

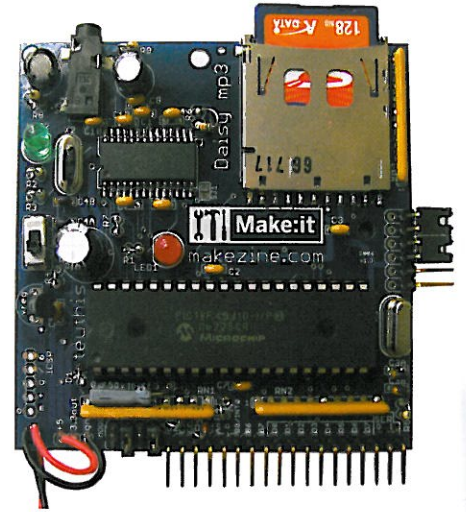
# Try DIY

## Home gadgetry made easy

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### iPASSE mp3 player [\$72]

Pshhh. You mean you're still carrying an iPod? I guess you don't mind paying \$200 for proprietary DRM encryption, Quicktime bundling, and pathetically slow load times. Or perhaps you just haven't seen how easy it is to build your own mp3 player with the "Sakura" kit from [teuthis.com](http://teuthis.com). Caveat emptor: if you've never heard of an oscilloscope, you might have some trouble piecing this thing together. But if you're even moderately electro-engineering savvy, there are step-by-step instructions to guide you through the entire building process. [teuthis.com](http://teuthis.com)



### JAM 'EM! Wave Bubble [Uh, we have no idea. We swear.]

We'd like to preface this by saying that using a cell phone jammer violates countless communication laws, and could cost you over \$10,000 in fines should you be caught using it. Now, with that out of the way, how awesome would it be to "give the raspberry" to every cell phone in a 10-foot radius when you're trying to get some work done at the coffee shop? And since the Wave Bubble is made to fit surreptitiously into an empty cigarette box, you should be able to avoid any pesky FCC involvement. [ladyada.net](http://ladyada.net)



### SPOKED Colorful Bike Spokes [\$37.50]

Amaze your neighbors! Gain instant respect during the MS 150! Easily identify your bike in a lineup! Simply add these LED lights to your spokes in the proper pattern, say in the shape of Pac-Man, or perhaps David Hasselhoff, and let your iconic visual memory do the rest! Guaranteed to get you noticed while biking at night! Exclamation points! Woo! [ladyada.net](http://ladyada.net)

### MORE POWER MintyBoost Battery Charger [\$19.50]

If you're anything like us, the principle bane of your existence is the lack of sustained battery life in electronic equipment. (Jerry Lewis films are a very close second.) And while the MintyBoost won't keep your Treo up indefinitely, it will add roughly 50 percent of battery life for those emergency calls during extended sales trips. What's more, it's extremely easy to build, and makes an excellent intro to DIY gadgetry as a whole. [adafruit.com](http://adafruit.com)

