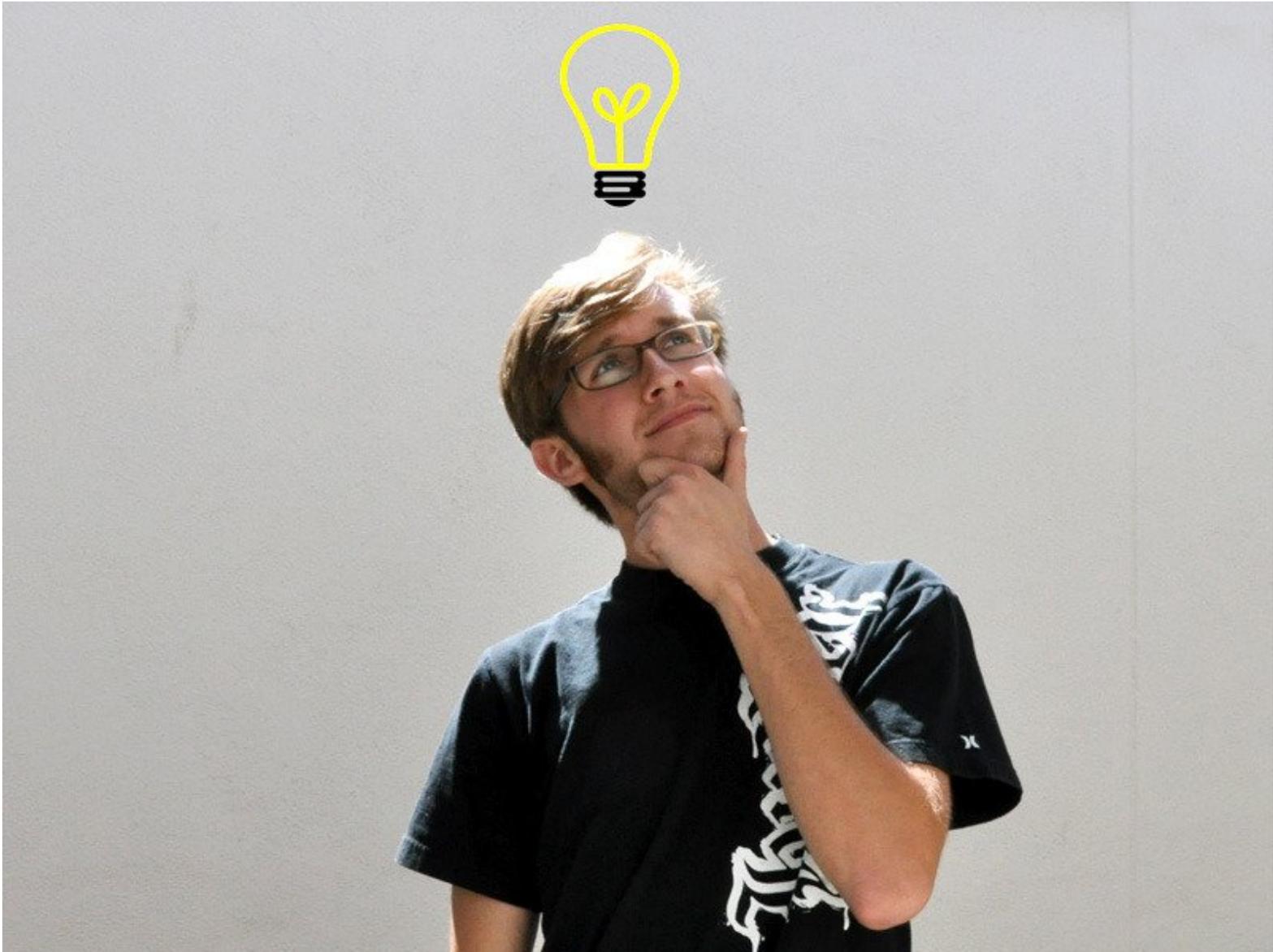




How to Create a Teardown

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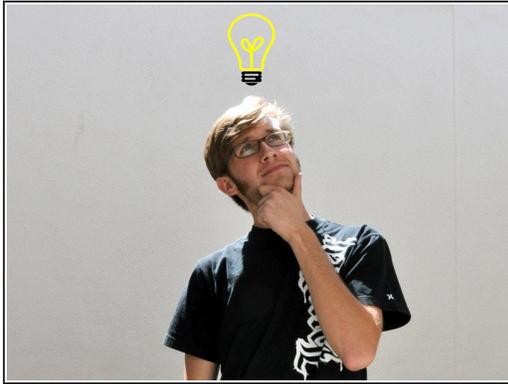
INTRODUCTION

