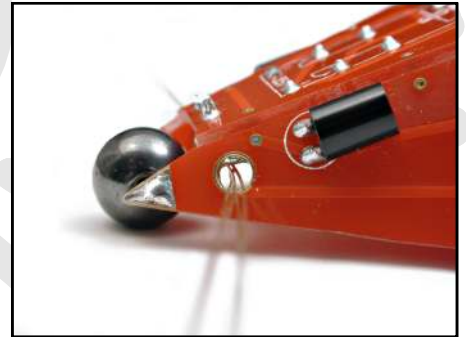
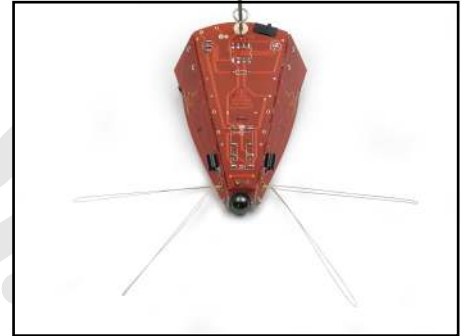
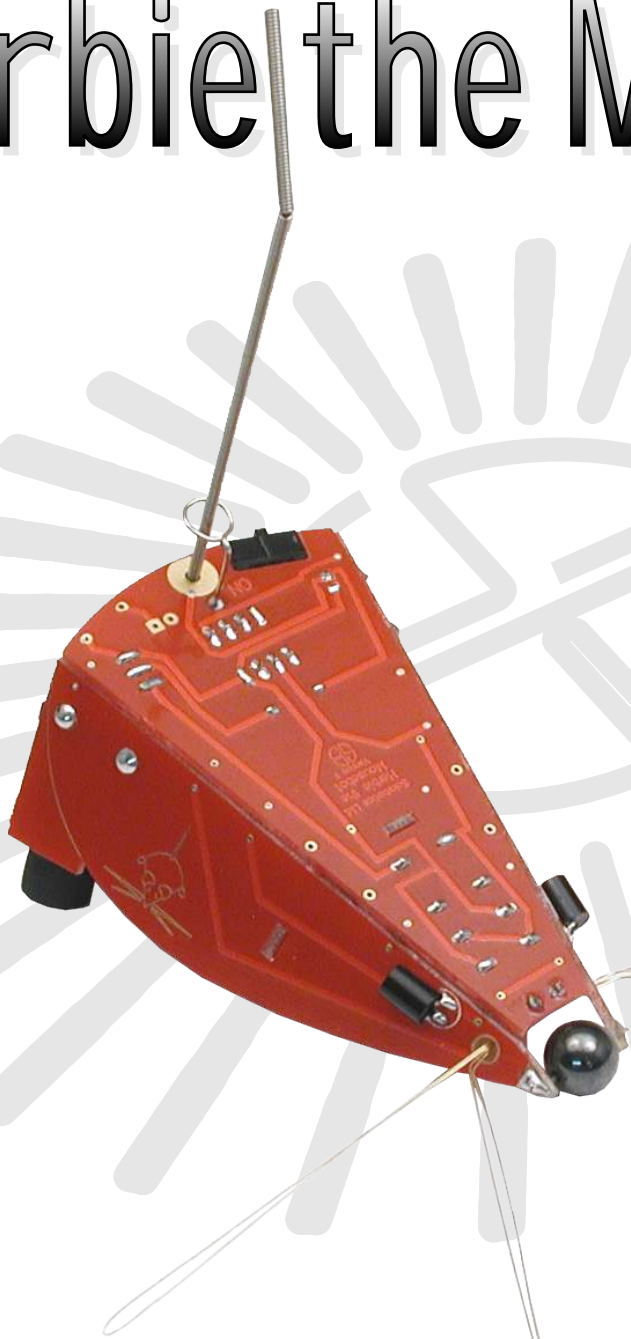


The **SOLARBOTICS**

Herbie the Mousebot



Herbie the Mousebot is a very speedy light-seeking robot with functional whisker and tail sensors!

Build multiple Herbies and have them chase each other around!



Skill Level:
Beginner
(Soldering Req'd)





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Tools:

Basic Soldering Equipment
 Eye protection (goggles)
 Needle-nose pliers
 Fine snips
 Medium/heavy duty snips

Scissors / Knife
 Masking Tape
 Flashlight or IR Remote control (for testing)

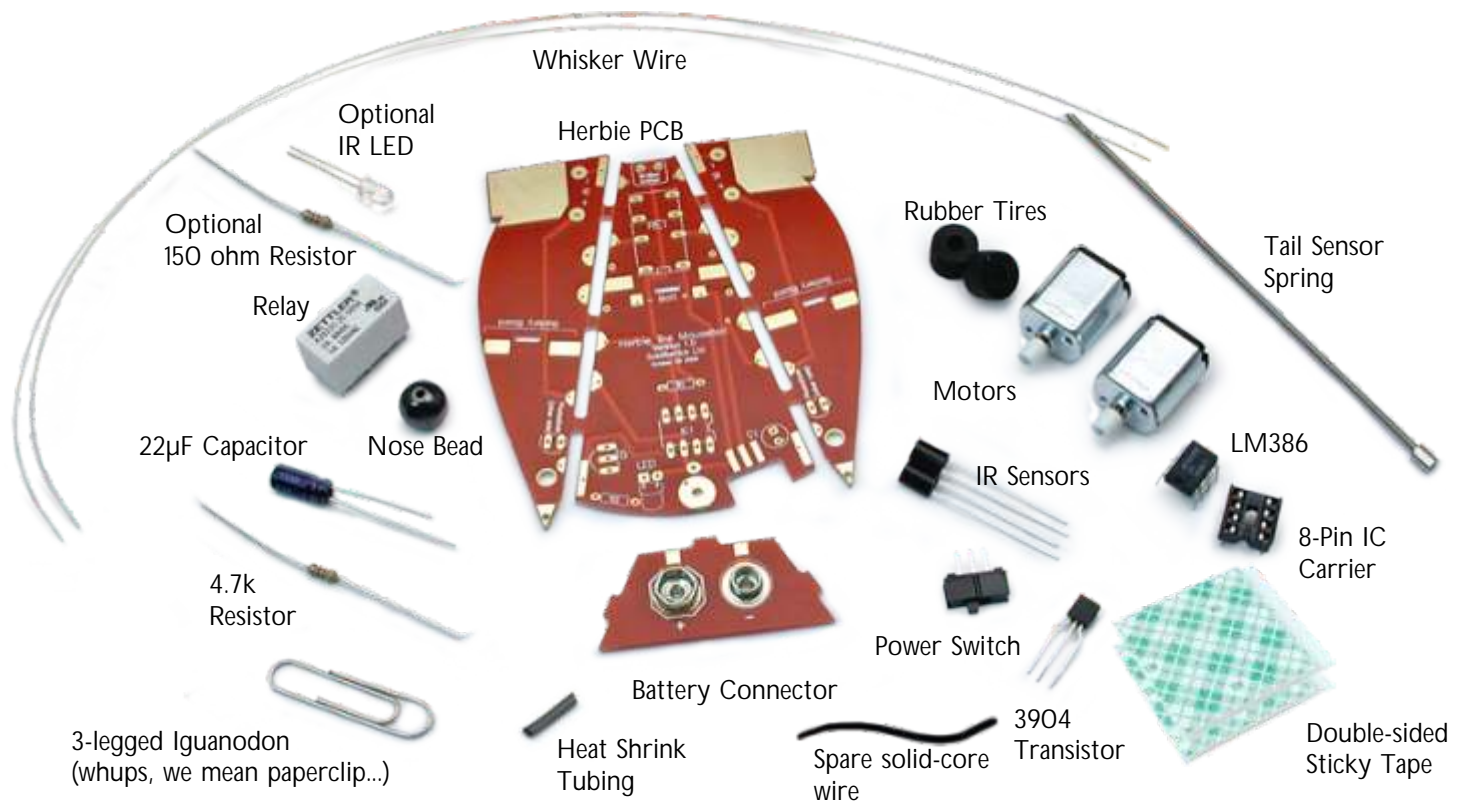
Parts:

1 - Herbie PCB (3 Pieces)
 1 - Herbie Battery Board
 1 - LM386
 1 - 8-Pin IC Socket (for the LM386)
 2 - Infrared Photodiodes
 1 - 3904 Transistor
 1 - Relay
 1 - Power Switch
 1 - Tail Spring Sensor
 1 - 4.7k Resistor (Yellow / Purple / Red)
 1 - Double Sided Sticky Tape ("DSST")
 2 - Motors with Hubs

2 - Rubber Tires
 1 - 22 μ F Capacitor
 1 - Paperclip
 1 - Nose Bead
 2 - 30cm (12") Whisker Wires
 1 - 1/4" length of 1/8" dia. heat shrink

Optional Parts:

1 - 9V Battery (well, you will need one, right?)
 1 - IR LED
 1 - 150 ohm Resistor (Brown / Green / Brown)



We strongly suggest you inventory the parts in your kit to make sure you have all the parts listed. If anything is missing, contact Solarbotics Ltd. for replacement parts information.

