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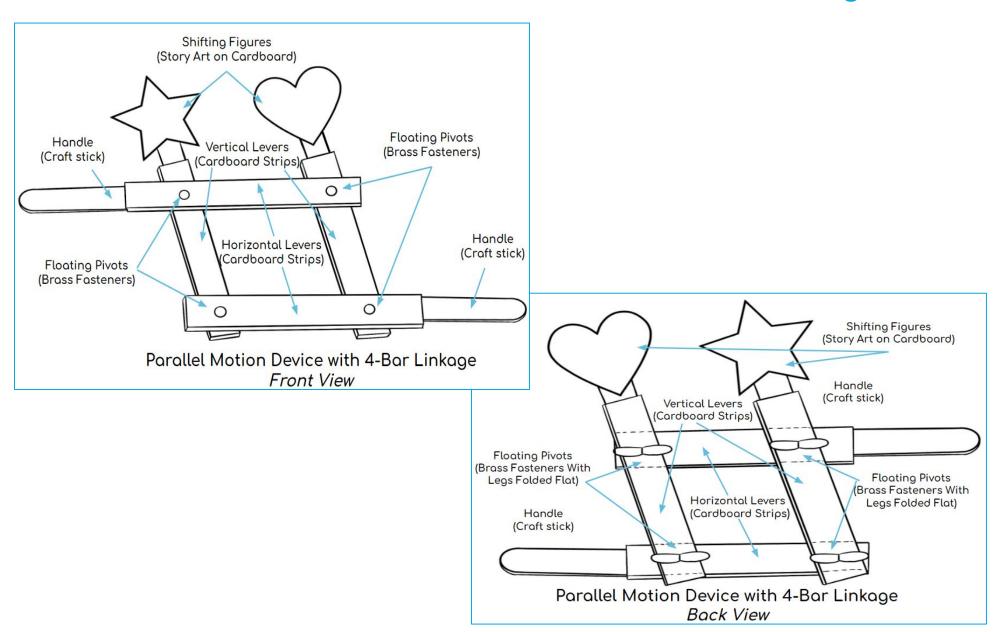
#### **Possible Material and Tools**



#### **Device Physics**

- Cardboard strips placed in a rectangle shape act as levers. Two of these cardboard strips will be placed horizontally. The other two will be placed vertically.
- The brass fasteners connect the cardboard strips and act as floating pivots that these levers rotate around.
- Push and pull forces on the horizontal levers transfer force to the vertical levers to move the shifting figures.

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# PENDULUM POWERED LEVER DEVICE, Page 1



### **Device Physics**

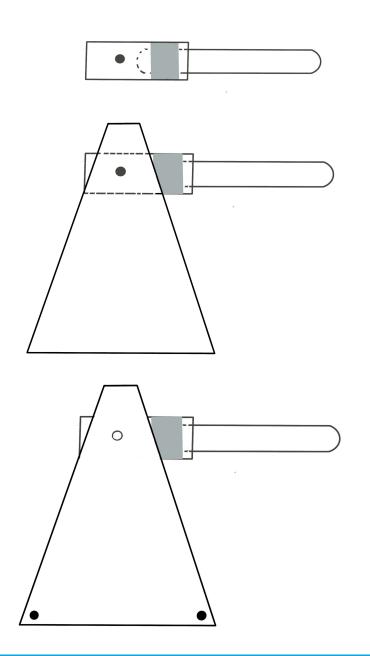
- The shifting figure/lever rotates around a paper fastener fulcrum.
- The pendulum is attached to opposite, bottom corners of the shifting figure.
- The movement of the pendulum shifts the weight of the shifting figure, causing it to rock back and forth.