Create teardowns for fun! For more information about writing teardown guides, check out our how to take [awesome photos guide](#) and the [Teardown FAQ](#). You can also take a look at our [Teardown Guidelines](#) to get ideas on how to write an awesome teardown!

TOOLS:

- [Pro Tech Toolkit](#) (1)
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Step 1 — How to Create a Teardown



- To begin, decide what you want to take apart. Some examples of things **not** to take apart include:
 - Your pet poodle.
 - Grandpa's pacemaker.
 - Any device containing plutonium.
 - Optimus Prime.
- Next, make your way to the store to pick up your new device. We prefer eco-friendly leg power, but to each their own.
- Enter the store to find what you are looking for. If necessary, camp outside the store to be the first in line.

Step 2



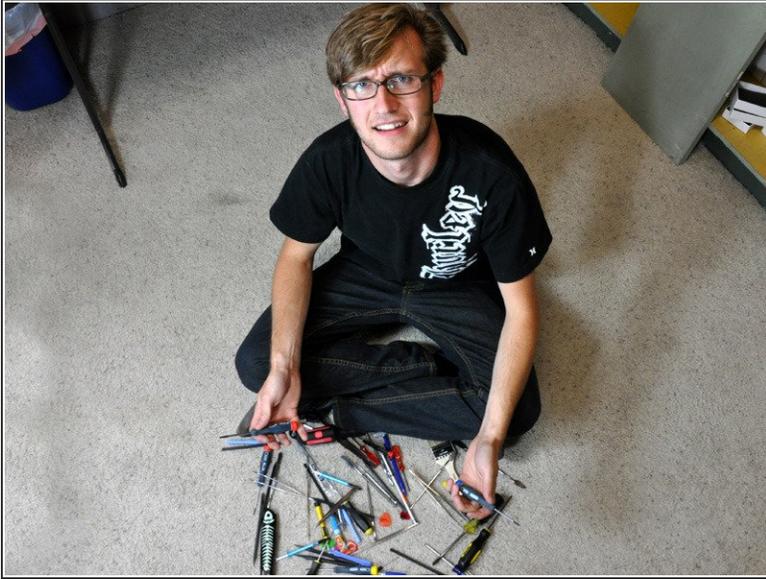
- Next, find your device of choice in the store. Try not to tackle the 70 year-old woman who just took the last one off the shelf.
- Don't forget to pay for the product. Contrary to popular belief, Jedi mind tricks do not work on security guards.
- Politely decline the extended warranty.

Step 3



- Now that you're safely home, unbox your new beauty and bask in its technological superiority. If you watch closely enough, you can witness your device depreciating.
- Don't forget to pretend to read the instruction manual before throwing it away.
- With your new device up and running, its time to actually enjoy your new purchase. Remember: water + electronics = shattered dreams.