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Background:

Many, many moons ago, Randy Sargent was in a pickle. Not literally (*yuck*), but more of an uncomfortable position of not having a robot to bring to the 1996 Seattle Robothon “Line Follower” contest.

Would you believe the robot he cobbled up out of spare parts the night before the competition actually won?!?

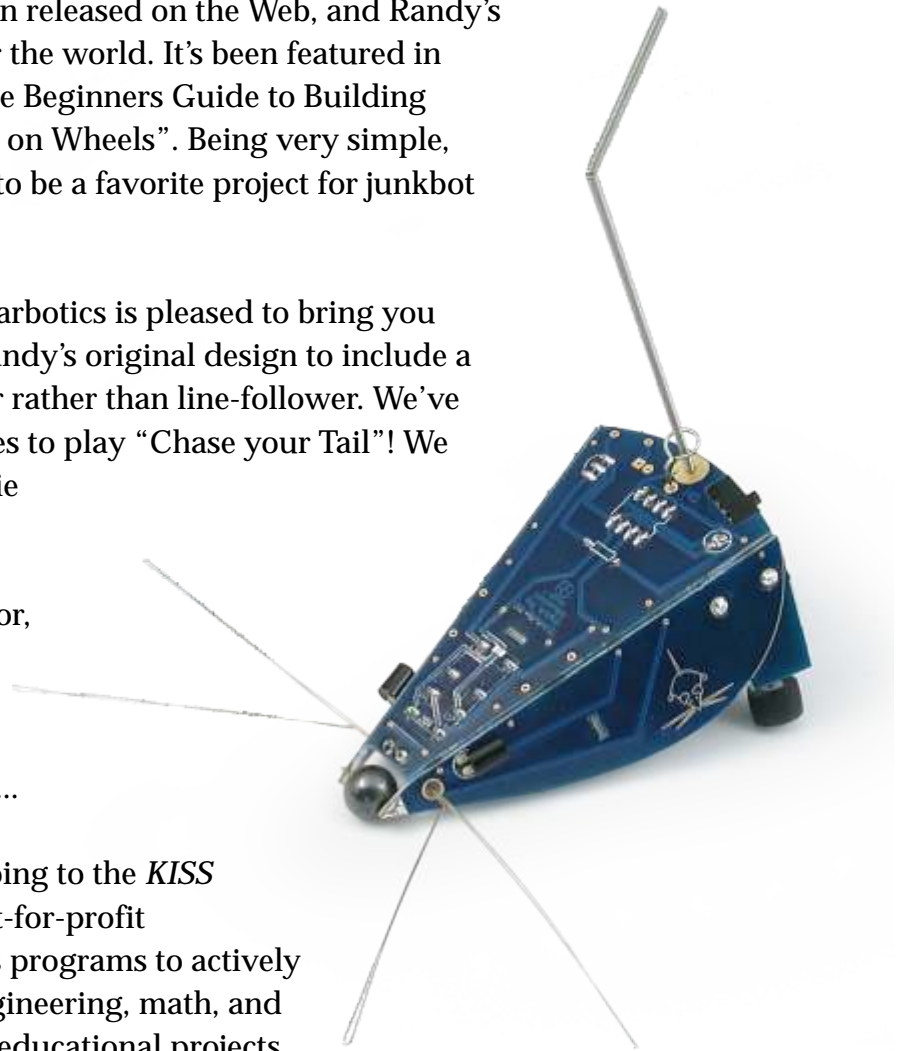
No, neither would we.

It actually ended up in last place, but it still impressed the heck out of everybody with how simple and effective it was. And by using a chip in a very bizarre way, it has very high “cool-hack” scores. The “Herbie” circuit was then released on the Web, and Randy’s super-simple robot was being built all over the world. It’s been featured in “Make” Magazine, and the books “Absolute Beginners Guide to Building Robots”, and “Junkbots, Bugbots, and Bots on Wheels”. Being very simple, quick, and affordable, “Herbie” continues to be a favorite project for junkbot builders.

Ten years after its initial public release, Solarbotics is pleased to bring you “Herbie the Mousebot”. We’ve tweaked Randy’s original design to include a “backup!” function, and be a light-follower rather than line-follower. We’ve even included the ability for several Herbies to play “Chase your Tail”! We hope you have as much fun building Herbie the Mousebot as we did designing it.

And what ever happened to Herbie inventor, Randy Sargent? He’s gone from MIT’s Media Lab to NASA, and then Carnegie Mellon University. It’s really too bad he hasn’t done something to top the “Herbie” ...

Solarbotics has a portion of Herbie sales going to the *KISS Institute for Practical Robotics*, which is a not-for-profit organization that uses educational robotics programs to actively engage students in science, technology, engineering, math, and project management. It’s also one of many educational projects Randy is involved with.





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Soldering - The Essentials:

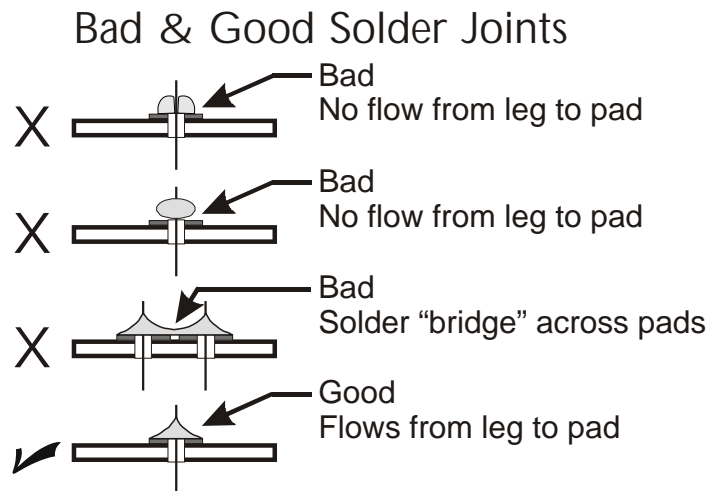
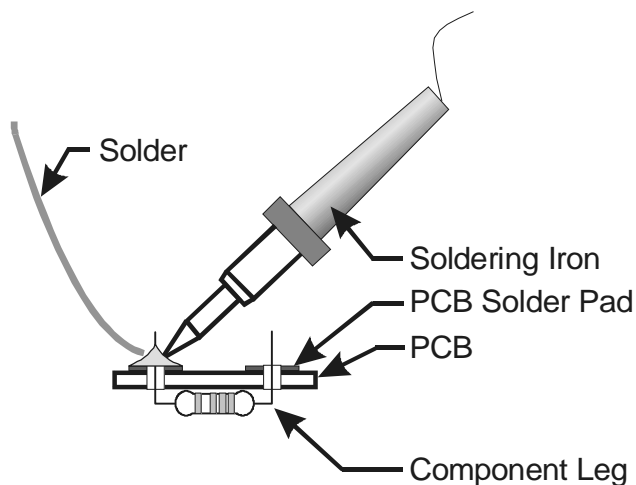
The most important skill needed to successfully construct your device is soldering. Soldering is melting a special metal (called, um..., “solder”) between two components to make an electrical connection. We can also use solder like glue, to build things out of metals.

You must make sure to use *electrical* solder, and not plumbers solder, which is used for piping and really isn't good for electronics.

Much like you, solder likes to go where it's the warmest (this is why Florida is so popular). The trick to successful soldering is to make the *parts* hot, and the melting solder will run there. If you don't heat up the parts first, the solder will find the hottest thing around - your soldering iron, and not your parts! Do *not* melt solder to the tip of your iron and try to smear it onto the parts, as it just won't work. You're a roboticist, not a painter!

Successful soldering is generally a 4 step process:

- 1) Wipe the hot tip of the soldering iron on a sponge so the tip is clean and shiny
- 2) Jam the soldering iron into the corner where the component leg comes through the soldering pad
- 3) Count to 5 (which lets the soldering iron make the pad and component leg nice and hot)
- 4) Add solder to the corner (not just the soldering iron!) until it melts and makes a nice sloping hill.



Remember: Take your time. Don't rush. It's almost impossible to “burn up” electronic parts!



