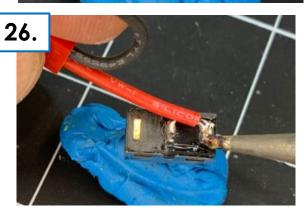


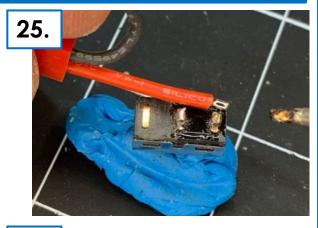
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Solder the Switch:

- 24. The switch is near the front of the bot, meaning it can take a lot of impact. You'll want to heavily tin the
- ctroinals to create a strong joint.
- 25. With well-tinned terminals and wires, hold them to give maximum contact areas.
- 26. Heat the far terminal until the solder flows from the
- Battery Connector wire to the terminal.
- 27. Holding the Cut Red Wire to give maximum contact with the close terminal, heat the terminal until you get a solid solder joint.

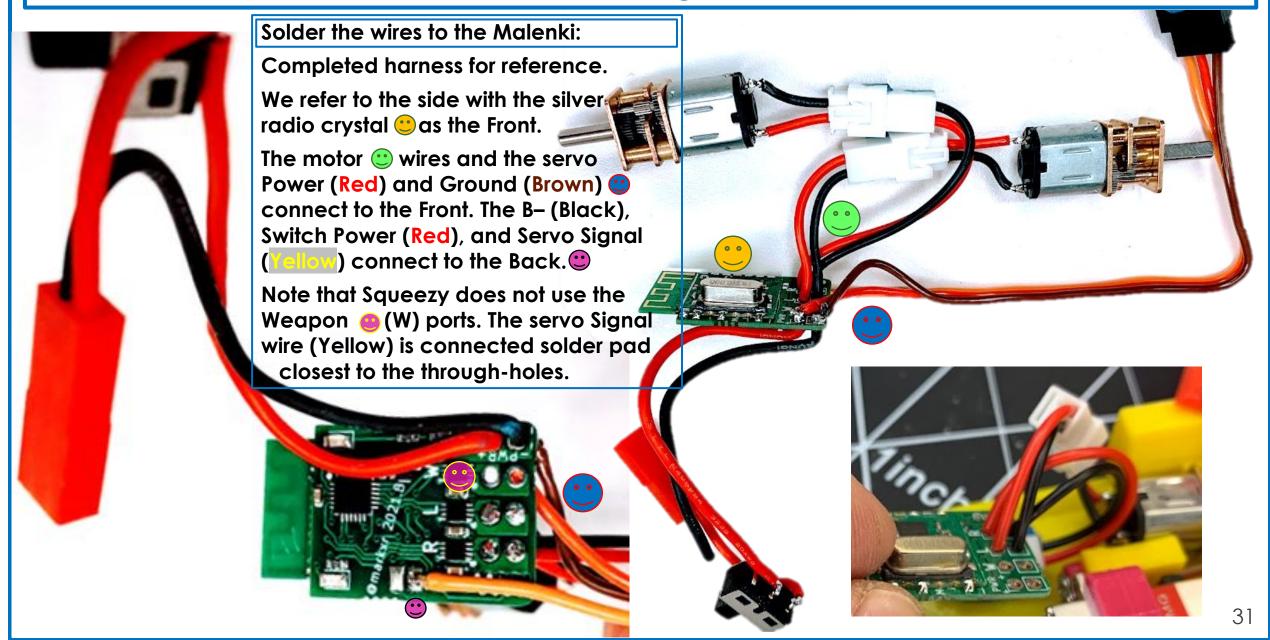








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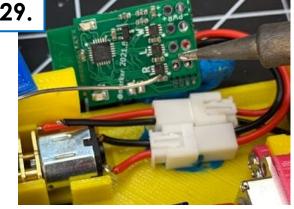
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Solder the Right Motor Wires to the Malenki:

- 28. The Right Motor wires go through the "R"

