

Bench Helper

Here is a simple-to-make alligator-clip component holder for soldering small parts. (I do have one of the multi-arm versions, but often find it cumbersome to use.

Only 4 parts needed:

1. a short-legged desktop camera tripod, with the 1/4"-20 camera thread mount
2. a crimp-on 1/4" ID ring terminal
3. a good quality alligator clip like the Mueller #BU-60
4. a 1/4"-20 nut

The photo shows the finished holder with one clip. Just remove any plastic insulator from the ring terminal and crimp/solder to the BU-60 clip barrel. Then secure to the tripod using the 1/4"-20 nut.



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