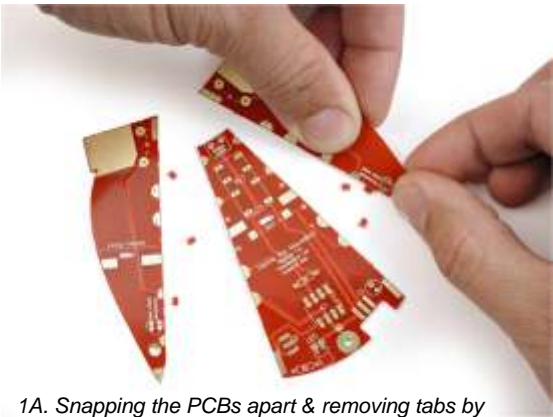
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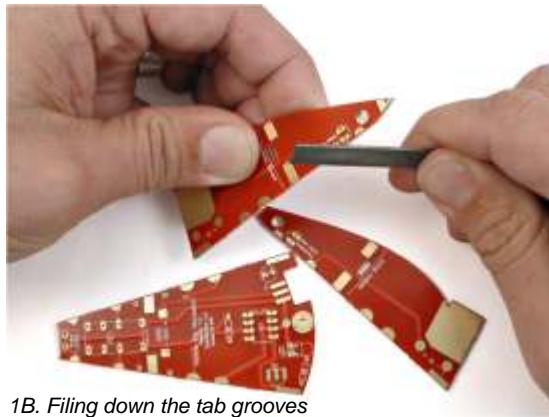
Step 1 - Preparing the Printed Circuit Board (PCB):

We start by snapping the three circuit boards apart. See those little tabs? They have to be removed too. We find that pressing down at an angle against something hard (no, not your little brother's head) will make them pop off, or just use your snips to cut them off. Make sure you're wearing your eye protection!

See the little grooves left behind by the tabs? You have to use some sandpaper or a file to smooth these down. Besides making your Herbie look better, it will actually make assembly easier.



1A. Snapping the PCBs apart & removing tabs by pressure on the table or cutting with snips



1B. Filing down the tab grooves



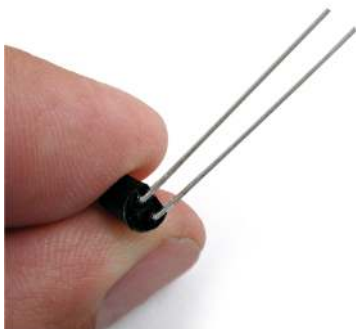
1C. Tab Grooves Bad!



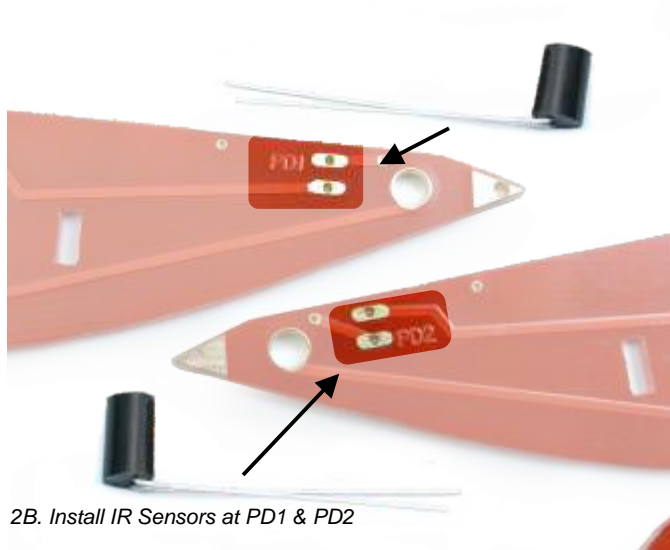
1D. Tab Grooves Gone!

Step 2 - Soldering in the Eyes:

YES, we're going to jump in with some component soldering. Now is the best time to install the two IR sensors. Start by bending the leads down 90° away from the curved side. Install them to locations PD1 and PD2 (note there is a proper side - it's labeled!). You want the flat side of the sensor to lay flat against the board.



2A. Fold the leads 90° towards the flat side



2B. Install IR Sensors at PD1 & PD2



2C. IR Sensor soldered in flat against PCB

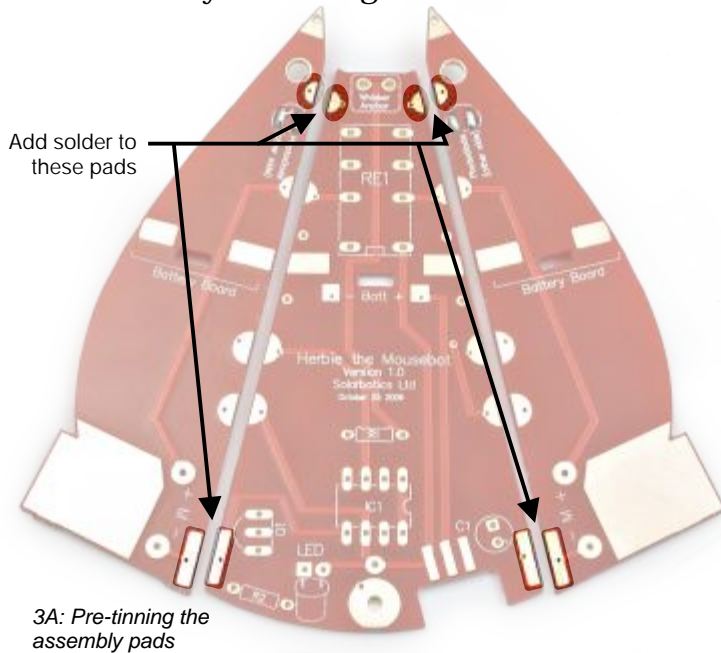


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Step 3 - Preparing the Main Solder Pads:

We're going to *pre-tin* 8 pads on the PCBs so all we have to do is align them and reheat to make them stick. Make sure you melt a generous amount of solder on these pads, like shown in figure 3B.



Step 4 - Assembling the Main board, one Side board, and Battery Board:

This part can get tricky, so we suggest bringing out your secret weapon: Masking tape! Yes, this stuff should be in every good roboticist's toolbox (right next to the Oreo cookies). Unless you have a 3rd arm growing out of your chest, use the tape to keep things aligned. Or if you can bribe somebody to help (use the Oreos...).



Now, review this whole step before starting it. And look at the pictures - they make everything clear.

You have to make sure you get the two following alignments right:

- 1) Align the long edge of the two big circuit boards so they sit edge-to-edge, with no overlapping. This is easy to do while they are taped together.
- 2) Align the little half-circles on the two big circuit boards so they match and make up one full circle.

When the boards are aligned, remelt the solder on the front pads first, then the rear pads. Add more solder if needed. We do the front pads first to make absolutely sure the nose is aligned to take the nose bead later. Double

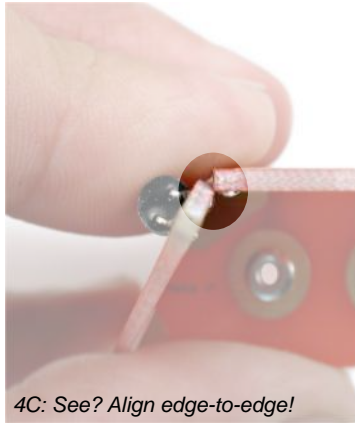
check to see that the half-circles are still aligned. If they aren't, fix it now - it's that important!

For the moment, use the battery board to just line up the all the three sides of the Herbie body. But remember to put the battery board in so the connectors face to the rear. (Continued next page)

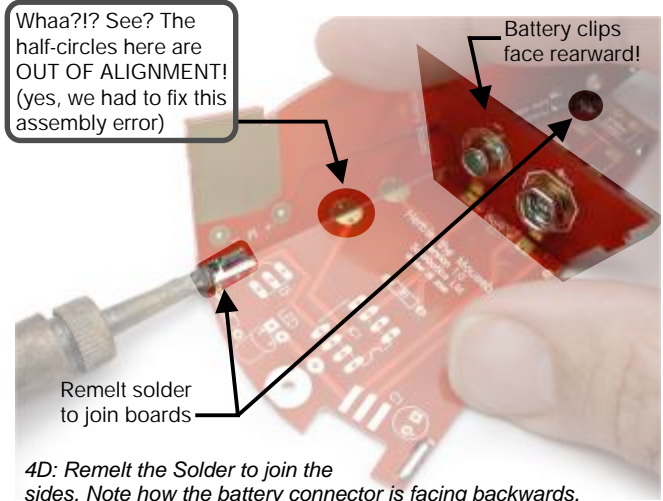
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4B: GAAAH! Misaligned!



4C: See? Align edge-to-edge!



