Subject: How often do you have group builds?
Posted by Augustus on Fri, 26 Apr 2019 23:49:20 GMT
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How often do you guys have group builds here? Is there a project calendar? I can look at the thread dates, but many are really just building questions regarding personal projects or about general DIY topics.

Subject: Re: How often do you have group builds?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 30 Apr 2019 13:27:34 GMT
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We used to have a lot of group builds. There were a handful of highly motivated DIYers that posted all kinds of projects. We then announced "group buys" and purchased parts in quantity to build the projects. That was really the purpose of this forum.

It is really helpful to buy certain parts in bulk - like custom wound transformers, chassis and printed circuit boards. Most suppliers won't provide those kinds of products in single quantities, or if they do, the price is high enough you might as well have bought ten or a hundred of them 'cause the price for one is nearly as high as the price for several. So again, that's why we formed the "group build" forum here on AudioRoundTable.com.

But as you have noted, we haven't seen this kind of activity in quite some time.

It's a stone soup group here. If you have a project you want to build, post it here and see if there is enough interest to get a purchasing group to reduce prices.

Subject: Re: How often do you have group builds?
Posted by Augustus on Tue, 07 May 2019 03:39:07 GMT
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That's what I wanted to know. Thanks for taking the time to explain things.

I'm always looking for new projects and can spend all day in my shop puttering around when time allows.

Subject: Re: How often do you have group builds?
Posted by Nouri on Mon, 07 Oct 2019 13:18:11 GMT
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So, is the purpose of courting purchasing groups a way to lower prices for purchases while dropping the company name so they get online recognition?

It sounds like a fair trade.

Subject: Re: How often do you have group builds?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 07 Oct 2019 13:57:40 GMT
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The purpose of a group build here is simply to use an economy of scale to get parts prices down.

The concept is simple: A forum member here decides they want to build something and they announce a group build by creating a thread here. If there are enough other members interested in the same thing, then they can all pool together and buy kits and/or parts together and get a quantity discount.

Subject: Re: How often do you have group builds?
Posted by Becky on Sat, 22 Nov 2025 19:04:13 GMT
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I was kind of wondering the same thing too. From what I can tell, the group builds don’t seem to happen on a set schedule. Most of the posts are just people sharing their own projects or asking questions. I haven’t seen an official calendar anywhere, so I guess they just happen whenever someone decides to start one and others join in.

Subject: Re: How often do you have group builds?
Posted by gofar99 on Thu, 27 Nov 2025 01:56:55 GMT
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Hi, Not exactly for this site although I have posted a few projects but on another friendly site. diyaudioprojects.com is where I posted a number of projects. Some easy some not. You do have to sign up and log in now as they had a lot of trouble with "spiders" clogging the site. Also if you have an idea for something you would like to build give me a PM and I see if we can get together on something. One of my personal goals is to get folks into diy projects and I take the time to explain things and provide assistance.

Subject: Re: How often do you have group builds?
Posted by Hank on Mon, 10 Aug 2026 04:58:20 GMT
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I have benefited from some group builds in the past. The good part of being a part is that you can be able to get some good parts that you need for the project that you are working on a fair price

when you buy with others. It is an idea that I like a lot and would always be happy to be a part of in the future.