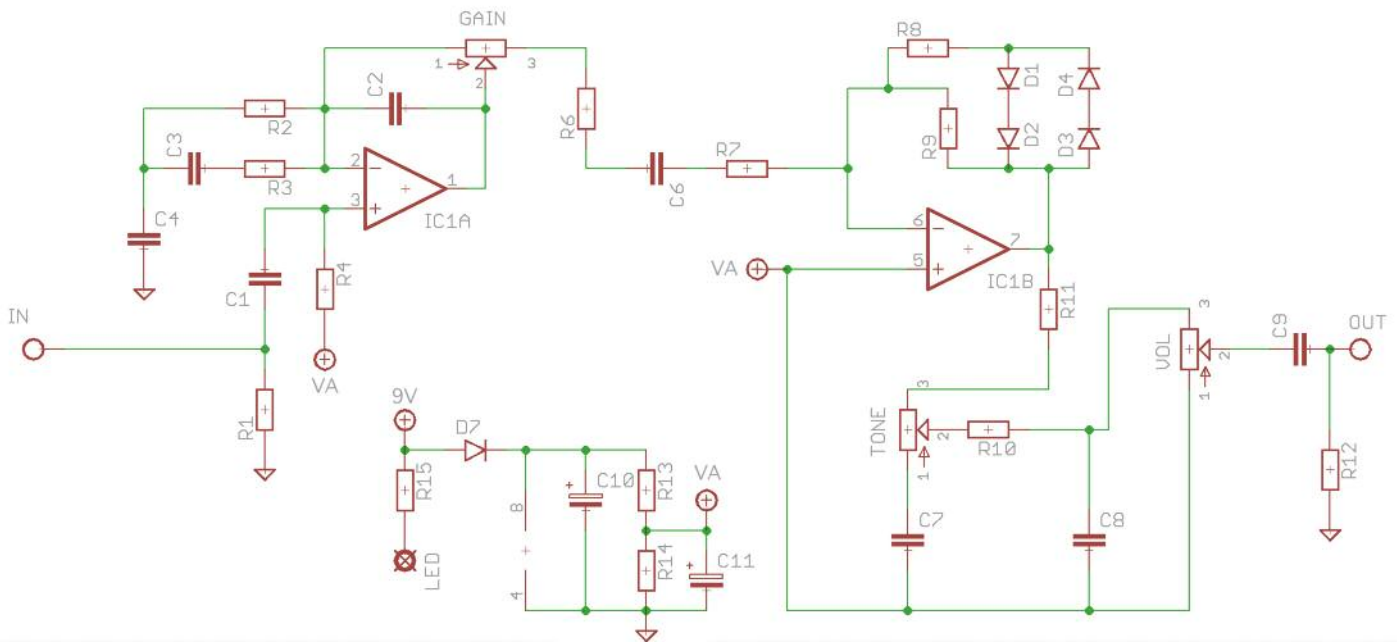


BALL BREAKER

Mk I Blues Breaker clone
with some boutique-ability

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Schematic - Normal circuit



BOM

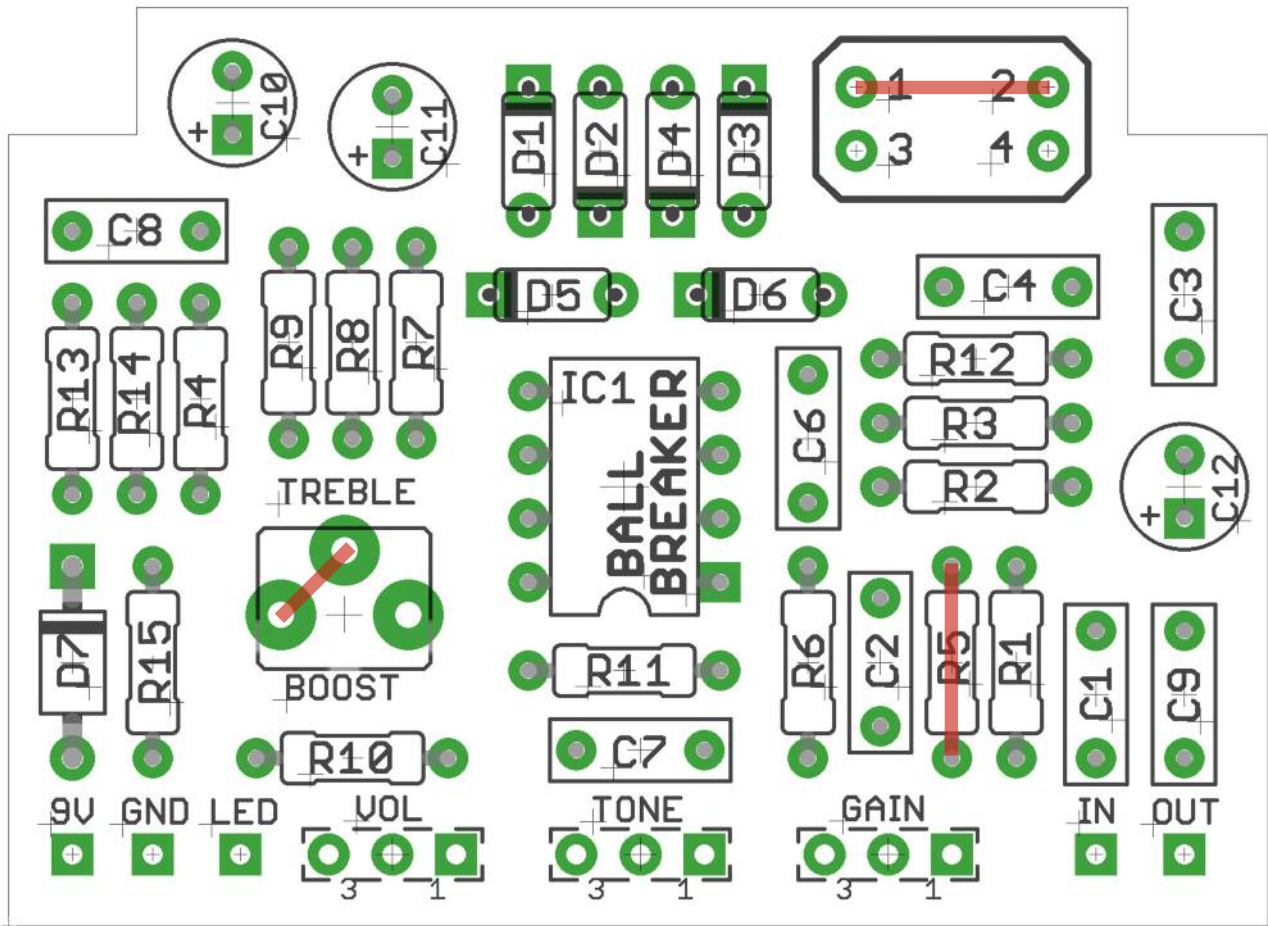
R1	1M5		
R2	4K7		
R3	3K3		
R4	1M		
R5	Jumper	C1	10n
R6	4K7	C2	47p
R7	4K7	C3	10n
R8	6K8	C4	10n
R9	220K*	C6	100n
R10	6K8	C7	10n**
R11	1K	C8	10n**
R12	1M5	C9	100n
R13	47K	C10	100u
R14	47K	C11	100u
R15	2K2 (CLR)	C12	empty
		D1-4	1N4148
		D5-6	Empty
		D7	1N4001
		IC1	TL072
		TONE	20KB
		GAIN	100KB
		VOL	100KA

There is no C5!

See note overleaf about placing jumper wires

*Replace with 330K for slightly more gain

**Replace with 22n for a better tone control with more bottom end

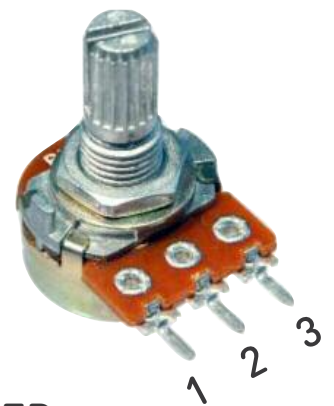


As the board has spaces for boutique mods, it is necessary to add some jumpers to make the stock circuit. Place wires as shown above.

Snap the little metal tag off the pots to mount them flush in the box.