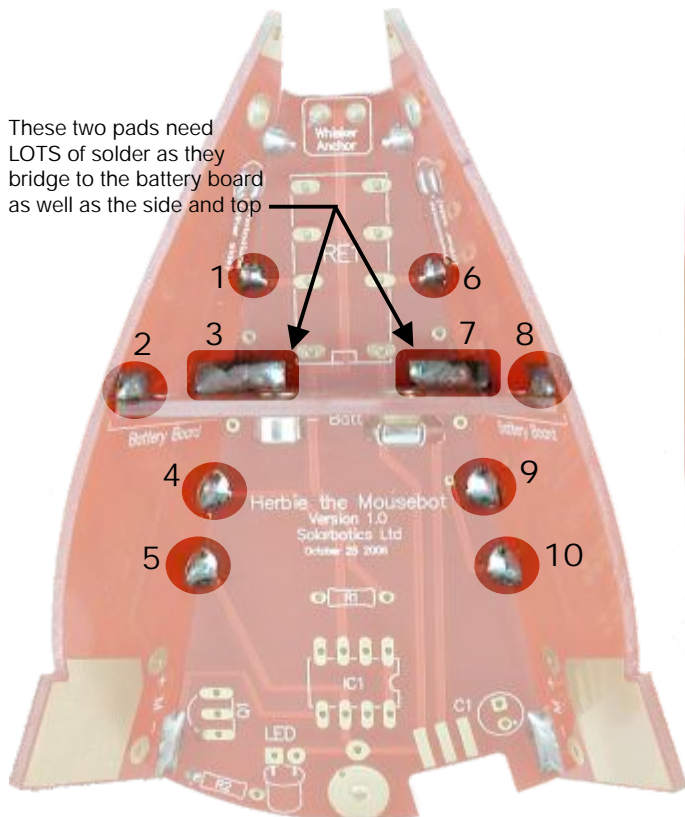
4D: Remelt the Solder to join the sides. Note how the battery connector is facing backwards.

Step 5 - Do it again for the other side!:

No pictures here - just repeat the process for the other side board. You are sure that the battery board is in correctly, right? Just to remind you (for the 3rd time...), the connectors face rearward!

Step 6 - Finish Soldering the remaining connections:

All these half-circle pads are not just for looks and support - they actually carry signals too. There are 12 more points to solder for a total of 16 solder points. You've done four so far (front and rear on two PCB). Don't be scared to use a generous amount of solder doing this.



6A: 10 of the last 12 solder points



6B: The last 2 of the 12 solder points



There! This is what your Herbie should now look like!



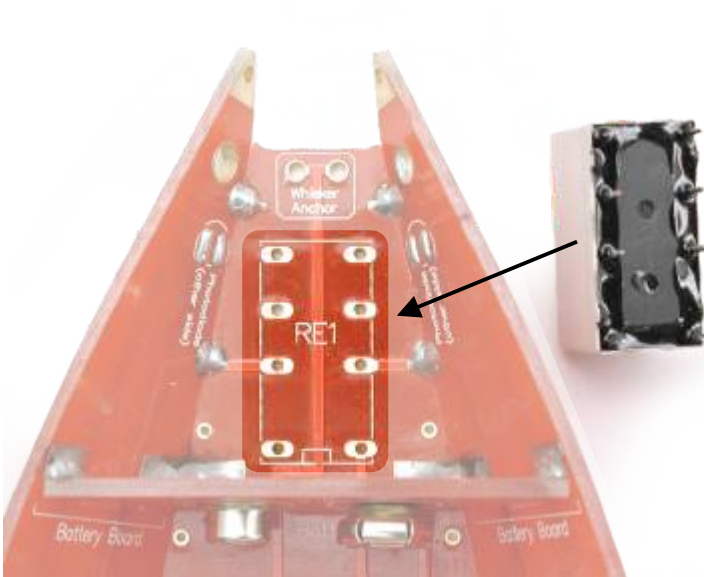
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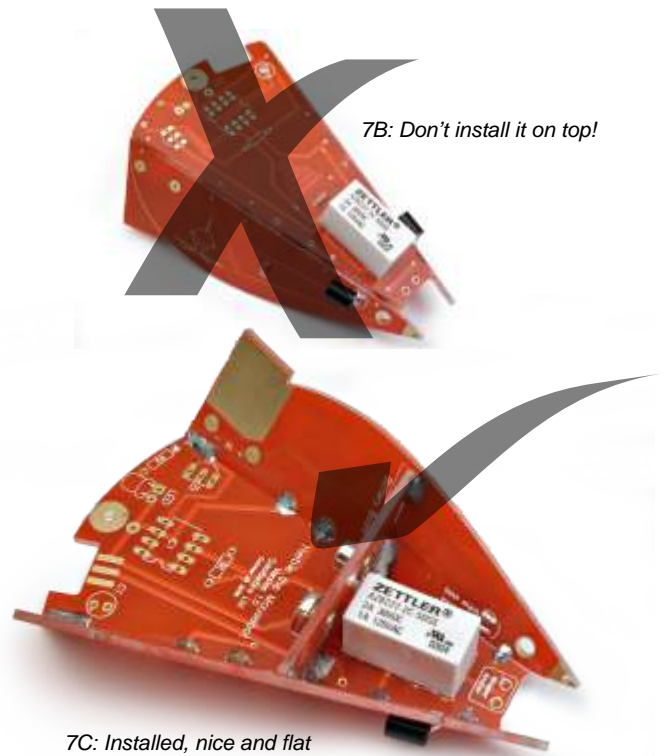
Step 7 - The Backup Relay:

This was one of our little improvements to Randy's circuit that really made a big difference. This relay swaps the motor connections so they spin in reverse for a set period of time, and gets Herbie out of most traffic snarls.

The relay *could* be mounted on top, but we don't recommend it (see the picture - it looks strange). It gets soldered into location RE1, and will only go in one way (goof-proof!). Make it nice and tight to the circuit board. If you don't, it may rub on the floor!



7A: Relay Installation

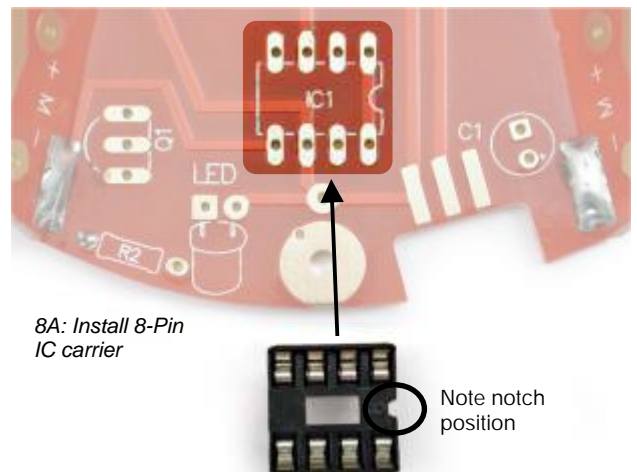


Step 8 - The 8-Pin IC Socket:

Why do we make you install the IC socket instead of just soldering the LM386 directly? It's cheap insurance. If the chip gets damages (rare) or installed backwards (not so rare), it's an easy fix.

Install it with the notch on the right side so it matches the drawing on the circuit board. It makes putting the IC in easier later.

Make sure this is done on the side where it is labeled IC1! Unlike the relay, this part won't still work if you install it on the top of Herbie's head!





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Step 9 - Installing the 4.7k Resistor (Yellow / Purple / Red):

The 4.7k resistor is part of the “Backup!” behavior circuit. It doesn’t care which way it’s installed. It’s marked with the stripes Yellow / Purple / Red.

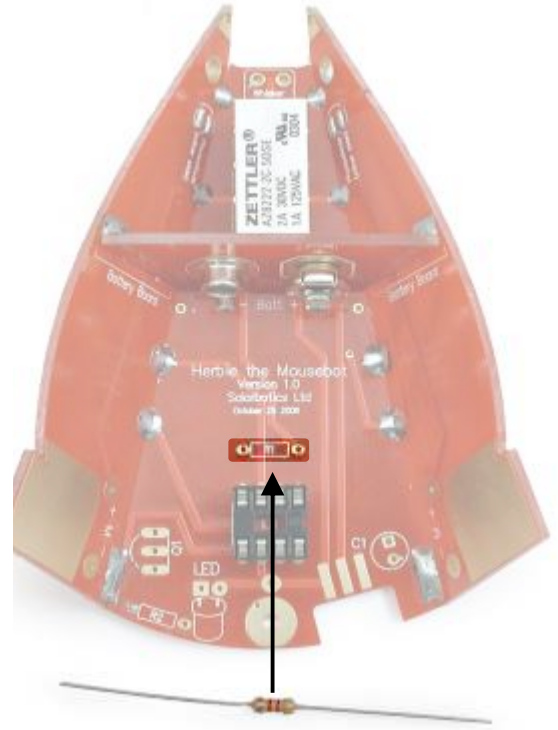
Bend the leads 90° down close to the resistor body, so it goes into the holes easily.

TIP: SAVE THE CLIPPINGS!
(trust us - you’ll need them)

Don’t mix this one up with the R2 resistor!



