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Product Description

YoG: Oral + Manual Communication Device for the Deaf

• Oralist:

Those who communicate by written English and lipreading have used outdated and complicated services such as TTY or replay services, which could be improved with wireless+IM technologies.

• Manualist:

For many deaf people their first language is ASL (American Sign Language). Some deaf individuals would prefer to communicate via their native language of ASL.

• YoG attempts to provide universal accessibility by supporting whatever communication channels is most natural given the users' context.

- YoG supports following methods:
- Video
- Text (IM)
- Drawing
- Voice (optional)
- YoG can aid remote deaf-to-deaf conversations via ASL or via instant messaging and integrates with current products including TTYs, WyndTel, and phone relay services.
- YoG also assists local deaf-to-hearing communication though the use of Mini-YoG. Mini-YoG is a simple detachable device for notetaking and drawings that can also perform speech recognition.



Scenarios of Use

Remote Deaf-to-deaf

Synopsis

- Susan, a deaf mom talks to her college student daughter Tina using both sign and text.

Demonstrated Features

- Gesture recognition (command, numbers)
- Switching from IM mode to video mode
- ASLcommunication via video
- Memo during a phone call

Local Deaf-to-hearing

Synopsis

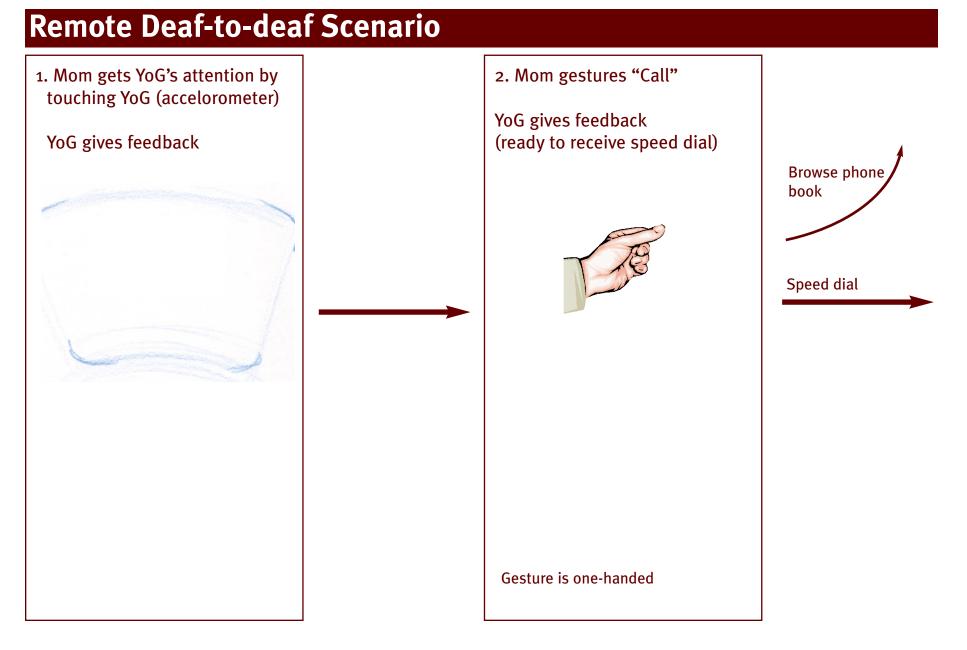
- On a street, Tina asks a hearing person for the direction to Giant Eagle.

Demonstrated Features

- Text-to-speech by main YoG
- Speech-to-text by Mini-YoG
- Mini-YoG as a digital napkin/paper



