Appendix B: Open-Source and Assembly Instructions

B.1 Materials List

Below is a comprehensive list of all components required to replicate the pickleball throwing machine. All parts were selected based on affordability, availability, and DIY-friendliness. Suggested quantities and models are included. Links to product pages should be added by the user.

Electronics & Control

• 1× Raspberry Pi 4 Model B (2GB or higher)

Used for system control and user interface

[Link: https://www.raspberrypi.com/products/raspberry-pi-4-model-b/]

• 1× Micro SD Card (16GB or higher)

Used to boot and store the Raspberry Pi OS and project files

[Link:

https://www.bestbuy.ca/en-ca/product/sandisk-ultra-32gb-100mb-s-micro-sd-card-sdsquns-032g/13695879?cmp=seo-13695879]

• 1× Touchscreen Display (HDMI + USB input)

Used for real-time user control and configuration

[Link: https://www.amazon.ca/dp/B0CRRB1GFN?ref=ppx yo2ov dt b fed asin title]

• 1× LM2596S-5 Step-Down Voltage Regulator (12V to 5V)

Powers the Raspberry Pi from the main battery source

[Link:

https://www.amazon.ca/LM2596S-Power-Module-DC-DC-Step-Down/dp/B0CXXP7RH P?crid=2VD8XN7JVPVN0&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.UFIzjvmwvLvWx-HXS-RyCIhOW3U9

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• 1× PCA9685 16-Channel PWM Servo Driver

Controls both continuous rotation servos

[Link:

https://www.aliexpress.com/item/1005006298833960.html?spm=a2g0o.productlist.main. 13.57e83220yxQy21&algo_pvid=b0b1d400-fcc1-4718-b1f4-7cf6c5178460&algo_exp_i d=b0b1d400-fcc1-4718-b1f4-7cf6c5178460-6&pdp_npi=4%40dis%21CAD%214.46%21 2.99%21%21%2122.20%2114.88%21%402101ea8c17371818965312061e904d%211200 0037529842018%21sea%21CA%210%21ABX&curPageLogUid=4X131uRG9vee&utpa ram-url=scene%3Asearch%7Cquery_from%3A]

• 1× 12V 9Ah Sealed Lead-Acid (SLA) Battery (Mighty Max ML9-12 or equivalent) Main power source for motors and electronics

[Link:

https://www.homedepot.ca/product/mighty-max-battery-ml9-12-12-volt-9-ah-f2-terminal -rechargeable-sla-agm-battery/1001859228?rrec=true]

• 2× 775 DC Motors (12V, 0.32A, ~13000 RPM)

Used to drive the launching wheels

[Link:

https://www.amazon.ca/dp/B0C1CPVVTF?ref=cm_sw_r_cso_cp_ud_dp_HYVPRZGB7 3B8CR908N55&ref_=cm_sw_r_cso_cp_ud_dp_HYVPRZGB73B8CR908N55&social_s hare=cm_sw_r_cso_cp_ud_dp_HYVPRZGB73B8CR908N55&starsLeft=1&skipTwister OG=1&newOGT=1]

• 2× Continuous Rotation Servo Motors (DS04-NFC or equivalent)

Used for the feeding and launch angle adjustment mechanisms

[Link:

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• 2× Single-Channel H-Bridge Motor Driver Boards (LM2936 or equivalent)

Drives each DC motor independently

[Link:

https://www.amazon.ca/Channel-Controller-Semiconductor-Automotive-Electronics/dp/B 07BKPV5Z7?crid=EKXHR5SV6N8Q&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.a-FZLeci9YwgrJpoFtTQ-qEz YQ2aLGCJ9_U2yvxNa8SoCDoAjcaI-zIbqlwWgrH5y8OTU8AvsKLvVW_GsdB3bgsfx k32H2Dr0X9zgyRtxFBv_7gz1ujp0g9Oxrc6powGN8PKD1Foxmx64GSi5RPc15kkLk1n C2rB0-15ZKBRWZrggOzfyXsf44sjlTW8lW_ruAJzsHBNGyTfGhoCWlGiRGJsbRRjno nd_I_gst6TK-PtAlmoOAyVeUgy72iNZ8jGLESIwvJhgZofWLVTq-59tQ.NiJSd1uO-fCIn A9ndMZXKSzmSezdCYtIfWHHJfYA8nI&dib_tag=se&keywords=Cytron&qid=173708 9191&sprefix=cytron%2Caps%2C133&sr=8-9]

Connectors & Wiring

• 1× Pi Prototype Board or Breadboard Kit

Optional, for initial testing or soldered connections

[Link: https://52pi.com/products/52pi-prototype-hat-breadboard-for-raspberry-pi]