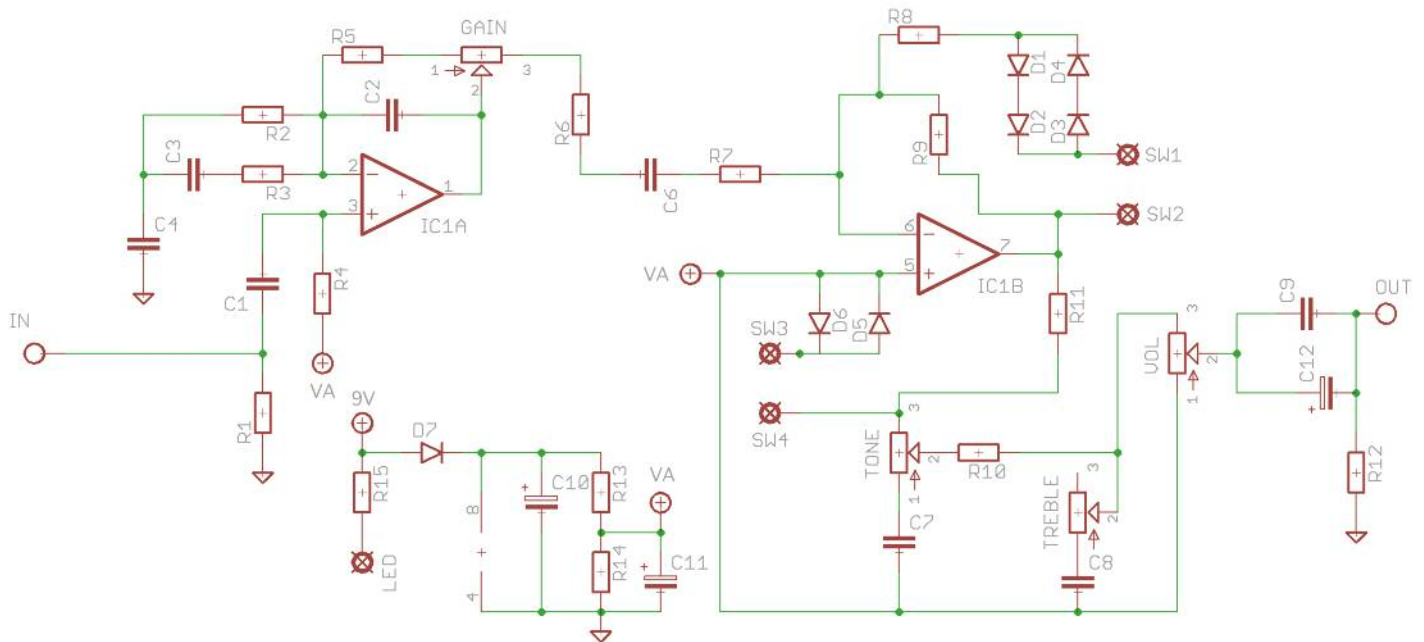
You should use some kind of heat sink on the legs of the diodes when soldering. They aren't keen on heat. Any more than 3-4 seconds of iron and they're toast.

I've incorporated the Current Limiting Resistor for the LEDs into the board for your pleasure.



The Treble Boost trimmer, DIP switch, R5, C12 and D5-6 aren't used in the stock circuit. See the [King of Boutique Breakers](#) overleaf.