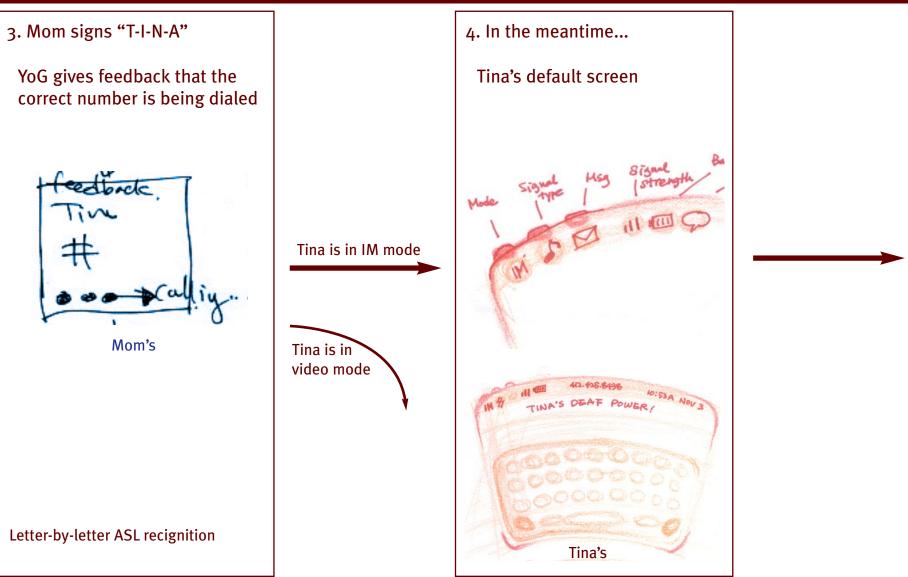
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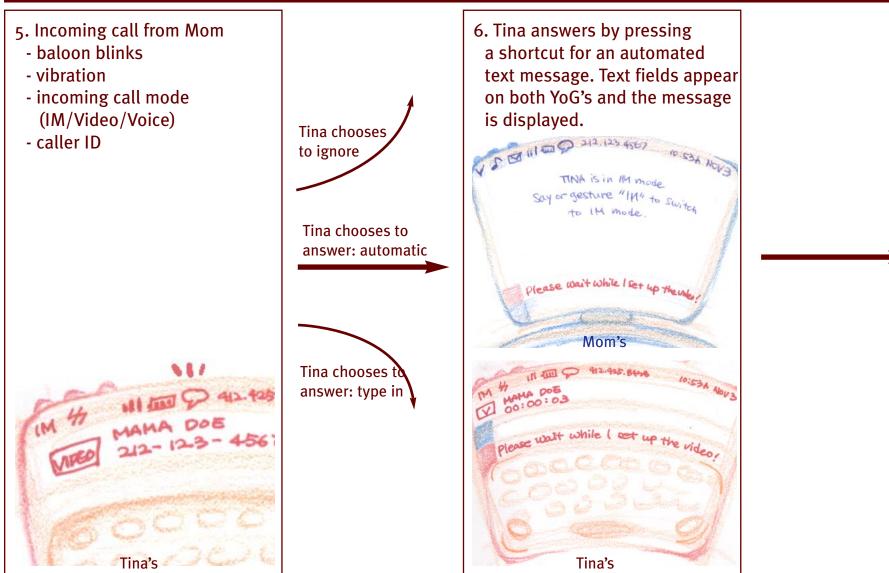
Remote Deaf-to-deaf Scenario