• 1× IEC Power Connector and Socket

Used for battery charging or external supply integration

[Link:

https://leeselectronic.com/en/product/21069-rocker-switch-w-iec-socket-fuse-holder-scre w.html]

• Assorted Wires (Dupont jumper wires, 12-gauge power wire)

Used for general wiring and power distribution

[Link:

https://www.aliexpress.com/item/1005002599108827.html?spm=a2g0o.productlist.main. 29.6cd4442fOfJs2L&algo_pvid=7416e11f-492b-4508-8fe5-995f7d9ca056&algo_exp_id =7416e11f-492b-4508-8fe5-995f7d9ca056-14&pdp_npi=4%40dis%21CAD%212.25%21 1.51%21%21%211.53%211.03%21%402101c72a17371787415886971e5288%21120000 21331960075%21sea%21CA%210%21ABX&curPageLogUid=5epYVaPxuz0v&utpara m-url=scene%3Asearch%7Cquery_from%3A]

• Wago Connectors / Spade Connectors / Crimp Connectors

Used for secure and modular electrical connections

[Link:

https://www.wago.com/us/wire-splicing-connectors/compact-splicing-connector/p/221-41

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Mechanical Components

• Ball Bearings

Used in rotating or tensioned mechanisms (e.g., launcher wheel support)

[Link:

https://www.amazon.ca/uxcell-4-inchx3-8-inchx1-Shielded-Bearings/dp/B0828JXX4N?c rid=7ZFCNQXDD2BK&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.u9-VjEG6CGLu3w76i3X1E937T3JiKajmgd CoX9Nx354c1HQNrqY-S9EkHEYFnGa9zi_an0Llk_tzX23aeIJnTTzsnQBpYO_2FZqle Kf_yLXPFUVd-g3GPdpPDz_j7V1SXY_GKXM7OKjqMS5l_Gt-O5nw9mRiyeJNmDBs JA0odIiIrXa23jwhvvUkC6XhbRQbEkHLWW4aVSqbcJ-1Y5R0fIdq7NMTvEclMCSJS DTkXp-NO7ihhKi7ocJxLhDykAkWBJu8sXgKtQieVuz6eOibPwWEZuAdzsjlqHSZOhs 8nxDZWPw3O_nTudCbqRS32JfDAZ3VgffWXdLzzN9frLyi1UbHw7j3oU07YROJ6zka QrvMHsMKraH73GqhuZsKnmoGvA1HQ0HNL_d-VbIYoonpJrk5fKrcpjC6f-PYqBdqU 2l26MgjidUoKc_FDIrM0csy.SX76jApIdP0uKtFNR7KGz4ll7OHpeIGds-Eaol1bF00&di b_tag=se&keywords=r168+bearings&qid=1738465099&sprefix=r168+bearings%2Caps %2C156&sr=8-5]

• M4 Hardware (Nuts, Bolts, Washers, Axle Bolts)

Used for mounting and assembly of 3D printed and mechanical components

[Link:

https://www.amazon.ca/uxcell-4-inchx3-8-inchx1-Shielded-Bearings/dp/B0828JXX4N?c rid=7ZFCNQXDD2BK&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.u9-VjEG6CGLu3w76i3X1E937T3JiKajmgd CoX9Nx354c1HQNrqY-S9EkHEYFnGa9zi_an0LIk_tzX23aeIJnTTzsnQBpYO_2FZqle Kf_yLXPFUVd-g3GPdpPDz_j7V1SXY_GKXM7OKjqMS5l_Gt-O5nw9mRiyeJNmDBs JA0odIiIrXa23jwhvvUkC6XhbRQbEkHLWW4aVSqbcJ-1Y5R0fIdq7NMTvEclMCSJS DTkXp-NO7ihhKi7ocJxLhDykAkWBJu8sXgKtQieVuz6eOibPwWEZuAdzsjlqHSZOhs 8nxDZWPw3O_nTudCbqRS32JfDAZ3VgffWXdLzzN9frLyi1UbHw7j3oU07YROJ6zka QrvMHsMKraH73GqhuZsKnmoGvA1HQ0HNL_d-VbIYoonpJrk5fKrcpjC6f-PYqBdqU 2l26MgjidUoKc_FDIrM0csy.SX76jApIdP0uKtFNR7KGz4ll7OHpeIGds-Eaol1bF00&di b_tag=se&keywords=r168+bearings&qid=1738465099&sprefix=r168+bearings%2Caps %2C156&sr=8-5]

3D Printing Materials

• ASA Filament

Used for UV-resistant structural parts (e.g., housing, brackets, gear mounts)