9A: Bend the 4.7k resistor (marked yel / pur / red) leads 90° down



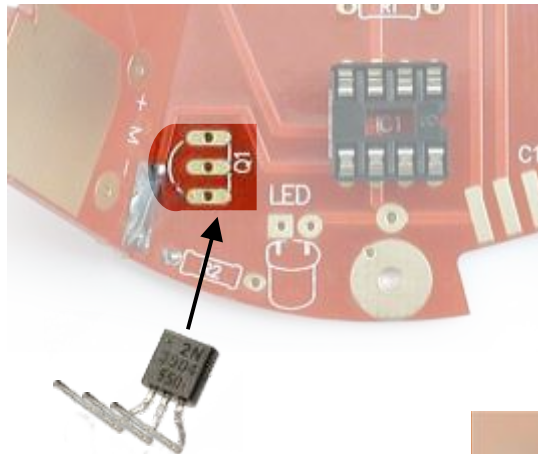
9B: Install the resistor into position “R1”

Step 10 - Transistor Installation:

The transistor works with the resistor as part of the “Backup!” behavior. First take the transistor and bend the flat face down forward 90°. We need to do this so it will sit flat-face down to the circuit board. It needs to be soldered in face-down in position Q1 so it sits very flat, to leave space for the battery .



10A: Fold the transistor, flat-face forward 90°



10B: Install in position Q1



10C: Transistor installed

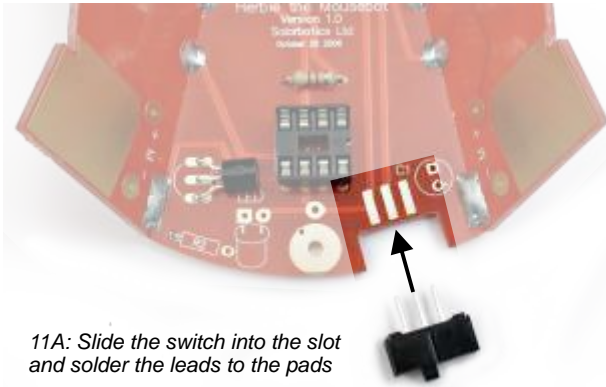


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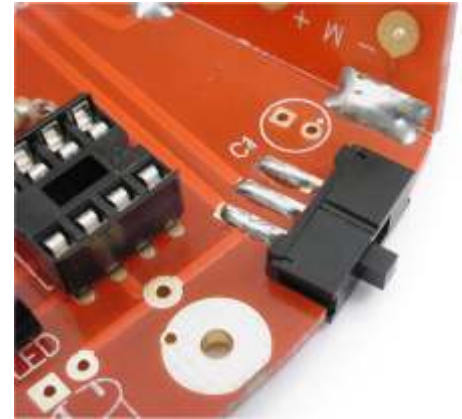


Step 11 - Installing the Power Switch:

Gotta be able to turn your Herbie off and on, right? Well, slide the switch into this slot as far as it will go, and solder the pins down to the pads.



11A: Slide the switch into the slot and solder the leads to the pads



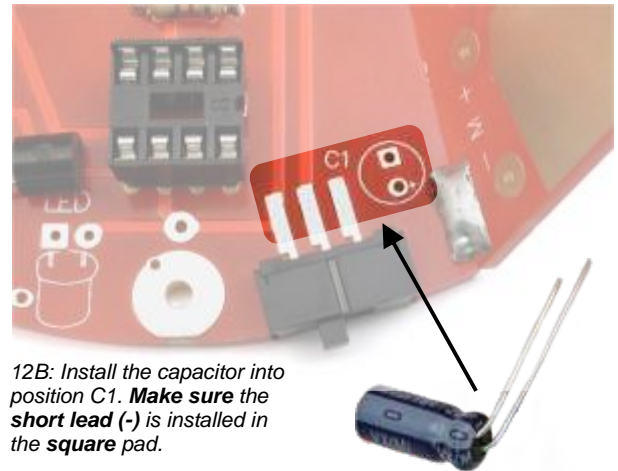
11B: Switch soldered in place

Step 12 - Installing the 0.22µF Capacitor:

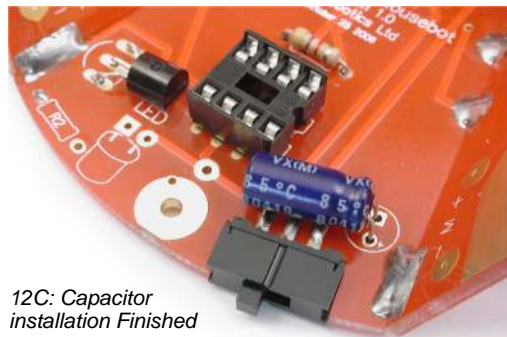
This capacitor is part of the “Backup!” behavior circuit, and with the resistor, sets how long your Herbie will stay in “Backup” mode. This part is “polarity-sensitive”, which means you have to get it in the right way, because it won’t work if it’s in backwards. See the side with the stripe? The lead closest to this stripe is the negative lead, and is installed in the square pad at position C1.



12A: With the stripe face up, bend the leads as shown above



12B: Install the capacitor into position C1. **Make sure** the **short lead (-)** is installed in the **square** pad.



12C: Capacitor installation Finished

Note: Save the clippings from the capacitor (you’ll find out why...)

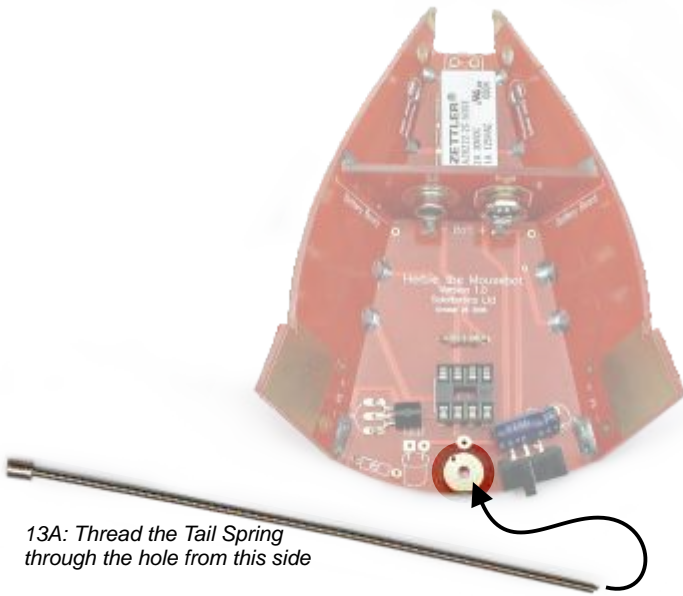


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Step 13 - Installing the Tail Spring:

While we are working on the “rear end” of the Herbie, let’s add the tail. Your tail has a solderable sleeve crimped on the end. Thread it through from the component side of the PCB, and let it hang down. The best way to do this is put the Herbie on its back and lay it over the edge of the table, so the tail spring dangles downward. Solder the sleeve to the pad, and you’re done! Don’t skimp on the solder. Make sure you’ve got a good, strong connection.



13A: Thread the Tail Spring through the hole from this side



13B: Let the tail dangle underneath while soldering



13C: Use a good amount of solder to mount the tail

Step 14 - Forming the Tail Sensor Ring:

It’s one thing to have a tail spring, and another to actually turn it into a sensor. We’re doing this by putting a ring around the tail, so if the tail is bent in any direction, it will touch the ring and make Herbie kick into “Backup!” mode. We do this with a 3-legged iguanodon, *whups*, I mean paperclip.



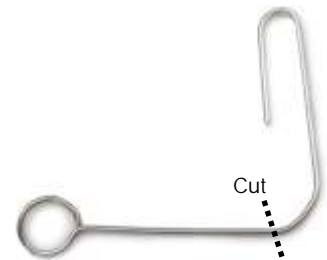
14A: Your run-of-the-mill standard paperclip



14B: Pry it apart



14C: Turn one end into a loop and snip the extra wire off



14D: Bend the loop so the wire leg shoots directly out of it, and cut off the rest.

Note: Save rest of the paperclip! (you’ll find out why...) (bet you hate it when we say that)



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Step 15 - Mounting the Tail Spring Ring:

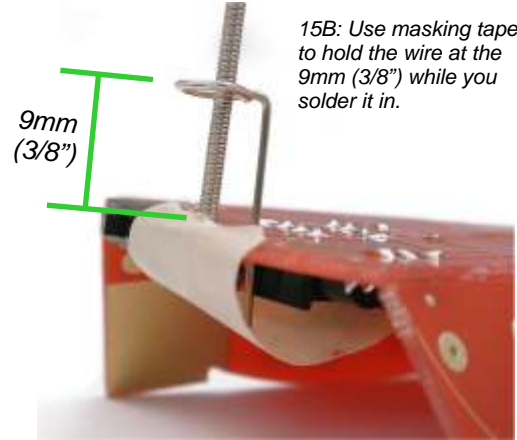
Lay your new ring over the tail spring so the spring is in the middle. You're doing this so you can see where to bend the wire 90° downward so that it goes into the pad just beside the tail spring.

After you make the bend, insert the wire into the hole so the ring stands about 9mm (3/8") above the PCB, solder it in, and clip it off so there's 6mm (1/4") left underneath (for adjusting).

If you're out of Oreos to bribe your helper, use some masking tape to hold it at the right height while you solder it in.