Schematic - King of Breakers



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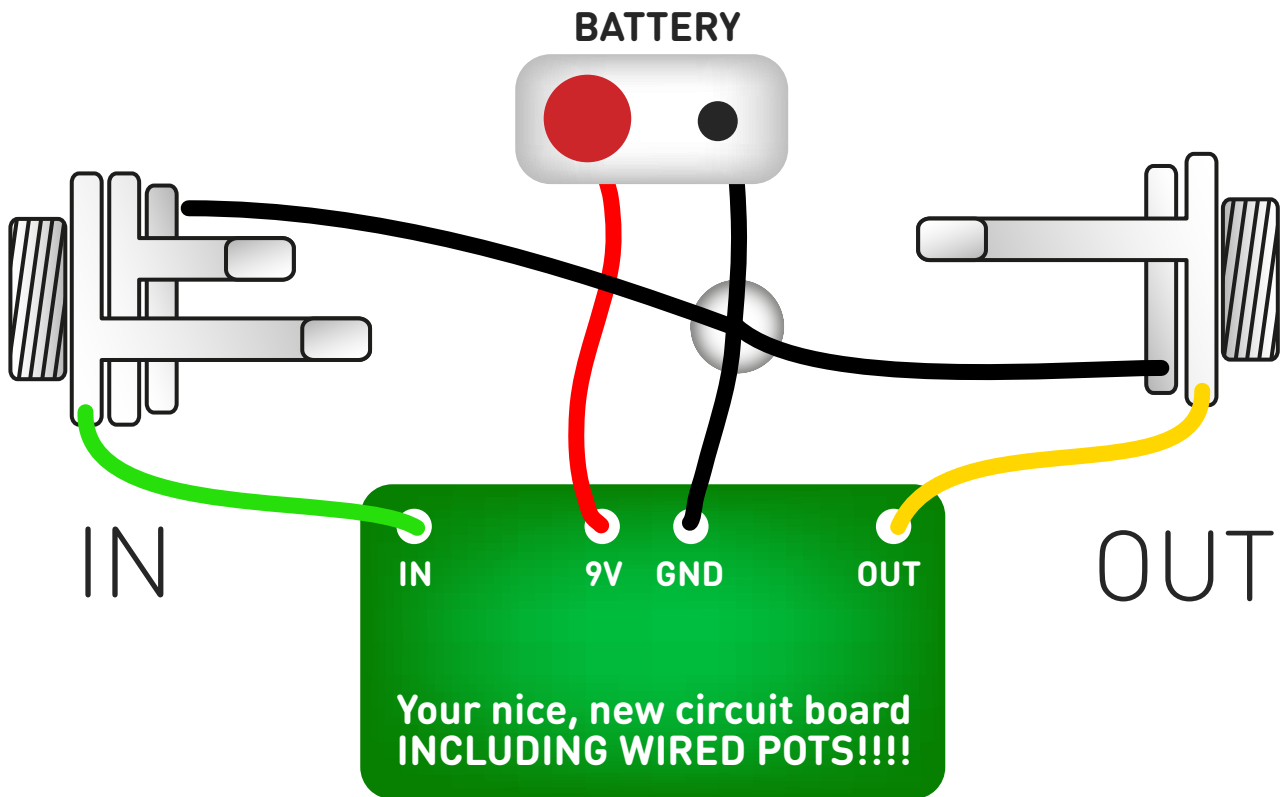
R1	1M	C1	10n	D1-4	MA856
R2	27K	C2	100p	D5-6	1S1588
R3	33K	C3	10n	D7	1N5817
R4	1M	C4	10n	IC1	JRC4580D
R5	10k	C6	100n	TONE	25KB
R6	10K	C7	10n	GAIN	100KB
R7	Jumper	C8	10n	VOL	100KA
R8	6K8	C9	1u	TREBLE BOOST	50KB TRIM**
R9	220K	C10	100u elec		
R10	6K8	C11	100u elec		
R11	1K	C12	1u elec		
R12	1M	SW1-4	2-way DIP switch*		
R13	47K				
R14	47K				
R15	2K2 (CLR)				

*or external switches if desired.

Pads 1+2 switch in/out D1-4, pads 3+4 do the same for D5-6.

**external pot if desired.

Test the board!