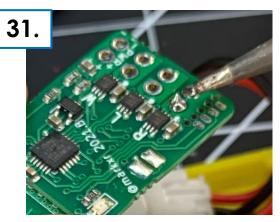
 "Solder-Rings" / "through-holes" with the Red Wire
- closest to the "R" on the Malenki.
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- 29. Soldering wires into through-holes is best done by soldering the "back" of the board. As with most soldering, the "work-holding" is extremely important. All components (wires and Malenki in this case) should be held securely in place by something other than your hands, allowing you to have the iron in one hand and the solder in the other hand. Blu-tack works extremely well to hold the wires and the Malenki in a position allowing stable access to the back of the solder holes. (There are many great soldering videos on YouTube that are well worth watching if you are new to soldering. The Turnabot Soldering Videos will be released ASAP.)
- 30. With well-tinned motor wires securely and safely held through the through-holes, use the iron to heat
- the ring for a moment before sliding it to heat the
- wire for another moment, before feeding the solder to the joint.
- 31. The ideal solder joint looks like a volcano.

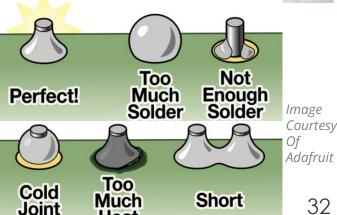












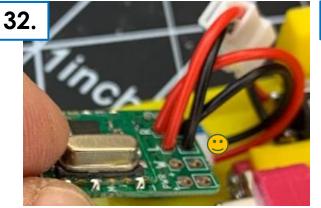
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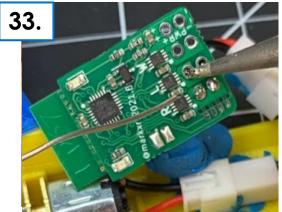
Solder the Left Motor Wires to the Malenki:

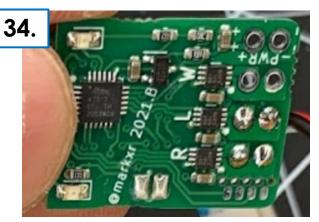
- 32. The Left Motor wires go through the "L"

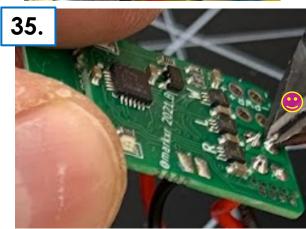
 "Solder-Rings" / "through-holes" with the Red Wire

 closest to the "L" on the Malenki.
- 33. With well-tinned motor wires securely and safely held through the through-holes, (Blu-Tack) use the iron to heat the ring for a moment before sliding it to heat the wire for another moment, before feeding the solder to the joint.
- 34. The ideal solder joint looks like a volcano.
- 35. If there is excess length on the wires you can always trim them with flush cutters.









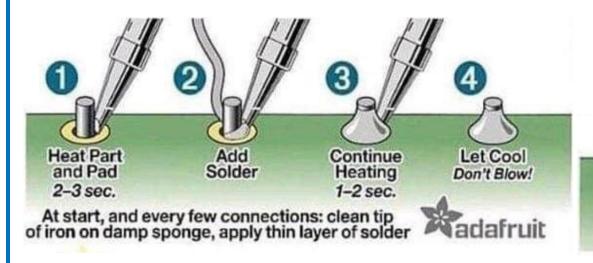




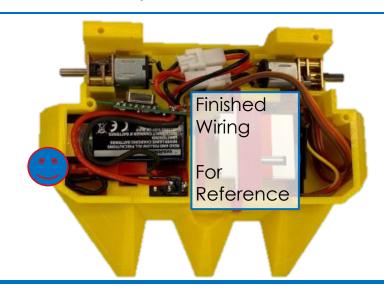
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Solder the Power and Ground to the Malenki:

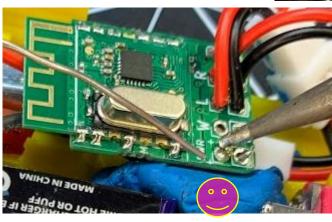
Image below: The Cut Red Wire and the Black wire from the JST Battery Connector (B+) route to the corner before going to the Malenki to simplify battery swaps.

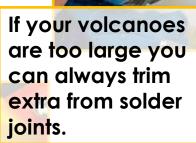
- 36. The Cut Red Wire and the B+ go through the PWR+
- and PWR- though-holes respectively. If they don't easily fit through you can trim the solder bulbs a bit.
- 37. Again, a bit of Blu-Tak secures the wires while we solder. Again, heat the ring for a moment before
- sliding to the wire, when the solder on the wire melts, you can feed a touch more solder if necessary.
- * NOTE * it's helpful to leave the Malenki on the Blu-Tak for the next step.













