

2 Minute Limit

Problem Statement: Describe the problem you plan to address

Idea: What will you make? How will you solve the problem?

Plan: How will you bring your idea to life? (What will your prototype/working illusion be?)

### Problem Statement:

When using a Toilet in a house it can become plugged. 27% of Americans experience clogged toilets in their homes each month and leaving a toilet clogged can lead to flooding. Furthermore, people find manually plunging a Toilet very unclean.

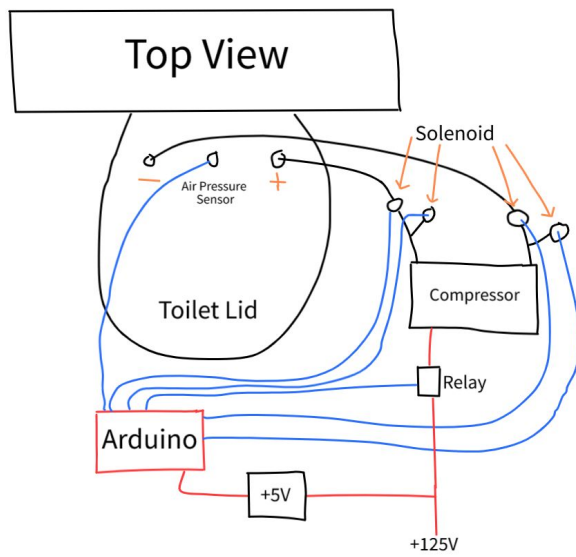
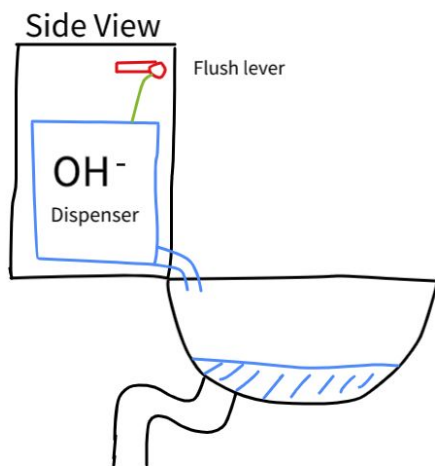
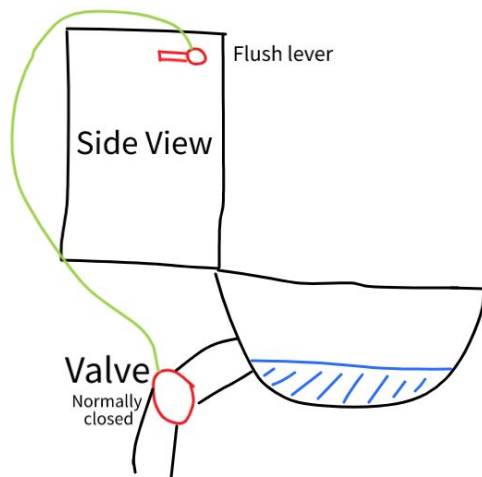
In the United States alone, up to 89 million people (27%) experience clogged toilets in their homes each month. Clearing a toilet manually with a plunger can be extremely inconvenient and unsanitary and poses the risk of splashing sewage water everywhere. Yet waiting for the clog to slowly disappear on its own can take days, and allows the sewage water to seep into the floor through the wax seal. The solution is to create a clean and efficient method of automatically removing clogs as soon as they happen.

- Identifies and defines problem being solved
- Has researched problem and possible solutions

- Leaving a toilet clogged leads to flooding, also breeding ground for bacteria, airborne mold
- Manually unclogging a toilet can splash sewage water
- (76 **percent**) have experienced a **clogged toilet** in a public restroom
- 27% of Americans experienced clogged toilets in their homes each month, 89 million Americans

#### Idea:

We are looking to make a toilet that has the ability to unclog itself using air pressure. When the toilet is clogged we would pressurize the inside of the toilet bowl with a tightly sealed lid to push the clog down into the drain using alternating levels of pressure. We would have to have a well made toilet and a strong lid with a rubber seal to retain pressure.