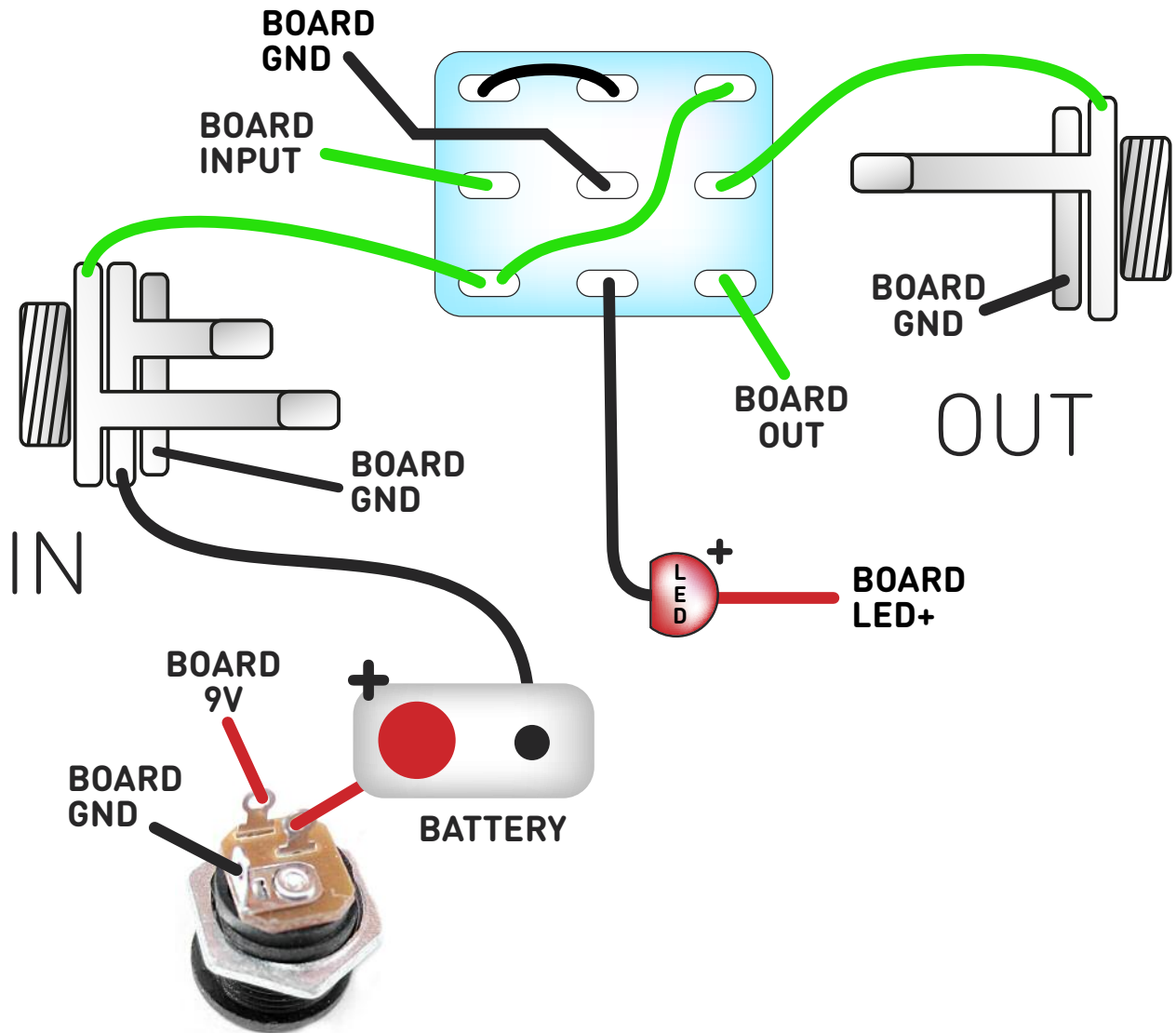


Once you've finished the circuit it makes sense to test it before starting on the switch and LED wiring. It'll cut down troubleshooting time in the long run. If the circuit works at this stage, but it doesn't once you wire up the switch - guess what? You've probably made a mistake with the switch.

Solder some nice, long lengths of wire to the board connections for 9V, GND, IN and OUT. Connect IN and OUT to the jacks as shown. Connect all the GNDs together (twist them up and add a small amount of solder to tack it). Connect the battery + lead to the 9V wire, same method. Plug in. Go!

If it works, crack on and do your switch wiring. If not... aw man. At least you know the problem is with the circuit. Find out why, get it working, THEN worry about the switch etc.

Wire it up



The Board GND connections don't all have to directly attach to the board. You can run a couple of wires from the DC connector, one to the board, another to the IN jack, then daisy chain that over to the OUT jack. It doesn't matter how they all connect, as long as they do.

This circuit is standard, Negative GND. Your power supply should be Tip Negative / Sleeve Positive. That's the same as your standard pedals (Boss etc), and you can safely daisy-chain your supply to this pedal. Now... Break some blues!

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