

Store	URL	Carries	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pittsburgh (and nearby) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Radio Shack - everywhere 	www.radioshack.com	any component or tool (other than arduino) you could need in this class	very high prices, medium quality goods, staff not always trained on parts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Busy Beaver/Lowe's/HomeDepot - everywhere 		stuff bigger than radio shack: heavier gauge wire, construction materials, tools, etc	better prices than radio shack on nicer quality tools. little in the way of board-level components.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronics 123 	www.electronics123.com	lots of stuff in the online catalog, not sure what they have in the store	hour's drive from Pittsburgh, haven't checked it out in person yet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Octopart 	www.octopart.com	massive search engine across multiple distributors of electronics components and related tools and equipment	it's an index, not a table of contents. If you don't know what you're looking for, you'll never find it.
<i>compare searching for "LED" on octo and radio shack</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digikey 	www.digikey.com	wide selection of components, ICs, equipment, etc	major online distributor, set up to deal with R&D labs. catalog is good resource for learning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jameco 	www.jameco.com	cf. digikey	cf. digikey, caters more to hobby/hacker types.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sparkfun 	www.sparkfun.com	Lots of Arduino-related goodies	Nice people, catalog often shows backorder/out of stock in error.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maker Store 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fabrication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> grainger 	store.makezine.com www.grainger.com	lots of hobby/hacker stuff cf. mcmastercarr	retail front end for Make! magazine smaller inventory than mcmastercarr, but they have a retail counter in town for willcall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> McMasterCarr 	www.mcmastercar.com	massive distributor of everything above board-level components.	their printed catalog is over 1000 pages, most items ship from nearby warehouses, no way to get a shipping quote before you order