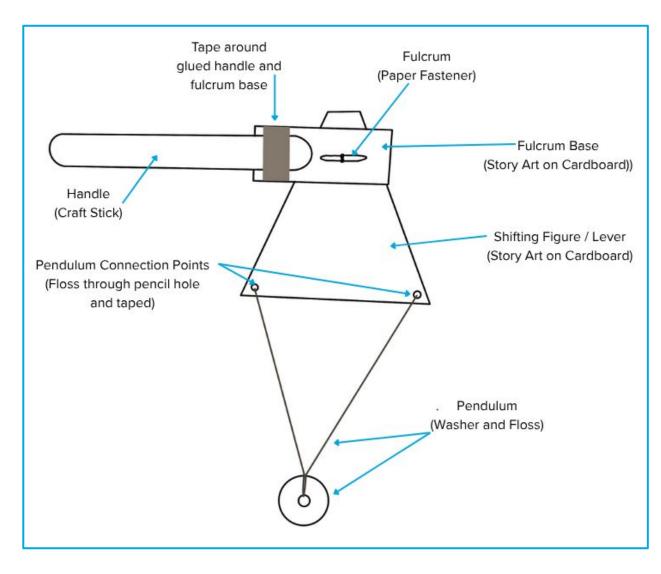
#### **Possible Material and Tools**





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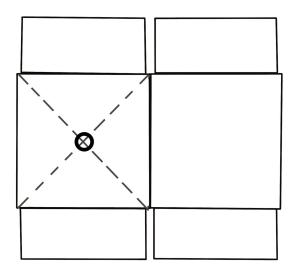


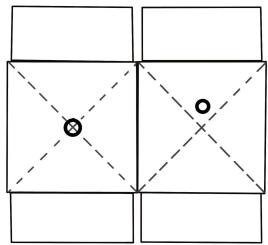
#### **Device Physics**

- The cam follower sits on the cam.
   When you turn the crank, the cam spins and moves the cam follower.
- The cam follower can spin, go up and down, or do both at the same time. The way it moves depends on the shape of the cam and the position of the axle.
- When you attach story art to the top of the cam follower, your art will move and bring life to your story scene.

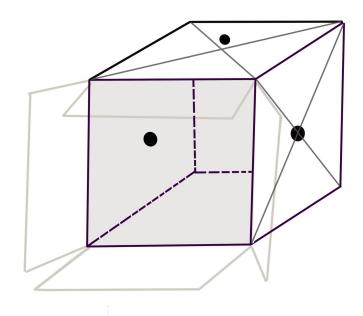
#### **Possible Material and Tools**





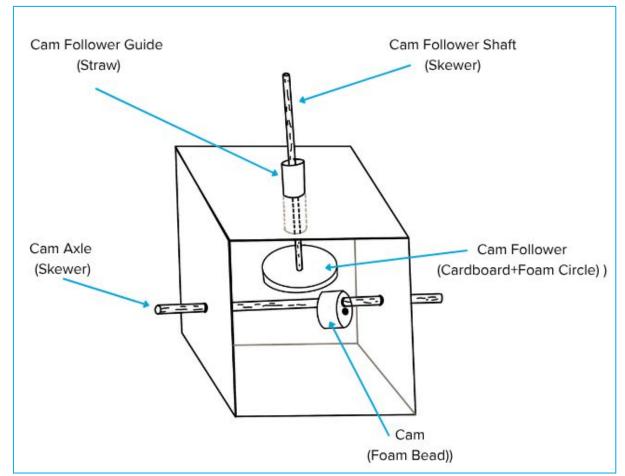


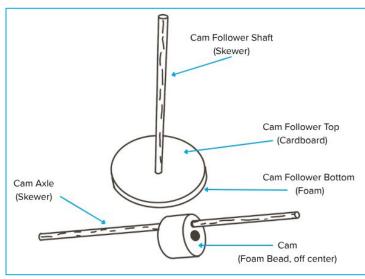




#### **Box Preparation**

- Draw lines corner-to-corner on three sides of the box.
- Mark hole locations by drawing small circles as shown.
- Use skewers to poke holes where the lines cross (on opposite sides of the box).
- Use a pencil to poke the hole that is BEHIND where the lines cross.
- Use tape to close the end of the box closest to the pencil hole.







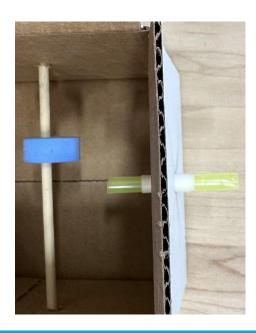






#### **Building Tips**

- A guide made from a short piece of drinking straw can keep the cam follower from wobbling or falling off the cam. You may need to wrap tape around it to hold it in place.
- Masking tape can help stabilize any wiggling parts.
- As the engineer, you are designing what motion the cam and cam follower will produce.





#### **Try Creating Your Own Cam**

- Round cams with a center axle touching the cam follower off to the side will spin the cam follower.
- Oval cams with a center axle make the cam follower go up and down.
- Round cams with an off center axle make the cam follower go up and down and spin around.