[Link:

https://www.amazon.ca/OVERTURE-Filament-Printing-Functional-Dimensional/dp/B0C PXJ5RT5?crid=E2JDJPLKBR0C&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.xJulXuIEbM2F02c1LJAvKlfa6V1 _4VZNK_UzzFqrW_-34ItwYM9gf9mm6o6yIYICawFFwRaR0W1cnYmVRaiAbv7wmh 7q1xcrEmr6fnA4pwSFVDQkOL2eOFqFlaceMjqdb_VPUV944GH1zu2jvgDpDHhVGJk nYhMUHoh42gcPcDPtNrK8LWNEGwSeBvwujehLXBeuuoIzAaOHktBm6yJQtjcNTSo ic8xHXADM2VMjD_qMwBSrLBBi7zRUsGRB-Tz6GOYY41B9lzSnhXQRBD3hfNbm o4QpjYdYghtJ9GUcDclWFzBKRjnOenCm96hHoBPCW8JczFjgbiZQzmIzm3-wgDIRo nozK12Jz4l_1L1LeDvdSP9dXaxpA5lgmM5mpZWMabjfJh5DLj_j8nRhidufNIL1fjajimS IIMT5cLNcJs--xILtIuNxDWstNrf0uH5T.2du9scbxr5CsAZkDjtP-O_YdQ9Zhw9_OqF90 2w9sM5c&dib_tag=se&keywords=asa+filament&qid=1742841067&sprefix=ASA+%2C aps%2C149&sr=8-5]

• TPU Filament

Used for the launcher wheels for improved grip and durability

[Link:

https://www.amazon.ca/Overture-Filament-Flexible-Consumables-Dimensional/dp/B084 1CKM6F?crid=2Q87KOXO3J4XL&dib=eyJ2IjoiMSJ9.ke-JVX3HIVjUlaaE2bNAk7T0b oxmK2iNYP8JNslndQ2wD94oYNpLedH_ISL7lJ14GXlizqGA2scVnSPfLKVziWnds5fk Hvf0JEu7HP7U2q5govOFFEiop0jMCJF7f5X0Vb3NjRivQOP9Z6Z5bPU2YcbK7JQZm HZmbNwMq_mOobjK48ZvcvwtWD6ROXQ-zXxAtpW0fYZYjGwAcfO5hKnFCKZBS Oi2-kDT7fdJsfFm0CiepwvwyTkA7qpKPfOFI6m9vUVBJcTGlsLISVCLdDRup9SCTIpI 8932ixUVRU-bW_Q.qmH6Ia461wtSs05FTvUrReXaVvYWkNlcH1Hd2mCed98&dib_t ag=se&keywords=tpu+filament&qid=1742841080&sprefix=tpu+filament%2Caps%2C17 7&sr=8-5]

Frame Materials

• 2×8-ft Wooden Boards

Used for the base and support structure

[Link:

https://www.homedepot.com/p/2-in-x-3-in-x-8-ft-2-Select-Grade-Dimensional-Lumber-8 45000/100038668]

• Wood Screws (1" and 3")

General assembly of frame and component mounting

[Link:

https://www.homedepot.ca/product/kreg-tool-company--8-1-1-4-inch-square-maxi-loc-he ad-coarse-zinc-plated-steel-pocket-hole-screw-100-pack-/1000711142]

Hinges, Bucket, and Additional Support Brackets (as required)

Used for ball loading and launch positioning mechanisms

[Link:

https://www.homedepot.ca/product/the-home-depot-19l-orange-home-depot-logo-plastic-paint-bucket/1000143871

https://www.homedepot.ca/product/richelieu--2-pack-non-mortise-bifold-inset-hinge-for-framed-cabinet-matte-black/1001066169]

B.2 Electrical Connections

This section provides an overview of the electrical wiring required to operate the pickleball throwing machine. The system is powered by a 12V sealed lead-acid battery, stepped down via a voltage regulator to supply safe and consistent power to the Raspberry Pi 4B, motors, and servo controller.

A complete circuit schematic is provided below for reference, along with supporting images of the prototype wiring.

B.2.1 System Overview

• Power Source:

A 12V 9Ah SLA battery powers the entire system. The Raspberry Pi is powered via a LM2596 step-down converter that outputs 5V.

Motor Drivers:

Two DC motors are controlled using single-channel H-bridge drivers (LM2936). Each motor is wired to a separate GPIO pair on the Raspberry Pi for directional control.