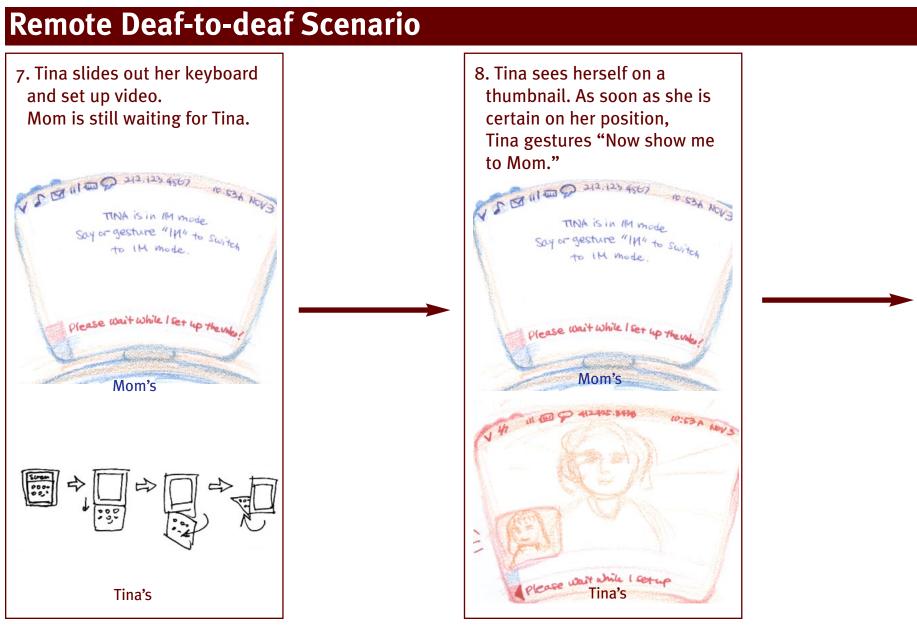
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10. Mom wants to send Uncle Bob's phone number to Tina. Mom gestures YoG "Recognize my ASL." Both YoG's display text fields and are ready to receive.

Mom's

Tina's

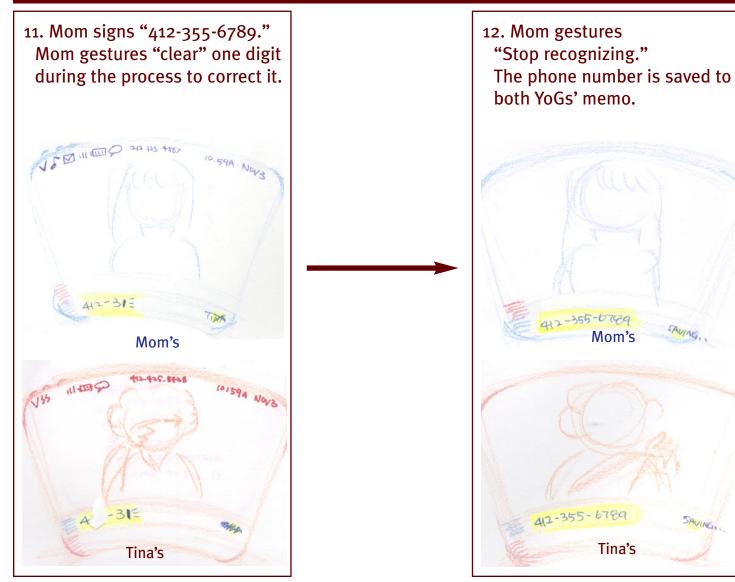
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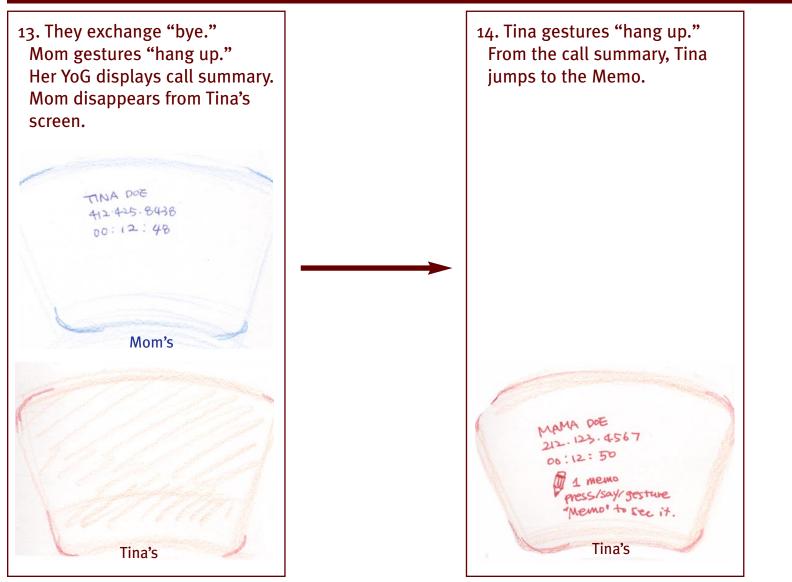