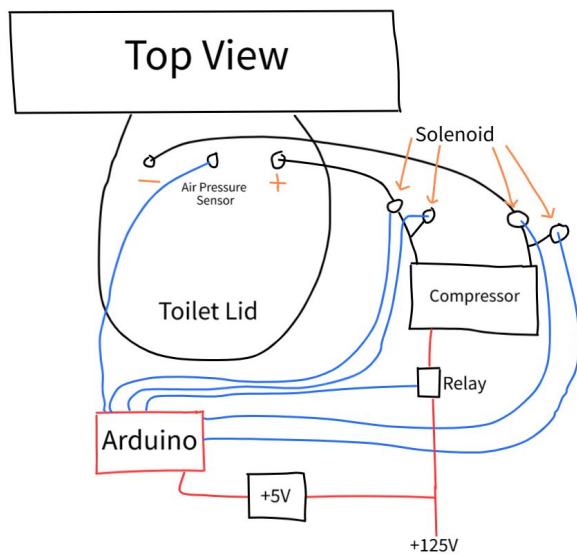


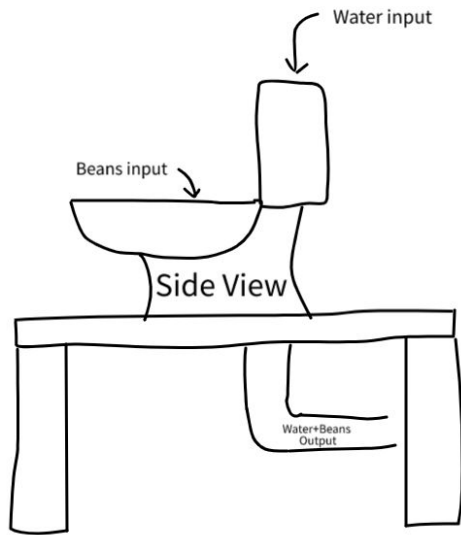
### Decision Matrix:

Criteria	Design 1	Design 2	Design 3
Automation	10	5	10
Environmental Impact	10	1	10
Cost	1	10	5
Easiness to Implement	1	10	10
Customer Appeal	1	5	10
Safety/Risk of Failure	1	5	10
Total	24	36	55

Worst(1) to Best (10)

### Final Sketch:





<p>Needed Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toilet</li> <li>• Hose to toilet connection/buckets</li> <li>• 2x Pump to lid connections</li> <li>• 2x Rubber Gasket to seal lid</li> <li>• 2x4+Plywood to make base</li> <li>• <a href="#">Wax ring</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Toilet Flange</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">2x Bike Pump</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Acrylic Seat Lid</a></li> <li>• Crimps</li> </ul>	<p>Maybe Materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2x Outlets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">GFCI</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Box</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">14/2 w/ground</a></li> <li>○ Sacrificial Extension Cable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">14/2</a></li> <li>■ <a href="#">16/2</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Toilet Inner Workings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">Flush valve</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Gasket</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">Fill Valve</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• 1/4 NPT Tap</li> </ul>
<p>Needed Electronics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air pressure sensor</li> <li>• <b>Arduino+Cable+Shield</b></li> <li>• 2x 5V relay</li> <li>• Stranded Wire</li> <li>• Solenoid</li> <li>• <b>Desoldering wick</b></li> </ul>	<p>Maybe Electronics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LCD Display</li> </ul>

#### Electronics:

- [Air Pressure Sensor \(\\$27.59\)](#)
- [Snubber Diode \(\\$8.99\)](#)
- [12V Power Supply \(\\$6.99\)](#) For Solenoids
- [4 x Solenoid Valve \(4 x \\$9.30\)](#)
- [Relays 5V DC 125V AC \(\\$8.69\)](#)
- [22 Gauge Stranded Wire \(\\$15.29\)](#)
- [LCD \(\\$12.99\)](#)      \$117.74

