The Wonder Factory



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Project Description

Description of Project.

To create an entertaining and educational STEM(Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) + Art Project for the Wonderfactory company in Flagstaff.

What is the Wonderfactory?

Wonderfactory is a local company located in Flagstaff,AZ that provides STEM projects to the children.

Why is it important?

- Give children a chance to learn about STEM.
- Give children chance to have fun while learning.
- Give children the ability to think about some Engineering projects.

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Brainstorming Ideas

We Generated almost 100 Ideas such as

- The house of circuits
- Hydraulic bridge
- Power bike
- Gravity simulator
- Nerf rifle.

And we kept eliminating Ideas until we got to our design.

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Background

What is a Spirograph?

A Spirograph is a geometric drawing machine

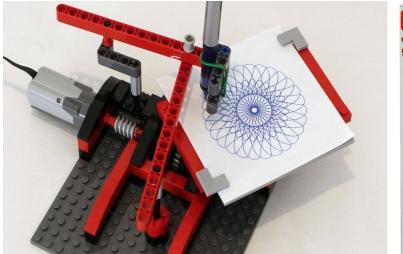
that produces a curved drawings.



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Background

Types of Spirographs





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Customer and Engineering Requirements

Customer Requirements	Engineering Requirements
Lightweight	Less than 60lb
Variety drawing options	Different gear sets
Durable	Well supported
Easy to assemble and operate	Less than 5 min
Safe to use	No exposed gears

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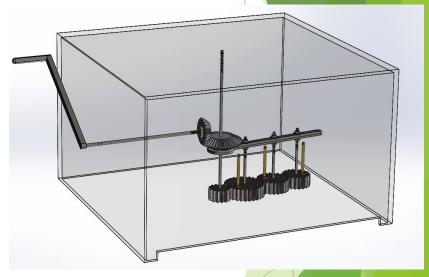
Design Considered

A box that contains the whole system.

Main arm that holds gears in place.

- Colored markers to draw with minimal applied force.
- A driving system that contains bevel gears and a crank.

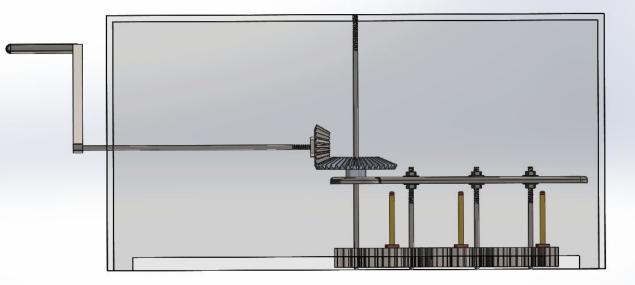




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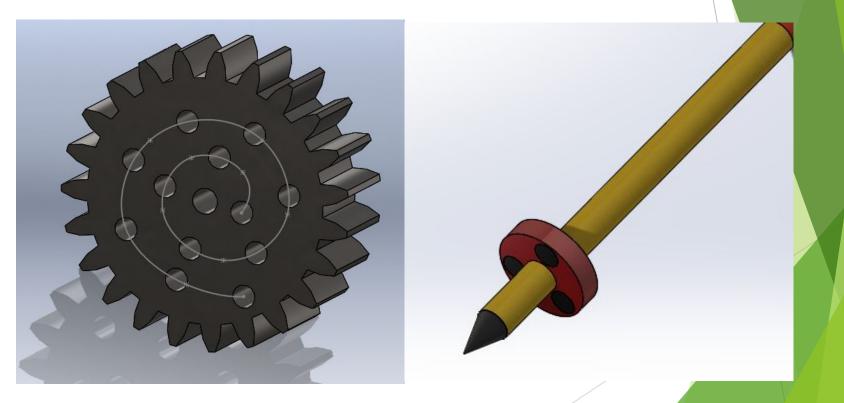
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Design Solution

- Half wood and half acrylic box.
- Increasing the face width to be 1.5 in to prevent gear slipping.
- Changing the gears properties to let them mesh properly.
- Opening slits for reaching the gears and the butcher paper to slide underneath.



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Design Solution



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3D printed parts:
1-Four spur gears
2-Two bevel gears
3-Fifteen magnet holders

The machined parts:
1-Four rods
2-Crank
3-Main arm
4-Box

Metal Parts

1- The rods were threaded to enable us to use washers that can fix the rods in the main arm slit.

2- The crank was originally two pieces but it had to be welded eventually to keep it intact.

3- The main arm was machined with the given dimensions.

The box

1- The box was designed to be all acrylic with enough space to contain the gear system.

2- The main arm went through the whole box from top to bottom.

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Testing procedure and changes:

1- The box was changed to be half acrylic and half wood to give it higher endurance.

2- the main arm was cut in half allowing the center gear to be removed.

3- a support bridge was added to support the driving system.

4- push blocks were added to the connection of the crank and the box to prevent axial movement.

Result



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Conclusion

- In this project we learned how to work as real engineers and how to look at the problem we have and to properly approach the solution.
- All engineering requirements are met successfully.
 - Project was built on the scheduled time period.

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Questions ?

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