

Anglerfish DIY Kit User Manual

How it works:

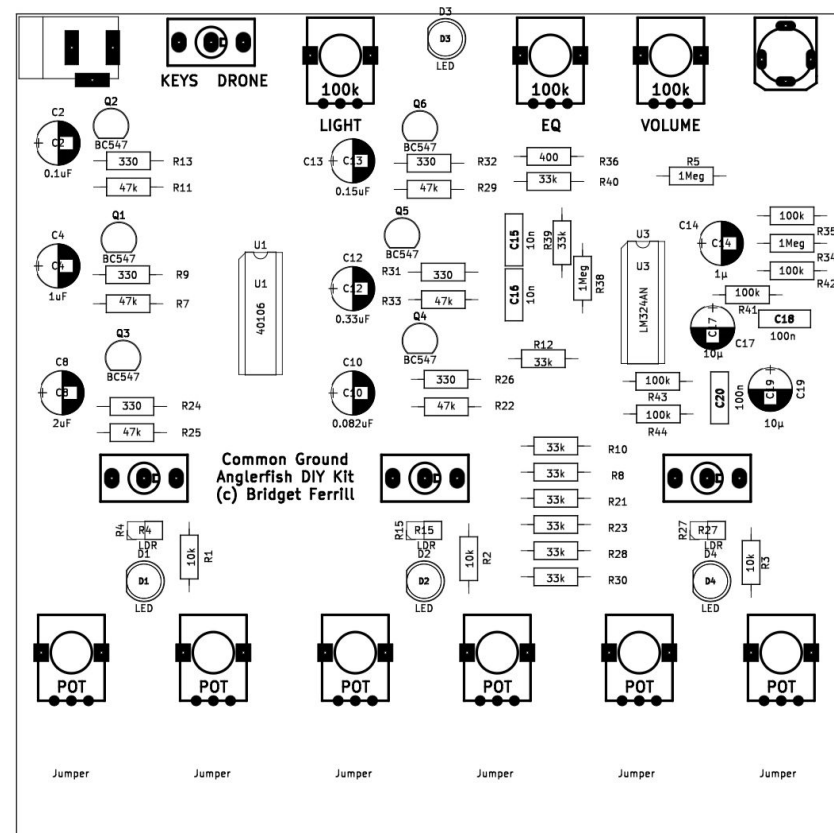
- 6x touch plates serve as VCA/keys for 6x square wave oscillators
- Pitch of each oscillator is determined by corresponding potentiometers
- 3x switches open up light-sensitive connections between adjacent pots. This means both oscillators' pitches will bend according to the amount of light the photocells receive (leds indicate strength of current flowing between the pots)
- Tone pot controls a shelf EQ, with cutoff frequency at 482 HZ
- The dangling LED is there for you to use to play the light-sensitive circuit. Adjust the brightness of the LED with the pot next to it.
- DRONE/KEYS switch chooses between either all 6 voices playing constantly or voices playing only when activated with keys
- Use 9V center positive PSU

Hack Points:

- To change the pitch range of each voice, trade out C2, C4, C8, C10, C12, and C13 for other value capacitors. Smaller values = higher frequency range
- To change the sensitivity of the light-sensitive connection, switch out R1-3
- To change the cut-off frequency of the EQ, change C15-16 and R39-40: $F = 1/2\pi RC$
- Add a front panel using the template available at www.commonground.community. You'll have to insulate the legs of the LDRs!

TIPS:

- Dampen your fingers if you're not getting a clear response from the keys
- Use a flashlight or other strong light source for more extreme modulation



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Parts List

Resistors:

6x 330 Ω (Orange Orange Black Black Brown)
1x 390 Ω (Orange White Black Black Brown)
3x 10k Ω (Brown Red Black Black Brown)
9x 33k Ω (Orange Orange Black Red Brown)
6x 47k Ω (Yellow Purple Black Red Brown)
5x 100k Ω (Brown Black Black Orange Brown)
3x 1M Ω (Brown Black Black Yellow Brown)
3x Light Dependent Resistors (“LDR”)
9x B100k Ω Potentiometers

Capacitors:

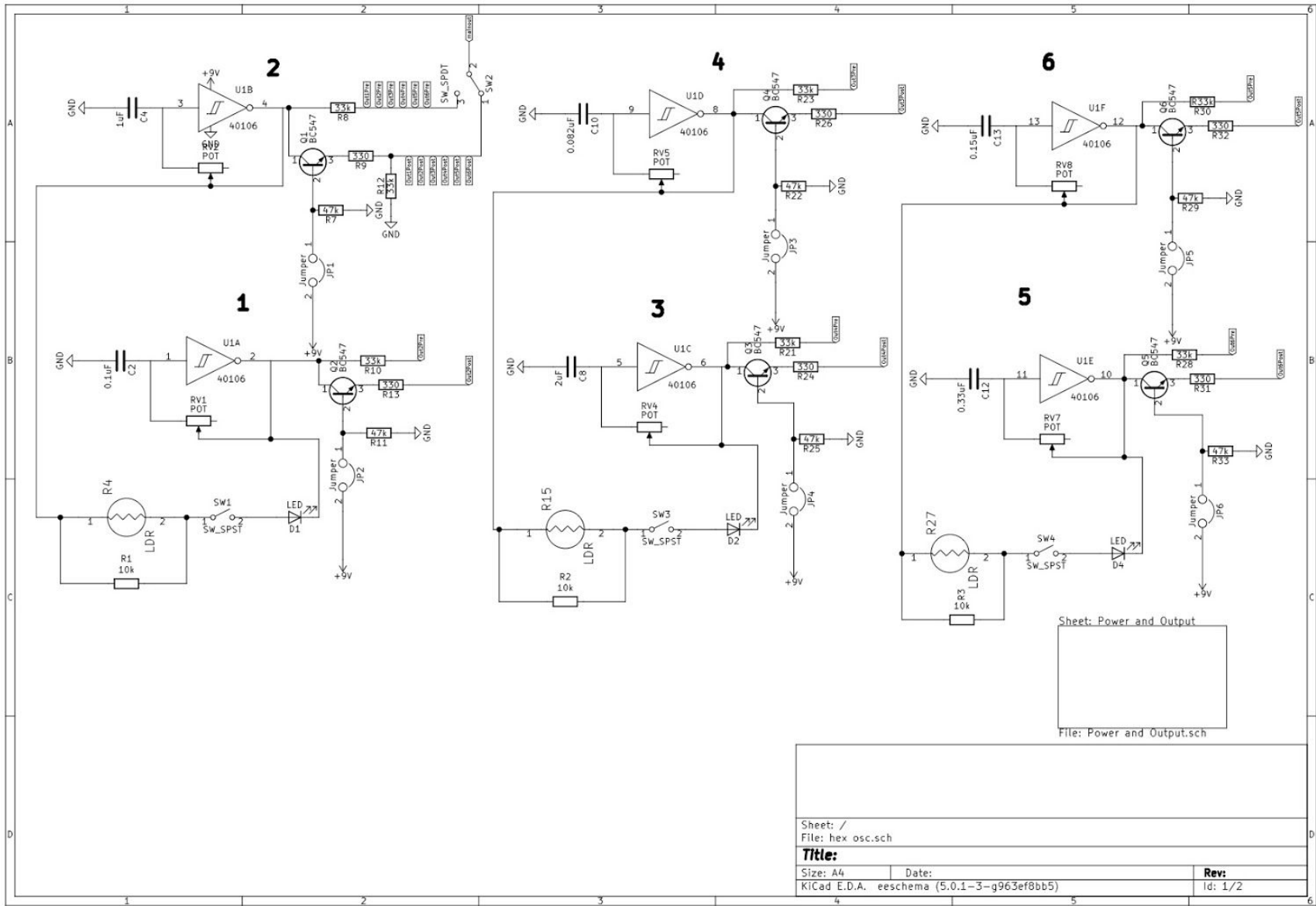
2x 0.01uF (103)
1x 0.082uF (823)
3x 0.1uF (104)
1x 0.15uF (154)
1x 0.33uF (334)
2x 1uF
1x 2.2uF
2x 10uF

3x UV LEDs

1x White LED
6x BC547 Transistors
1x LM324AN Chip
1x CD40106BE Chip
2x IC Sockets
2x Wires
4x SPDT Switches
1x Power Jack
1x Audio Jack
4x Rubber Feet
1x PCB

Build Instructions

1. Place and solder all resistors, including the Light Dependent Resistors. Check the values with a multimeter, or by reading the color code, as described in the Parts List. Once soldered, trim all the metal legs off.
2. Place and solder all ceramic capacitors. Keep an eye out for the capacitors circling the 40106 chip — some are ceramic, even though all the footprints indicate electrolytic capacitors. Check the capacitor values in the Parts List. Once soldered, trim all the metal legs off.
3. Place and solder the empty IC sockets.
4. Place and solder the electrolytic capacitors. Be sure to put them in the right way — the long leg is positive! Once soldered, trim all the metal legs off.
5. Place and solder the 3 UV LEDs down by the touchpads. (There are 4 LEDs in your kit — look at them from above, you’ll be able to tell that 3 are the same and 1 is different. Save the different one for later). Again, be careful about polarity. The long leg is positive. Once soldered, trim all the metal legs off.
6. Now place and solder the 6 transistors. Make sure to get the orientation right — the flat side on the PCB goes with the flat side of the transistor. Once soldered, trim all the metal legs off.
7. Place and solder the power and audio jacks.
8. Place and solder the switches.
9. Place and solder all the potentiometers.
10. Finally, twist the 2 wires together. Solder them into the LED spot D3. Then, solder the white LED onto the other end of the wires. Check polarity! Solder the wires high enough up on the legs of the LED that you can trim the legs off and remove any chance of them touching and shorting out the LED.
11. Put the chips into their sockets.
12. Stick the 4 rubber feet on the back of the PCB, in the corners.



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