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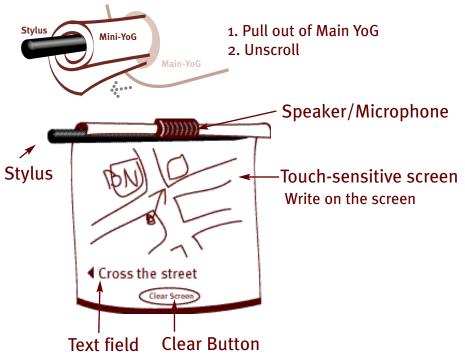


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Local Deaf-to-hearing Communication

Main + Mini-YoG

Mini-YoG Features



Dictated English appears on the bottom of the screen Scroll arrows appears as needed The drawing and text on the Mini-YoG isn't erased unless the clear button is pressed. When the clear button is pressed and held the screen and dictation is cleared and the text, "Please speak or write" is placed in the dictation area.

About Mini-YoG

- A small satellite device which detaches from the main unit. It may be used in any local situation where sign language based communication is not possible.
- Designed simple for walk-up-and-use like a simple notepad and stylus
- When someone is done writing the hearing can show or hand back the Mini-YoG to the deaf user.
- If the deaf user needs to ask follow up questions they can use the keyboard on their main YoG device (translated into an audio form by choice).
- When the deaf persons question has been answered they can take the Mini-YoG back and re-connect it to their main device.

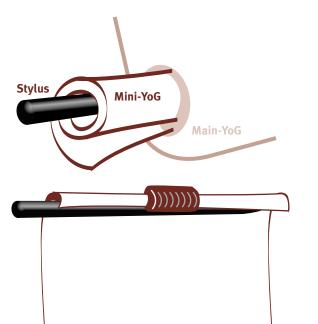


Local Deaf-to-hearing Scenario 1. Tina enters her question 2. Tina approaches a hearing passer-by in advance: "How do I get to and gets their attention Giant Eagle?" switch made to local Yog If the technology exist, do ASL ----- English translation



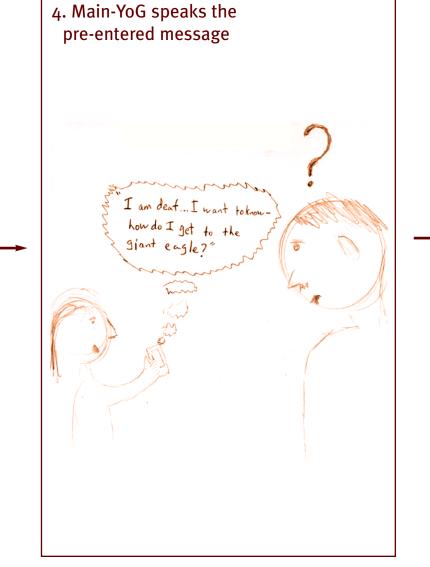
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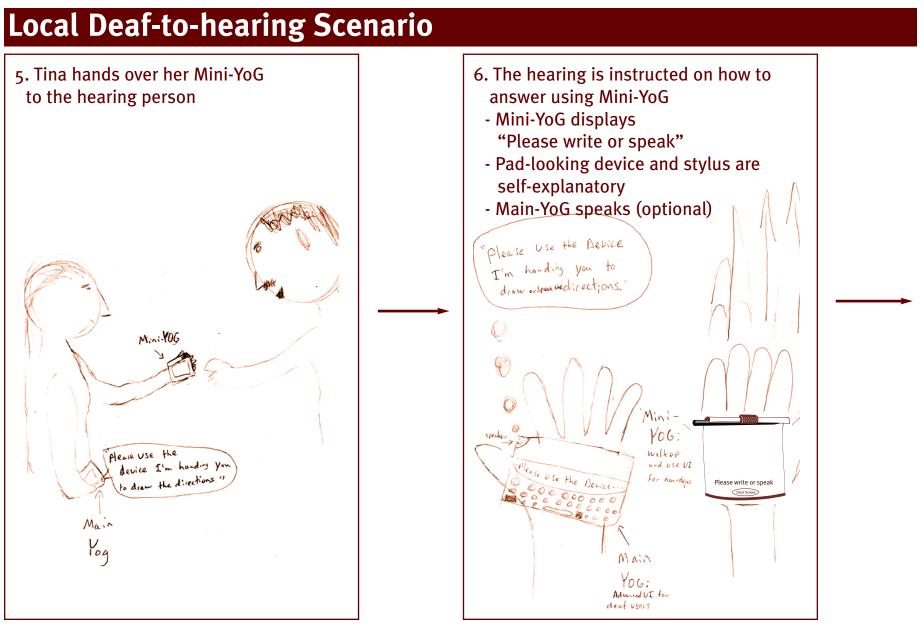
Please write or speak

