Subject: Projects for Beginners

Posted by Jungle on Wed, 04 Apr 2018 00:42:43 GMT

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I have dabbled alongside a friend who knows a thing or two about these kinds of projects. Regrettably, they're moving away soon and I'm going to be on my own. What are some good projects for beginners?

Subject: Re: Projects for Beginners

Posted by Lost the Remote on Sun, 29 Apr 2018 01:28:26 GMT

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It honestly depends on what you want to accomplish or fix or just what interests you. If you aren't sure, starting with a kit is a simple way to get going without spending too much money or time on an investment that you might not enjoy.

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Posted by audiophil2 on Wed, 09 May 2018 18:43:40 GMT

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Kits are a nice way to go because you don't have to start from scratch. With kits, some of the parts are pre-assembled and then you do the rest. From there, once you gain more confidence, you can start your own projects from the ground up.

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Posted by johnnycamp5 on Wed, 09 May 2018 22:08:44 GMT

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I also think kits are a great way to start.

This looks like a nice, relatively inexpensive class A (solid state) amplifier kit, but I am unsure of how good the build guide is-

https://diyaudiostore.com/collections/frontpage/products/amp-camp-amp-kit?variant=7072933085 218

Of course, if you want the "bees knees" of kits, I would point you to Bruce's Odd Watt Audio kits. They use vacuum tubes after all-

http://www.oddwattaudio.com/owproducts.html

I built a couple of his mono blocks, and the directions (build manual) are excellent.

After all, if an old, mason by trade like me can do it, anyone can

Subject: Re: Projects for Beginners

Posted by Rusty on Sat, 16 Jun 2018 13:03:55 GMT

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https://www.transcendentsound.com/grounded-grid-preamp.html

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Posted by Lindzz on Mon, 23 Jul 2018 05:51:00 GMT

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Thanks for this tip. I never thought about getting a kit. I'm also not very advanced but I'd love to learn more about building and DIY projects. I'm going to check out that website.