15A: Lay ring over spring, and note where you have to fold the wire down to meet the solder pad



15B: Use masking tape to hold the wire at the 9mm (3/8") while you solder it in.

Step 16 - Preparing the Motors:

Slide the black rubber tires onto the white plastic hubs on your motors. Don't push them up too far - rubbing is bad! Find your square of double-sided sticky tape ("DSST") and half and quarter it.

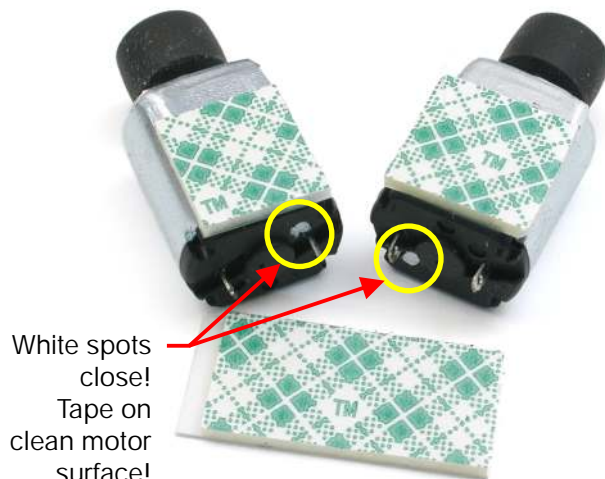
STOP! WAIT! Don't do ANYTHING until you read this first: Wipe the motors off with alcohol or window cleaner - it makes the DSST stick *much* better.

Put the motors down in front of you so the white spots are nearest to each other. Put the DSST on the flat part, up near the rear of the motor. Get this part wrong, and your Herbie will love spinning in circles!

Peel the backing off one side of the DSST and push it onto one motor *hard*. Before you do it on the other motor, make sure that *with the white dots side-by-side* the DSST is on the upper surface of both motors. Then take your clippings, and solder them straight-up on each of the motor posts



16A: Slide the rubber tire onto the motor's white hub



16B: DSST stuck on the motors



16C: Solder on wire clippings

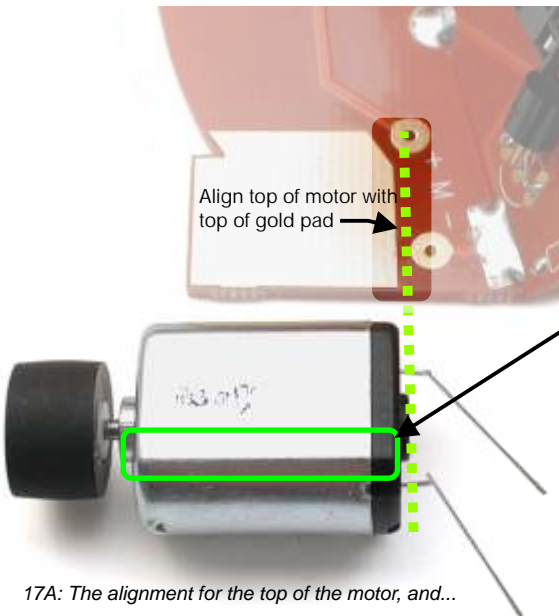


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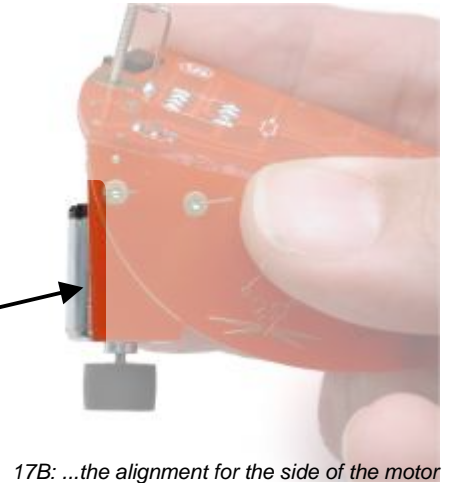
Step 17 - Mounting the Motors to the Herbie Body:

Motor alignment is quite important, so pay attention! We want to align the black top of the motor with the top edge of the silver mounting pad on the inside of the Herbie body. We *also* want to align the line on the edge of the motor's flat side with the back edge of the Herbie body. Make sure to insert the motor leads into the holes before pressing down on the pad!



17A: The alignment for the top of the motor, and...

Motor Edge to match edge of Herbie PCB



17B: ...the alignment for the side of the motor

Important Note! Really!

Remember the fuss we made over the white dot and the DSST? Here's where it comes into play:
You must put the motor in so the white dot is closest to the battery board.

Make sure it looks like picture 17C, ok?



17C: Motor installed so the white dot is on the inside!



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Step 18 - Wiring up the Motors:

Now it's time to solder the motor leads to the pads on Herbie's body. Besides being electrical connections, they also help stiffen up the motor mount. Make sure the white spots on the motors are closest to the Herbie's nose before soldering!



17D: Rear view of installed motors

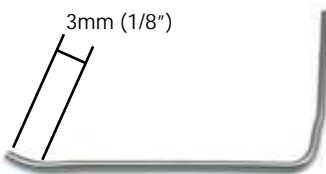


17E: Side view of Herbie with motors. Looks good, right?

Step 19 - Installing the Nose Bead:

We're using a very hard *hematite* bead for the nosewheel. Remember when we told you to save the rest of the paperclip? This is where it comes back into the construction process.

Take a straight part of the paperclip and bend the 3mm (1/8") tip up just a wee bit. Thread the paperclip through one side, through the bead, and into the other side of the nose, and solder it in. Trim the other end and solder it to the pad. Give the bead a spin - ah, you're getting close to finished!



19A: Leftover paperclip to be used for nosebead axle. Bend tip up just a bit!



19B: Thread the paperclip through one side, and through the bead



19C: Put the bent part into the other side, solder it in, and snip & solder the other side!

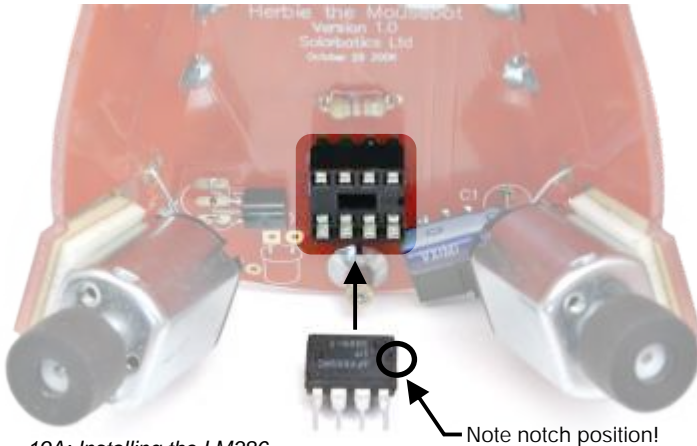


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Step 19 - Installing the LM386:

No slow 286 chip for us, and a 486 or Pentium would be overkill (just a little joke there for anybody over 30...). Time to install the chip! Just make sure the notch is on the right side when you push it into the IC carrier, and all will be fine.



19A: Installing the LM386



19B: Herbie brains installed

Step 20 - Installing the BATTERY!:

Yes, we're going to take a BOLD step and install the battery. Now. Why? Well, it's easier for us to make sure everything is working well before we go on and add the nose whiskers. Slide the battery pack in between the motors and snap it into the contact snaps on the battery board.

If you have to wedge the battery between the motors to make it fit, that's ok - it will help keep the battery securely in place.



20A: 9V battery wedge between motors

Step 21 - Checking Herbie Operation!:

Pretty simple. Turn on and HOLD onto your Herbie and shine a flashlight or IR remote into one of the eyes. One motor should speed up, and the other slow down. Do it for the other eye. Similar results? Good! No? Uh oh... time to make sure you've got all your connections soldered, and the chip is in right.

Put it down on the floor. Does it promptly run towards the brightest thing in the room (and we don't mean you with your radiant personality)? Good. Does it spin around in very tight circles? Oh. Bet you installed one motor in backwards. Remember, white dots go forward!

Does it do lazy loops? You may have one motor receiving power, or one tire rubbing on the motor, or the motor alignment isn't quite right. Poor alignment will make it hard for Herbie to steer towards light!

Is it continually going in reverse? Make sure the tail-spring ring isn't touching the spring tail. If this doesn't fix it, you may have both motors in backwards. When you hit the tail sensor, you should hear an audible "click", and the motors will spin in reverse for about 3 seconds.

So everything checks out fine? It seeks light, and reverses when the tail is touched? Cool. Time to add the whisker sensors and finish your Solarbotics Herbie the Mousebot!