Clear Screen





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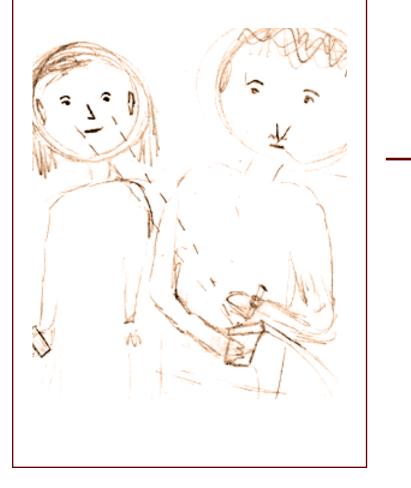
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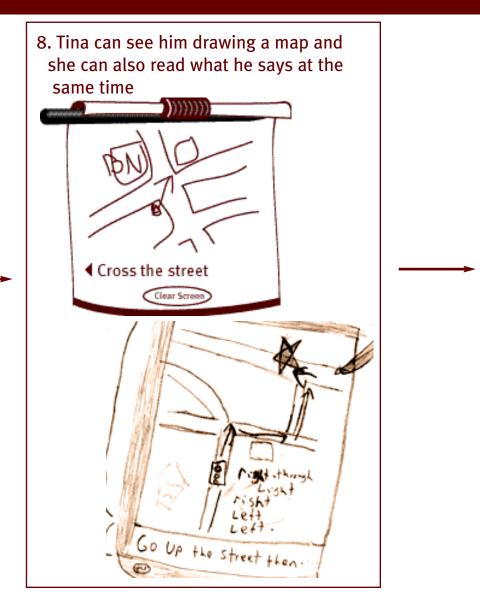
Local Deaf-to-hearing Scenario 7. Tina uses her Main-YoG keyboard to ask 8. The hearing returns Mini-YoG a follow-up question; to Tina The hearing nods; Tina's Main-YoG says (or Tina shows) "Thank you" to the hearing So its just a five Thank you!



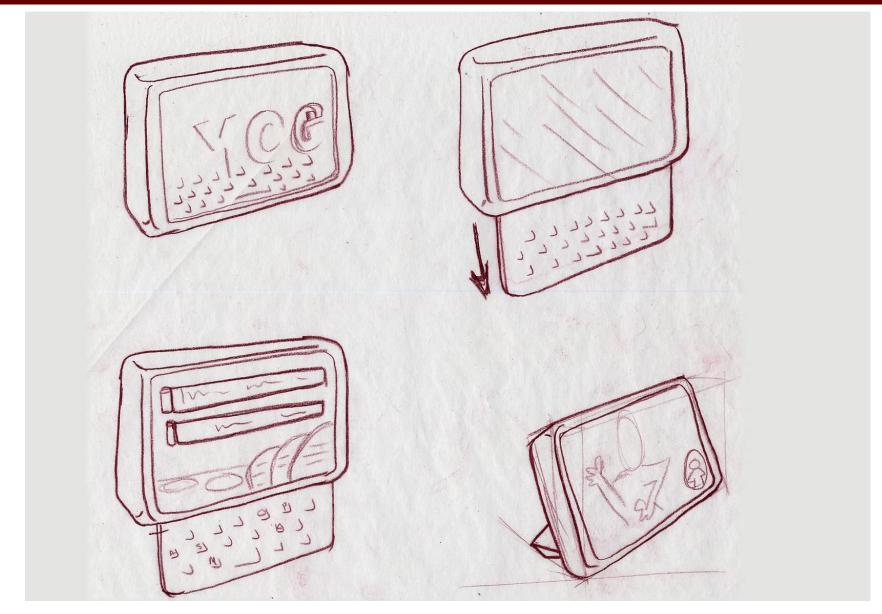
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- 7. The hearing takes Min-YoG, writes and speaks directions
- Tina watches him giving directions

