

# Toward a DIY smartwatch

The original inspiration for this is [Tinkernut's project](#). ([Gerd Lobmeyer](#), [Open Green Energy](#) and others have done similar projects.)

## Considerations

- Power
- Size

## Components

### Display

#### Old school LCD

I'm thinking of pulls from old mobile phones, esp. Nokia. Power use should be minimal. Availability (used) should be good.

- [Nokia 5110](#) at SparkFun, 84×48, \$10
- [Nokia 5110](#) at Adafruit, 84×48, \$10

#### New school LCD

What's available? Again power consumption should be small when backlight isn't used. Looks like finding something suitably sized with workable I/O connections is going to be difficult.

- [128x64 graphic](#)
- [8x2 character](#)
- [eBay possibility](#)
- [ditto](#)

#### OLED

What's the power consumption?

- [White SPI I2C 0.96" w/breakout](#)

## Controller

### w/ integrated BLE

- Adafruit [Feather 32u4 Bluefruit LE](#), 2.0" x 0.9" x 0.28", 5.7 grams, battery charger, \$30. Possibly all FOSS. ⚠
- Adafruit [Feather M0 Bluefruit LE](#), 2.0" x 0.9" x 0.28", 5.7 grams, battery charger, \$30. Possibly all FOSS.
- [Bledino](#), 1.7" x 0.8"
- [RFDuino](#), 0.6" x 0.6", \$17.99, \$14.99 ⚠

### w/o BLE

- [DigiSpark Pro](#), 1.1" x 0.72", \$10.
- [Femtoarduino](#), \$35
- [Microduino](#)
- [Pro Micro](#), 1.3x0.7", \$19.95 (official)
- [Pro Mini](#) 0.7x1.3", \$3 (clone) to \$10 (official) ⚠
- [Qduino Mini](#), battery charger, \$30.
- [Tinyduino](#), battery support, goofy I/O \$20

### Other

- Use a Nordic BLE module for everything?

## Bluetooth

### Classic

- HC-06: \$TODO, TODO mA, size is a bit big.
- HC-05: \$TODO, TODO mA, size is a bit big.

### BLE

- Adafruit [Bluefruit LE SPI Friend](#), 0.9" x 1", possibly FOSS, \$17.50
- Adafruit [Bluefruit LE UART Friend](#), 0.8" x 1.26", possibly FOSS, \$17.50
- Itead [HM-11](#), 0.7" x 0.53, \$8.50 ⚠
- Itead [HM-10](#), 1.1" x 0.5", \$6.50
- ReadBear [BLEmini](#)
- Seeed [Bluetooth V4.0 HM-11 BLE Module](#), 0.5" x 0.7", \$13.
- Seeed [Micro BLE Module](#), \$17.

## Battery

- [Lipo Charger Module for Arduino](#)
- [Details about DD08RCRMA Mini 5V 1A Lithium LiPo Charger Module for Arduino](#)

From:

<https://mithatkonar.com/wiki/> - **Mithat Konar (the wiki)**

Permanent link:

[https://mithatkonar.com/wiki/doku.php/misc/toward\\_a\\_diy\\_smartwatch](https://mithatkonar.com/wiki/doku.php/misc/toward_a_diy_smartwatch)

Last update: **2016/07/04 10:27**