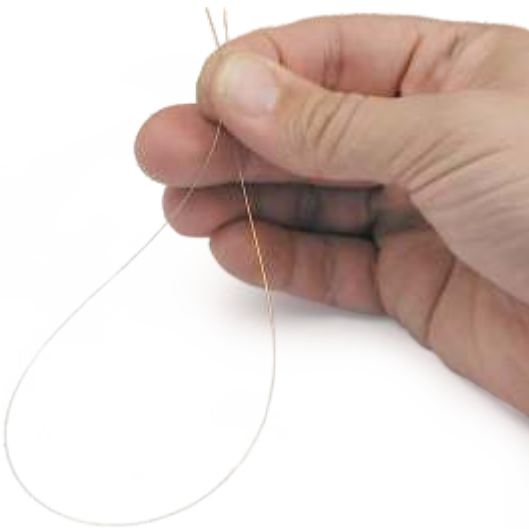


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Step 22 - Making Whiskers!:

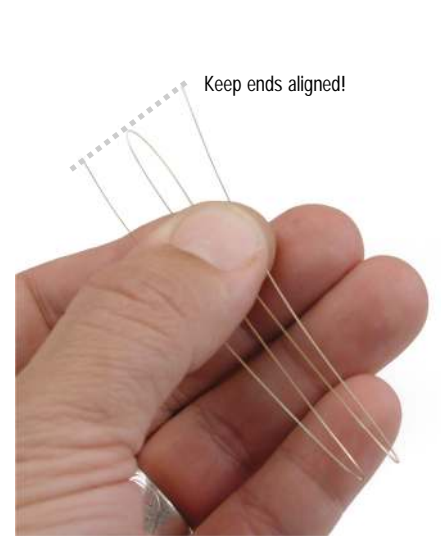
We're going to make two sets of whiskers for your Herbie the Mousebot. Take your time, and you'll have whiskers any cyber-rodent would be proud to own. Make the bends smooth - you can tweak them later.



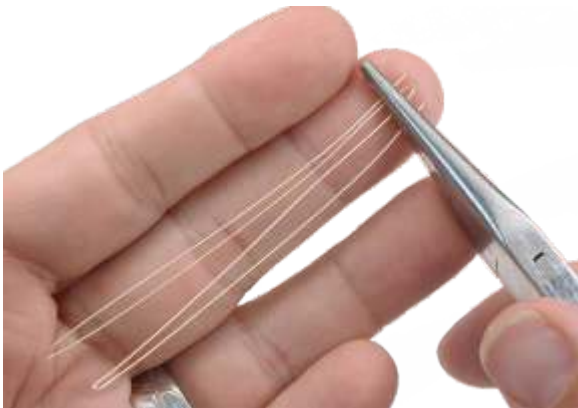
22A: Bend the sensor wire in half



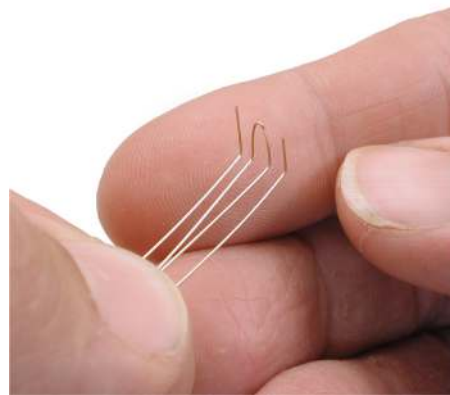
22B: Bend each end down toward the 1st bend



22C: You should end up with a nice 'W' shape



22D: Grab the middle bend & ends 3mm (3/16") down from the end...

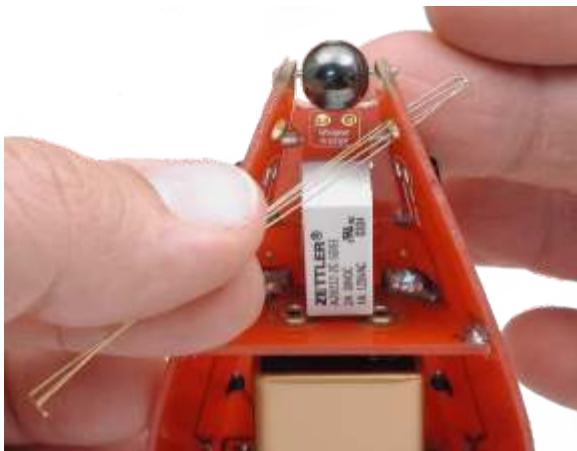


22E: ...and bend them up 90° up

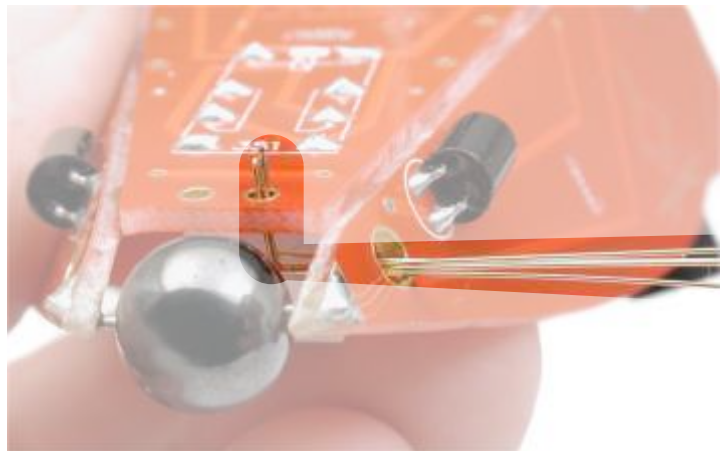
Now that you've done it once, do it once more so you have two sets!

Step 23 - Installing the Whiskers!:

Now that you have two sets of whiskers, let's get them installed!



23A: Slide the whiskers through the sensor hole



23B: Poke the group of bends up through the mounting hole. Keep the two long whiskers untangled as it will be easier to bend them later.



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23C: Slide the spacer tube over the sensors into the sensor hole.

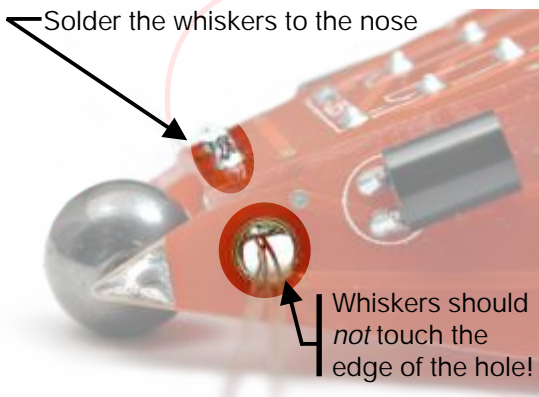
Look in your kit for a short piece of heat shrink tubing. We're going to use it as a spacer while soldering the whiskers. Slide the tubing over the end of the sensors, and into the sensor hole. This keeps the whiskers from touching the sensor hole, which is only supposed to happen when they hit something and make it "Backup!"



23D: Bottom view of spacer tube



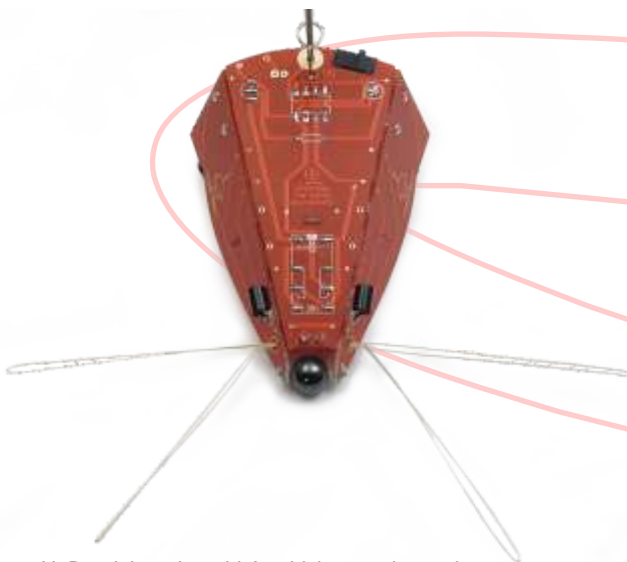
23E: Arrange the sensor so they stick straight out the side of Herbie



23F: Solder the ends of the whiskers to the nose and remove the spacer tube. The whiskers shouldn't be touching any edge of the hole!



23G: Nab the forward set of whiskers with your pliers, and give them a twist forward



23H: Bend the other side's whiskers so it matches the first set. Pretty snazzy Herbie the Mousebot, hmmm?



23I: TEST the sensors. Just like you did with the tail sensor, turn it on, and bend the sensors to make sure they activate.



