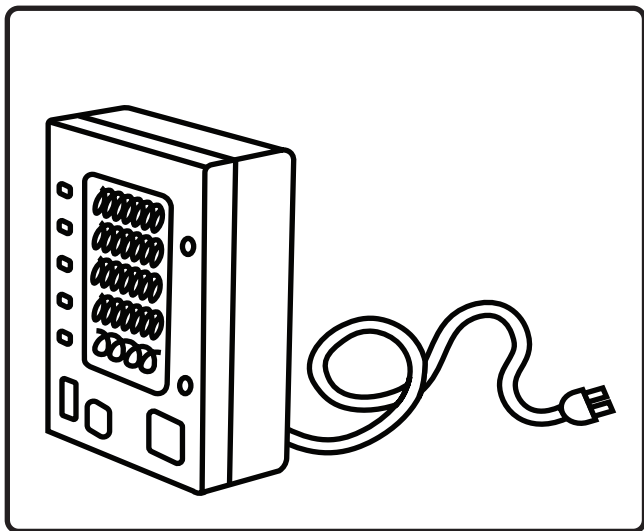


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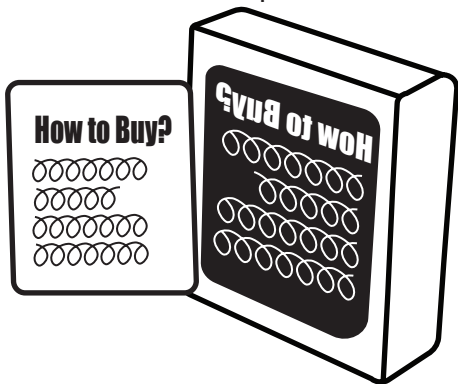
Stamp

This Stamp will print out an instruction on how to buy from this vending machine. The only way to see the instruction would be by buying it from this vending machine.

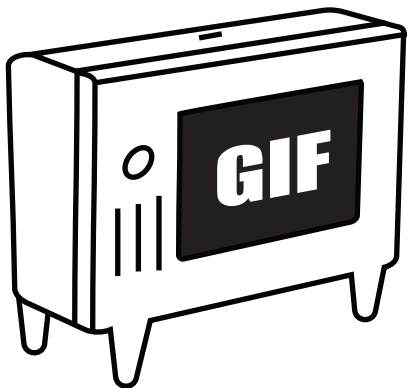
Phil Caridi (the greatest fabrication professor at ITP) researched and suggested the linoleums from Blick® used for them. David Yang, my deskmate, lend me his account because I was too lazy to recover my own (forgot password). Jon Hsieh (dear friend) donated her found Medium-density fibre-board that's used to mount the stamp.

01

\$25



Mini GIF Player



02

\$100

In this Mini Gif Player, you will see GIF of a person soldering at a soldering station. Soldering is one of the most labor-intensive processes of this Mini GIF player's production. The item is rechargeable.

New York University LaGuardia Studio (LGS) assisted in 3D-printing the enclosure. The player is created based on Adafruit® tutorials on Mini GIF player. The components are sourced from Adafruit®. Adnan Aga (my good friend) helped code the microcontroller in the prototype.

Flipbook

This Flipbook is the simplest yet most laborious product in the vending machine. When you flip, you will see a person cutting and binding the flipbook itself. This is the very first item created for the Ultimate Vending Machine. Supportive friends, Yichun Lan and Oliver Yuan, were there to witness the original creation.

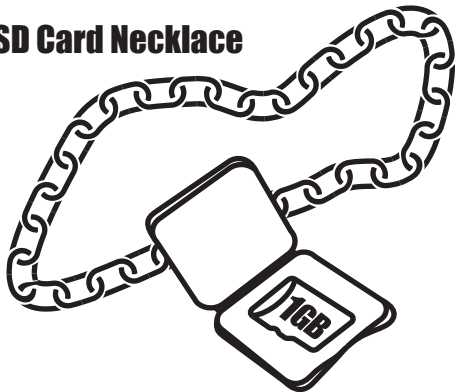
The animation of this Flipbook came from the creation of the second prototype. This batch of the Flipbook is handcrafted by my loving partner, Yan Chen, who is the best and only employee other than me of the Ultimate Vending Machine.



03

\$5

SD Card Necklace



04

\$15

This SD Card Necklace is a great summary of the Ultimate Vending Machine. With this item, you will be able to carry all the sweat and tears poured into the Ultimate Vending Machine with you at all times WITH styles. Moreover, you may use the files to recreate any of the items your wish.

The SD card cases are hand-grommited from both the cover and the case. The lobster Clasps and split ring are hand-attached to the chain. Colin Guang and Jaxon(Zidong) Wang provided design, fashion, and pricing feedback.

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The Ultimate Vending Machine is a never-ending project investigating the invisible labor and endless loop of capitalism. *Volume One* catalog, alongside the first batch of goods, conclude an initial attempt at the project. Tons of labor, items, and process remains invisible and unattributed.

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