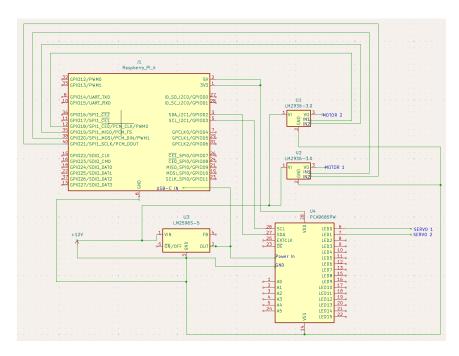
• Servo Controller:

A PCA9685 PWM driver board is connected via I2C to control two continuous rotation servo motors (for feeding and launch angle adjustment).

• Display Power:

The touchscreen display connects via micro HDMI and USB, and is powered via the Raspberry Pi. (In earlier iterations, powering the display directly caused instability, which was resolved by powering the Pi through the LM2596 converter.)

B.2.2 Circuit Schematic



 $Figure\ B.1-Full\ Circuit\ Schematic\ for\ Pickleball\ Throwing\ Machine$

B.2.3 Wiring Images

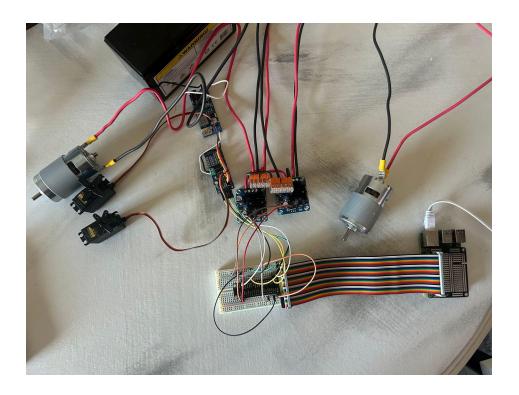


Figure B.2 – Assembled Wiring Example

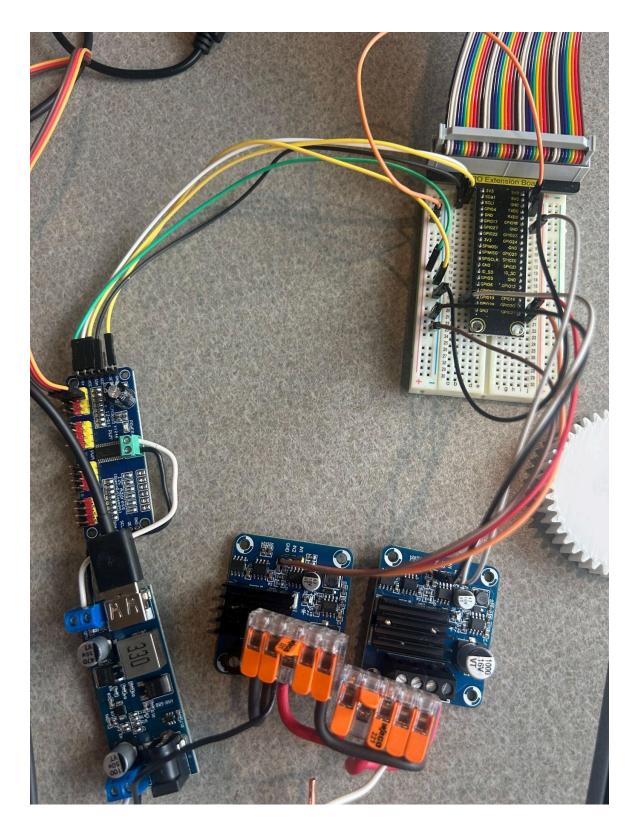


Figure B.3 – Close-up of Motor Driver Wiring and Power Distribution

B.2.4 GPIO and I2C Pin Mapping (Raspberry Pi)

Function	Raspberry Pi Pin	Connection
Servo I2C – SDA	GPIO 2 (Pin 3)	PCA9685 SDA
Servo I2C – SCL	GPIO 3 (Pin 5)	PCA9685 SCL
Motor 1 IN1 / IN2	GPIO 18 / GPIO 19	LM2936 (Motor 1)
Motor 2 IN1 / IN2	GPIO 20 / GPIO 21	LM2936 (Motor 2)
Power Output	5V / GND	Servo Driver, Display, Pi
USB-C Power Input	_	From LM2596 5V Output

B.2.5 Notes and Tips

- Power Sequencing: Always connect the battery last, after confirming all wiring.
- Wire Gauge: Use at least 12 AWG for battery-to-motor and regulator connections.
- **Test Step-by-Step:** First confirm power to Pi and screen, then test motors/servos individually using sample scripts.
- **Optional:** Use inline fuses or Wago-style connectors to improve electrical safety and modularity.