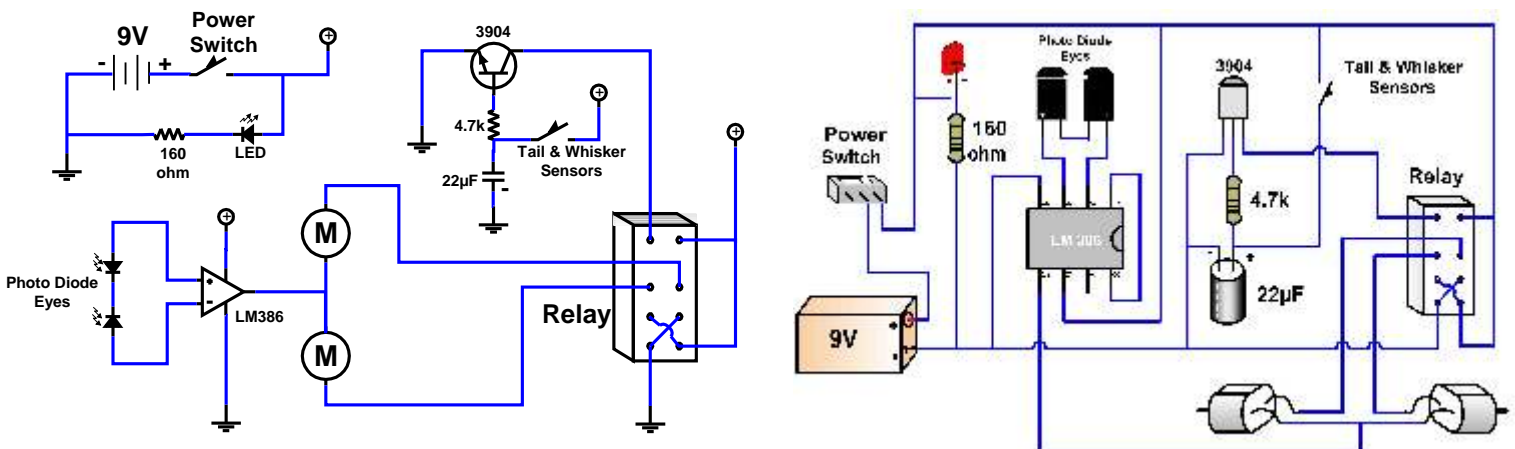
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Troubleshooting!

The Solarbotics Herbie the Mousebot is a pretty straightforward device, so let's step through the list and hopefully we'll find your problem. If not, give us a call, and we'll be happy to work with you to fix it.

1. "Nothing is happening!" - Even *without* the chip, Herbie should do something, so there must be a problem with power. Make sure you have the soldered the power tabs on the battery board to the main board. They're located directly underneath the battery snaps (see step 6, photo 6B!). Oh, and did you remember to turn it on? It should turn on with the switch moved towards the tail.
2. "Herbie is spinning really fast!" - This usually means one of the motors is installed backwards. Pick Herbie up, and feel each motor spin. *Unless if it's in "Backup!" mode*, the wheels should be trying to push Herbie forward. When you've found which motor is in backwards, the easiest fix is to just cross-wire the motor connections to the PCB. It's much easier than prying the motor out and turning it around.
3. "Herbie is spinning in wide circles!" - This happens when either one of the motors isn't working very well, so check to see that the rubber didn't creep up to rub against the motor. Or the motor shaft may be gunked up with loose hair causing it to slow down. Or one of the motors is way out of alignment. As long as both motors are mounted in pretty much the same way, Herbie will be perfectly happy. If one is wacky, it'll do donuts!
4. "Why is Herbie always running in reverse?" - One of two reasons: 1) Both motors were installed backwards (see problem 2 to fix), or 2) The "Backup!" circuit is stuck on. Listen closely when you turn Herbie on - do you hear a "click"? If so, that's the relay turning on, which means either your tail spring sensor or your whiskers are making contact with the touch rings. Check each and make sure that the whiskers/tail *do not* touch the rings that surround them. If this isn't the case, make sure you didn't accidentally make a solder bridge from the tail spring to the tail ring (see step 13, picture 13A!).
5. "Herbie isn't responding to anything - it just runs straight!" - Betcha the LM386 chip is in backwards, or missing!
6. "My dog chewed on Herbie, and now it's acting strange..." - Well, wouldn't you? What you're seeing is dog drool affecting the circuitry. Wipe off the top of Herbie with a paper towel and some glass cleaner or alcohol, and let it dry. Herbie will recover just fine!
7. "My cat is rubbing her eye..." - As cute as Herbie is, it *isn't* a pet toy. Don't let Herbie poke your pets!





Herbie Enhancement: The Herbie the Mousebot Tail-Light!:

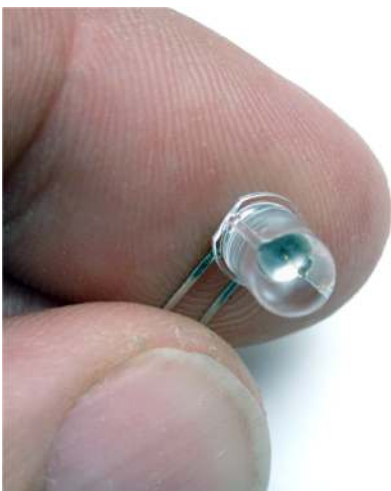
We thought that it would be fun to add “play with me” functionality to the Solarbotics Herbie the Mousebot. What we did is add a location for an *Infrared Light Emitting Diode*, which is like a regular LED, but shines IR light, which Herbie’s eyes are tuned for. By shining this light from Herbie’s rear, it shows other Herbies where it is (“Come and get me! Nyah, nyah...”). Don’t install the IR LED unless if you plan on having another Herbie play with it, as it does draw some power, and will shorten your battery life.

If we put the IR LED on the nose, all you would have are Herbies bashing their heads together. So unless if you want to play “Herbie Tackle Football” put the LED in so it points slightly downward from the Herbie’s rear. By shining the light downward, it makes a large IR light “pool” that is very easy for other Herbies to see.

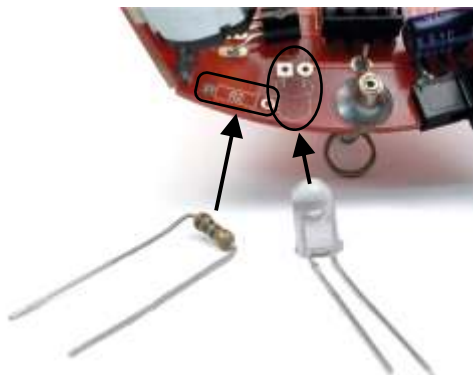
Installing the tail-light is pretty easy. Install the 150 ohm resistor (marked Brown / Green / Brown) in location “R2”, then bend the IR LED over 90° as shown below, and install it in location “LED”. That’s it!

Now turn off most of the lights in your room, turn on your new “Tail-Light Herbie” and another regular Herbie, and see if “Standard” Herbie sees the light shining out from TL Herbie. The IR LED should have the same effect as the flashlight did when you first tested your Herbie - shining it in one eye should make one motor spin much faster than the other.

And when you’re done playing with your herd of Herbies, shine a bright light down to the floor, and wait for them to come to you!



Bend the leads of the LED over 90°. Note where the flat side of the LED is, as it won't work installed backwards!



Install the Resistor (Brn / Grn / Brn) and LED at their spots on the PCB



Completed IR Enhancement installation. Again, note where the flat side of the IR LED is!

Like the Mousebot? Want more?

There are several more kits from Solarbotics for any skill level!

Based on our HexPummer, this kit charges all day from the SCC3733 solar cell. In the dark it "pumms" the two ultra-mega-super-bright LEDs and casts artistic silhouettes against the walls of the lantern.

K HP-L HexPummer Lantern \$33.50USD/CAD

The SolarSpeeder 2 Kit is a very quick Solaroller that can cover 3 meters (10 feet) in under 40 seconds in direct sunlight. Simple to construct and a blast to watch, this is a great kit for all beginners!

K SS Solarspeeder \$27.50USD/CAD

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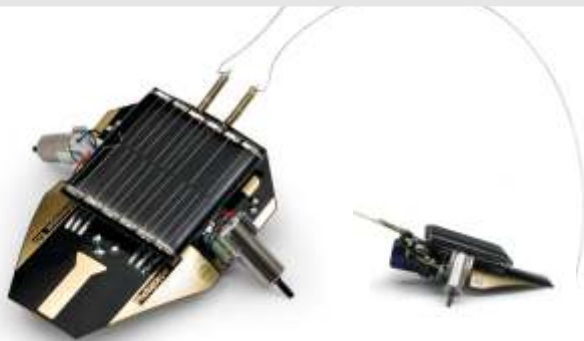


Like the Mousebot, the *K PP Photopopper* seeks light and avoids obstacles but is solar powered! It's pretty quick, covering a meter per minute (that's 3.3 feet!). Newly upgraded with better electronics and gold circuit board!

K PP Photopopper \$45USD/CAD

Wishing you had a bit more of a vicious light-seeker? Well, try our Turbo! Dubbed the Velociraptor of the Robot Jurassic Park, the *K TB Turbot* moves by flipping end over end on it's long legs. It's capable, but smart enough to let go when it's taking on too big of a challenge!

K TB Turbot \$59.95USD/CAD



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