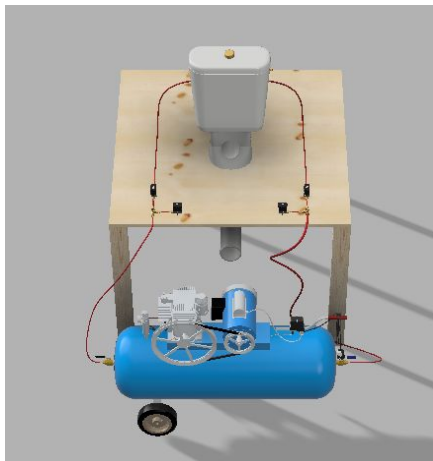
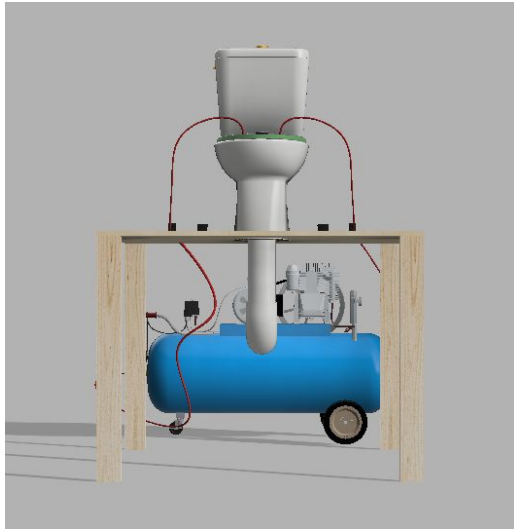
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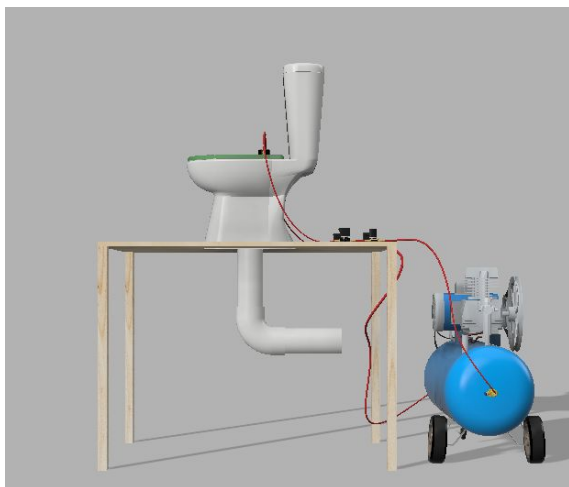
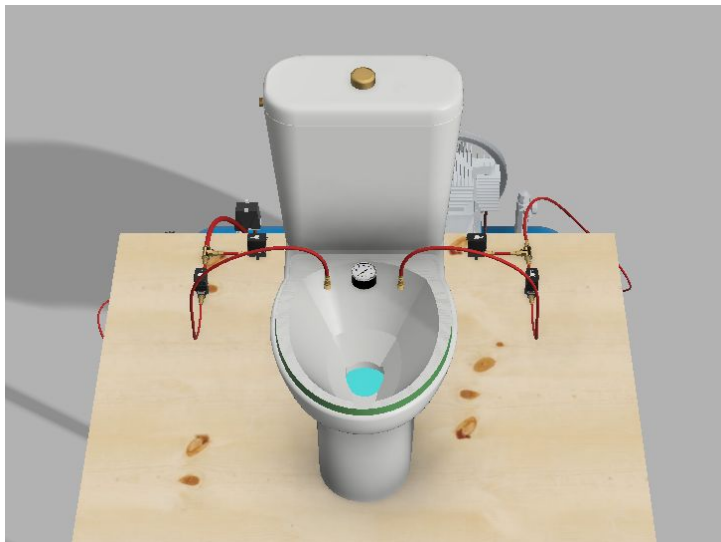
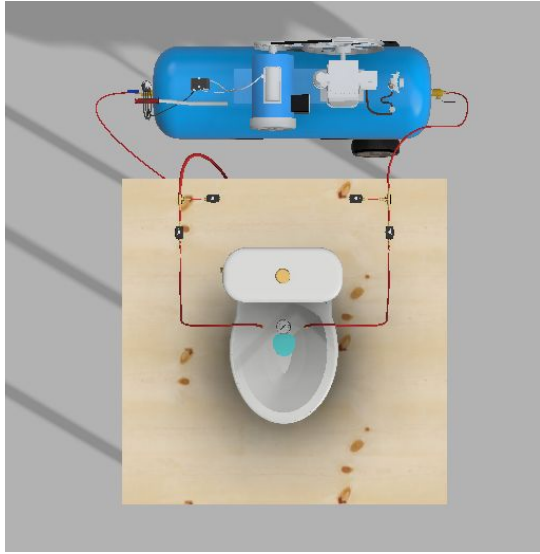
- [1/4 NPT Male Fittings \(\\$9.99\)](#)
- [1/4 NPT Connectors \(T-Joint\) \(\\$14.99\)](#)
- [1/4 NPT Nut \(Female Connector\) \(\\$9.99\)](#)
- [1/4 NPT O-rings \(\\$7.98\)](#)
- [3/8 Hose \(\\$14.99\)](#)      \$57.94

