DIY Common Tools for Electronics

You will find Here a List of Common Tools Used For Electronics DIY.
You don't absolutely ***need*** to have all of these things, but it sure helps!

Using a tool for purposes other than those for which it was designed can be just a little more difficult, or downright dangerous. Please be safe :)

General / Safety

General

- **Workbench** - Protect your house, have a proper work area
- **Storage Unit** - Put your tools and components somewhere safe
- **Small Plastic Cups** - Somewhere to put things temporarily. Don't leave your kit lying around.

Safety

- **Safety Glasses** - Protect your sense of sight
- **Face mask** - Protect your lungs
- **Fire Extinguisher** - Don't let your soldering iron start a fire you can't put out
- Fire Blanket - As above
- Soldering Smoke Absorber/Ventilator - MMmmm, Lead smoke. Mmmmm, Cancer. Mmmm, Insanity. Mmm.... I think not.

Electrical Instruments

- **Multimeter** - For testing circuitry Voltages, Resistors and Transistors
- **Oscilloscope** - For testing signals. Dual trace is better , allow signals comparison
- Power Supply - Regulated lab power supply . Help in getting the right Voltages inputs

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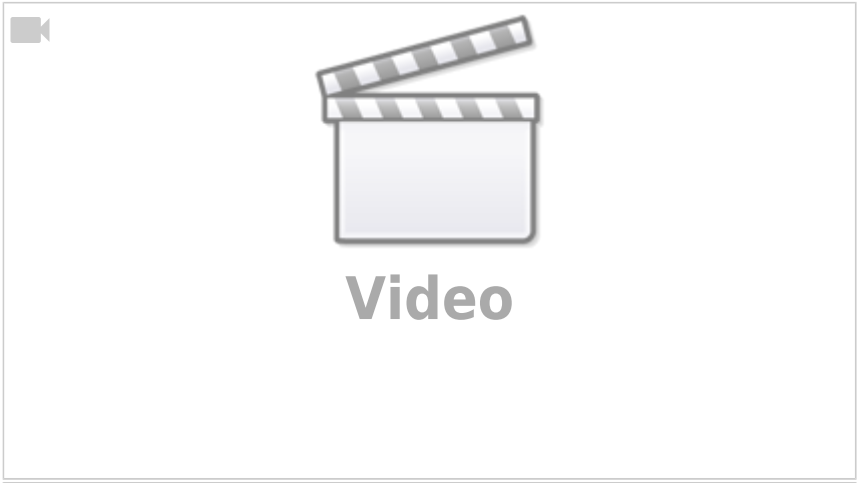

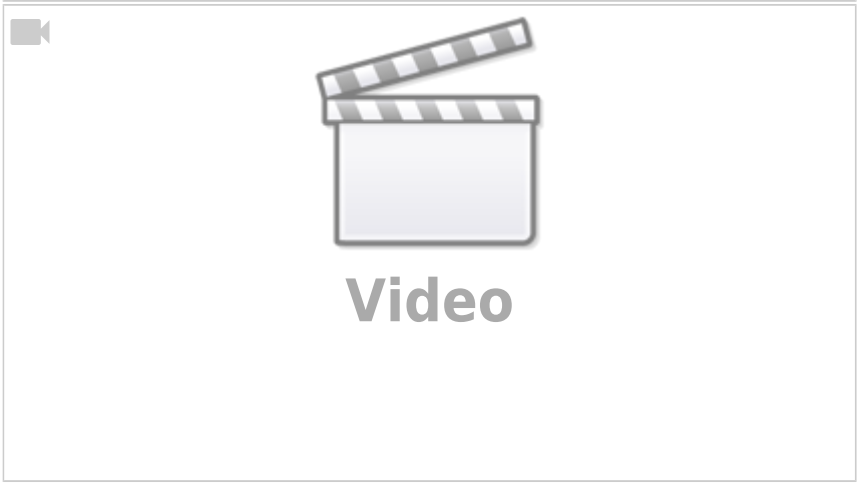

Soldering

- **Soldering Iron or Station with Stand**- Temperature controlled
- **Solder** - Good quality solder for good quality joints, 63/37 Eutectic
- **Desoldering Pump** - - For removing soldered chips

- Soldering Iron Tip Cleaner - Take care of your tools
- Tinning Block - for taking care of soldering iron tips
- PCB Holders - Make soldering easier and cleaner

Trimming and Fastening

- Wire Strippers - For stripping insulation from cabling
- Pliers Set - Various Sizes and types
- Side Cutters - For trimming componenet leads
- Screwdriver Set - Various sizes
- Spanner Set - Various sizes, including shifter spanners
- Socket Set - Various sizes
- IC Puller - Little tool for pulling IC's from sockets
- IC Placer - Little tool for putting IC's in sockets, spreads even pressure over all the pins
- Claw - One of those little pens with a three-fingered claw for grabbing loose bits from where fingers can't reach
- IDC Crimping Tool - Because doing it with pliers sucks

- Electrical Tape - Too many uses to list

Misc

- Mirror - Little mirror on a telescopic shaft for peeking where your eyes can't reach
- Compressed Air Can - For cleaning stuff by blasting off dust

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