Step 4



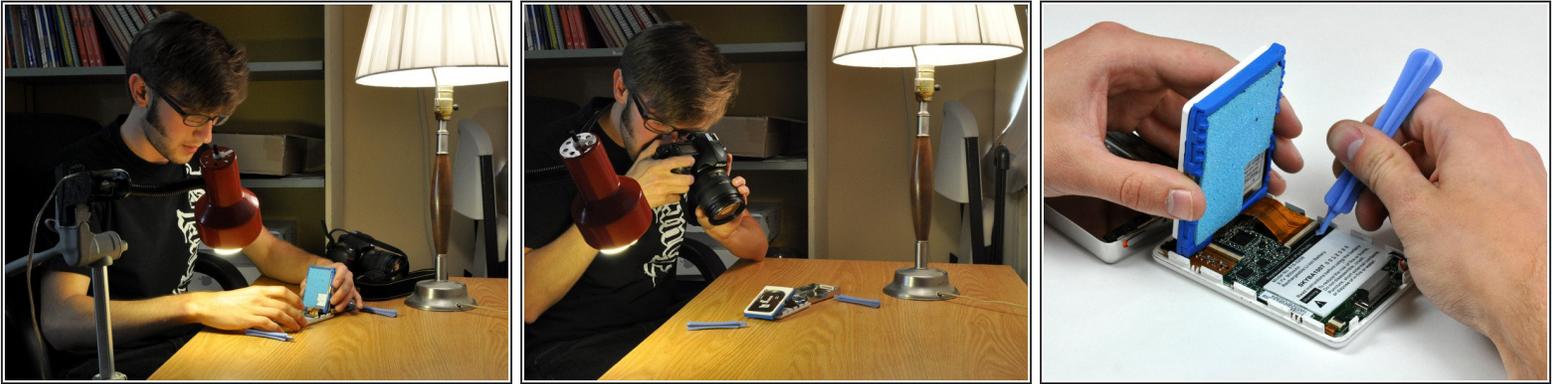
- Make sure to keep track of all the appropriate tools.
- Use extreme caution when disassembling the device, unless your intention is to show the destruction of a device. In that case, proceed as planned.
- Most important of all, make sure to have fun!

Step 5



- It's now time to setup the photo room environment.
- Lighting is essential for good photographs. Set up lamps and focus the light near your work area.
- ☑ We recommend attaching a portable lamp to a tripod to aid in precisely focusing light.

Step 6



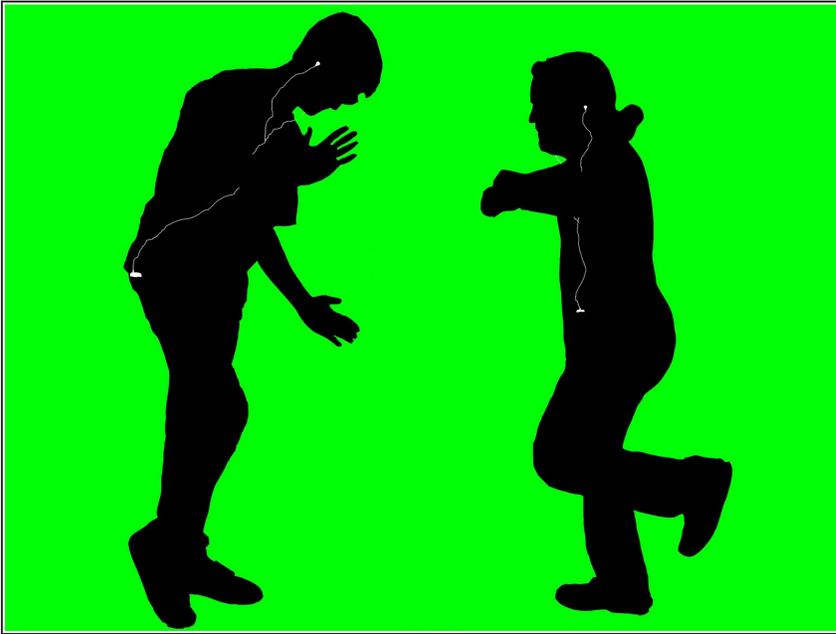
- With all the proper equipment set up, you can now move on to the actual disassembly of the device.
- During disassembly, document all your steps with notes and pictures to share your knowledge with the iFixit community.
- You can place a sheet of white paper beneath your workspace for better pictures.
- ❗ Included is a teardown shot taken under our professional lighting setup. Actual results may vary.

Step 7



- Now it's time to share your knowledge with the world by indulging in one of the most honored traditions of all time: writing.
- Invoke your imagination and unleash your writing ability upon the iFixit community.

Step 8



- Now that your work is published on [iFixit](#), it's time to sit back and relax and enjoy the sweet satisfaction of having created a teardown guide.
- This calls for an iPod dance party!

Great job! You made a teardown! But why stop there?

[Help answer questions!](#)