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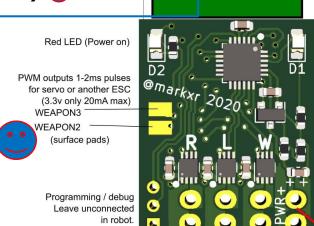
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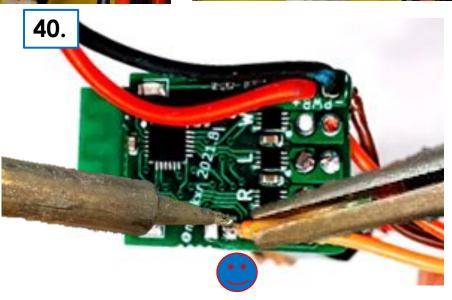
Solder the Servo wires to the Malenki:

- * Note * it's helpful to have the Malenki on the Blu-Tak.
- 38. The servo Ground Wire (Brown in these photos)
- solders to the joint of the Black Wire from the JST Battery connector though the PWR- through-hole.
- 39. The servo Power Wire (generally Red) similarly solders to the joint of the Cut Red Wire from the switch through the PWR+ through-hole. It can be
- helpful to use needle nose to hold these wires close to the end to get a secure joint.
- 40. The servo Signal Wire (Orange in these photos) is soldered to the WEAPON2 pad (closest to the through holes / bottom of the Malenki).







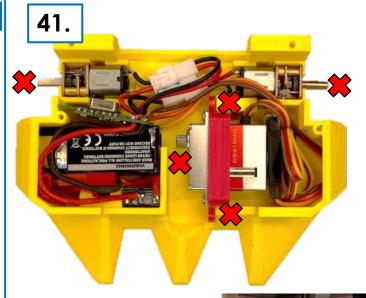


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You're almost done! Radio / Servo setup:

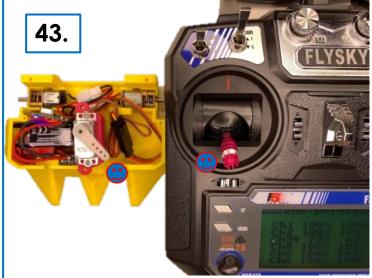
- 41. At this point in the assembly of any bot,
- BEFORE installing the wheels and servo horn and hard-mounting the servo, it's a good idea to make sure that the bot won't run away or put the servo horn hard into the chassis. You can now turn on the bot. On the Malenki the Red LED will light up and the Blue LED will begin flashing rapidly.
- 42. To bind a FlySky FS-i6, hold the Bind
- culture button while switching it on. To bind a
- Turnigy Evolution, hold the power button to turn it on, click the wrench, scroll down and touch RX bind. The blue LED will go solid.
- 43. With the stick down the servo should be
- near 45° the servo body.
- 44. With the stick up the servo should be
- slightly toward the rear of the bot.

If you're unfamiliar, please see Section 3 for additional instructions on radio setup.











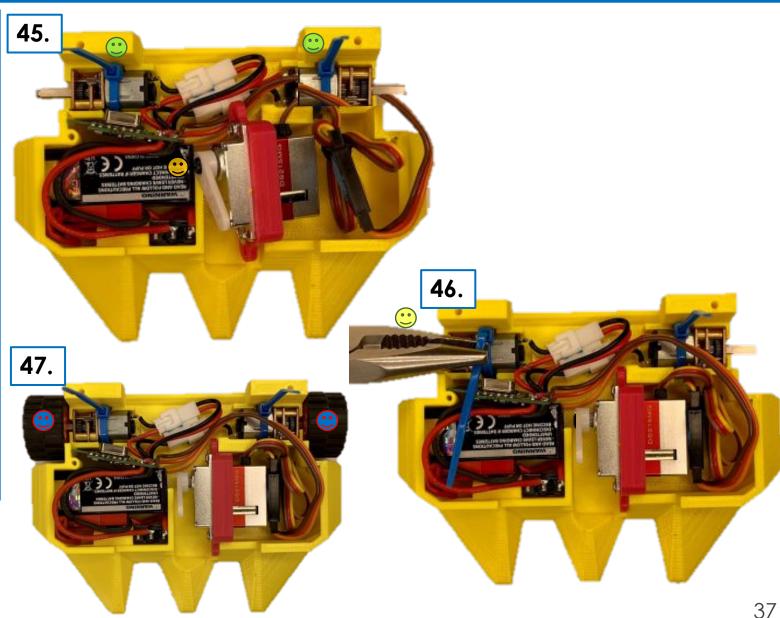
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Motor (optionally Wheels) installation:

- 45. With the Servo Horn properly installed and the End Points set to ensure a
- safe servo range, install the Servo
- horn Screw. Install the Zip Ties to the motors.
- 46. You may want to use pliers and "roll"
- them to get the Zip Ties as snug as you can without breaking them.
- 47. Optional You can continue building, but if you'd like, you can
- temporarily install the Wheels (without) glue) because....

Congratulations! YOU HAVE A ROBOT!!!

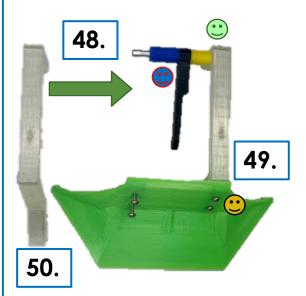
At this point you can drive it around and actuate the flipper servo.

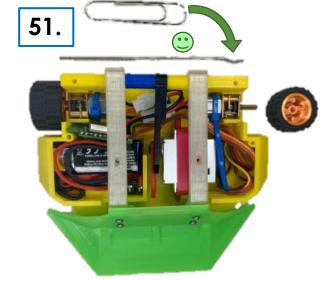


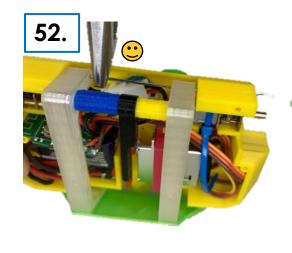
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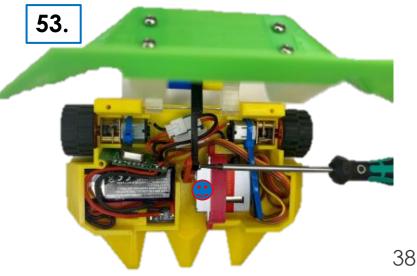
Flipper Assembly and installation:

- 48. Assemble the flipper. The arms are printed to have Left and Right Arms, the side that was on the printer bed has a slightly smaller hole which helps retain the aluminum rod.
- Install the rod into the left arm.
- 49. Install the Rod and Left Arm to the Plow
- using 2 of the M2 x 6mm button-head
- screws and install the Short Spacer, Link, and Long Spacer.
- 50. Install the Right Arm.
- 51. Straighten out the Paper Clip. Cut it to the
- length of the Chassis Rear Uprights (between the Wheels) and put a "V" bend in one end.
- 52. If you installed it, remove the Left Wheel,
- install the Paper Clip through the rear uprights and the Arms. Use pliers near the Right Arm to pull the "V" into the upright.
- 53. Reinstall the Left Wheel and screw the Link
- to the servo horn.









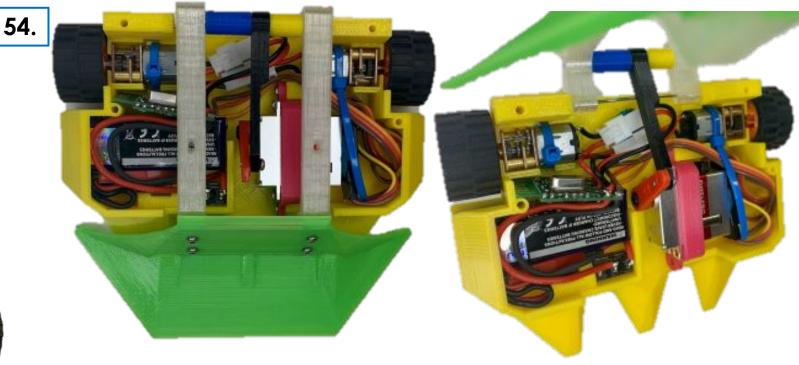
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Armor Installation:

- 54. The Turnabot should look like this.
- 55. Install the Top Armor, with the last
- 2 M2x6 screws and the Right
- Armor and Left armor with the 4 Phillips screws.

54. BATTLE!!! 😁







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Slammer Arms Squeezy substitute