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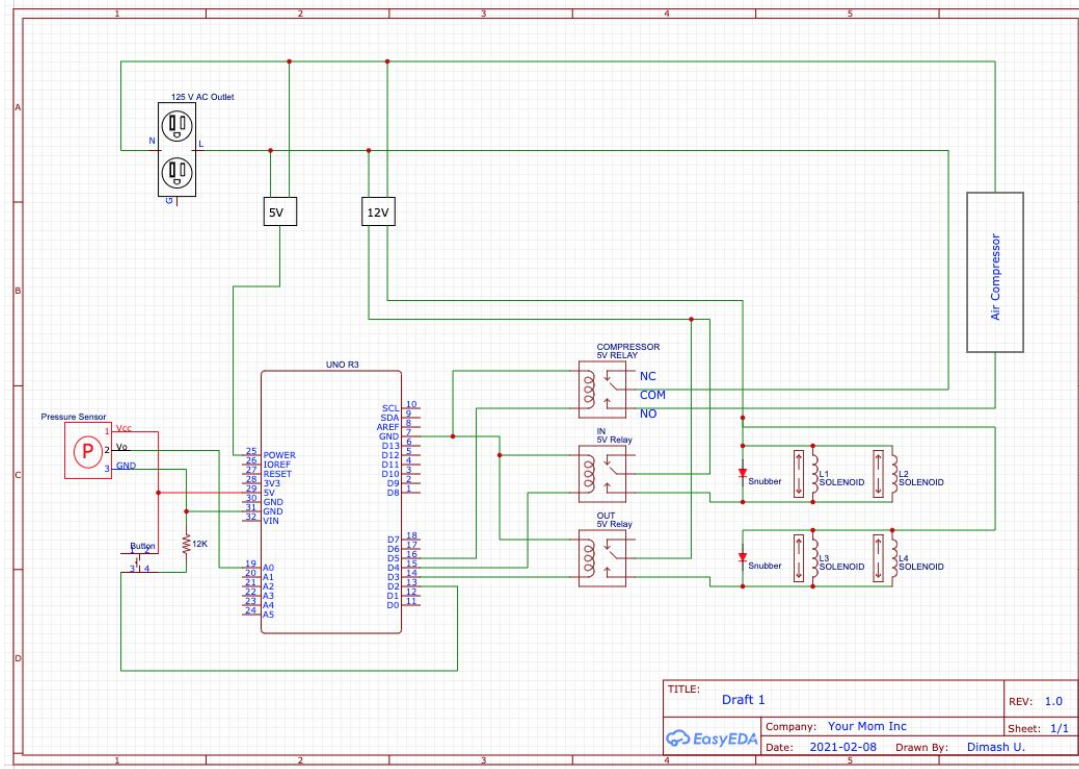
- [Acrylic Sheet \(\\$37.95\)](#) minimum 18" x 18"
- [Wax Ring \(\\$1.97\)](#)
- [Flange \(\\$6.27\)](#)
- [3 x 2x4 Wood \(3 x \\$5.98\)](#)
- [Plywood \(\\$38.68\)](#)
- [Gasket Sheet \(\\$28.99\)](#) Alternative: Plumbers Putty ([\\$1.27](#))
- [Crimps \(\\$11.98\)](#)      \$143.78

\$319.46









### Resources:

- <https://www.korky.com/toilet-help/troubleshooting-guide/anatomy-toilet>
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