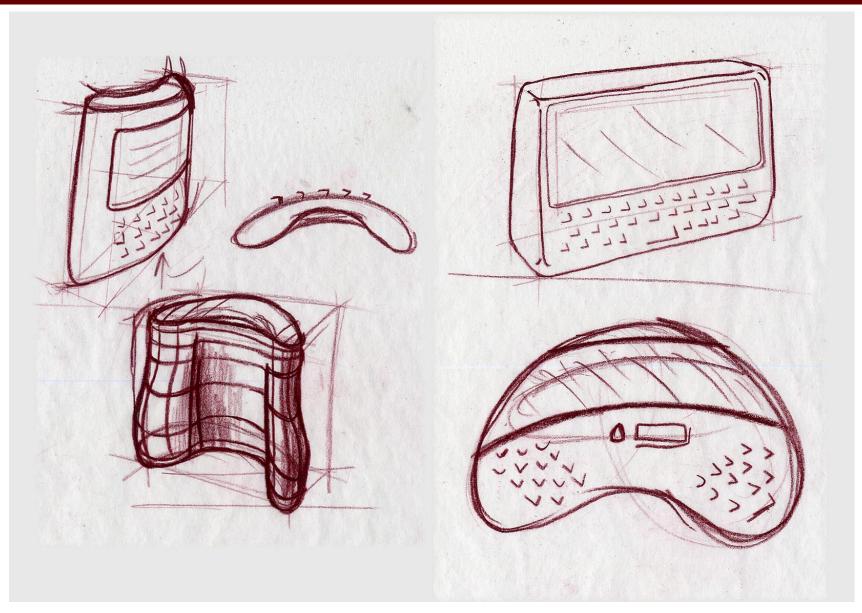




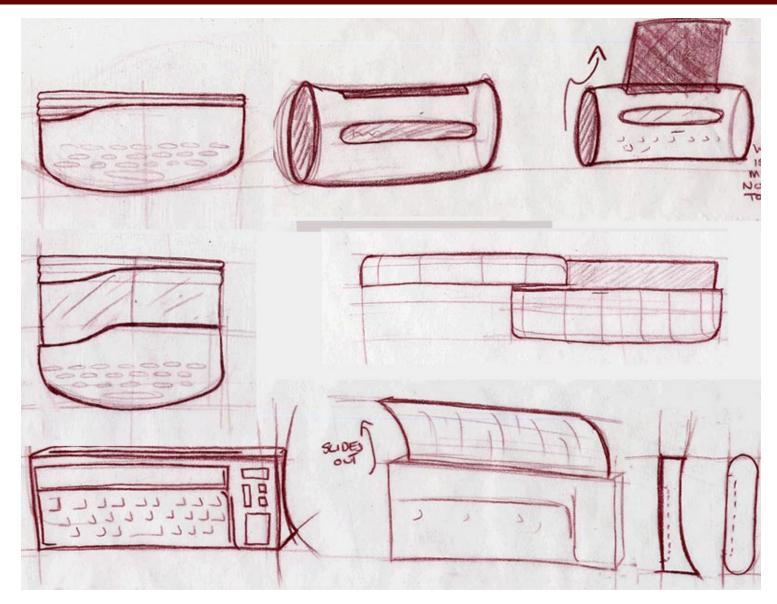




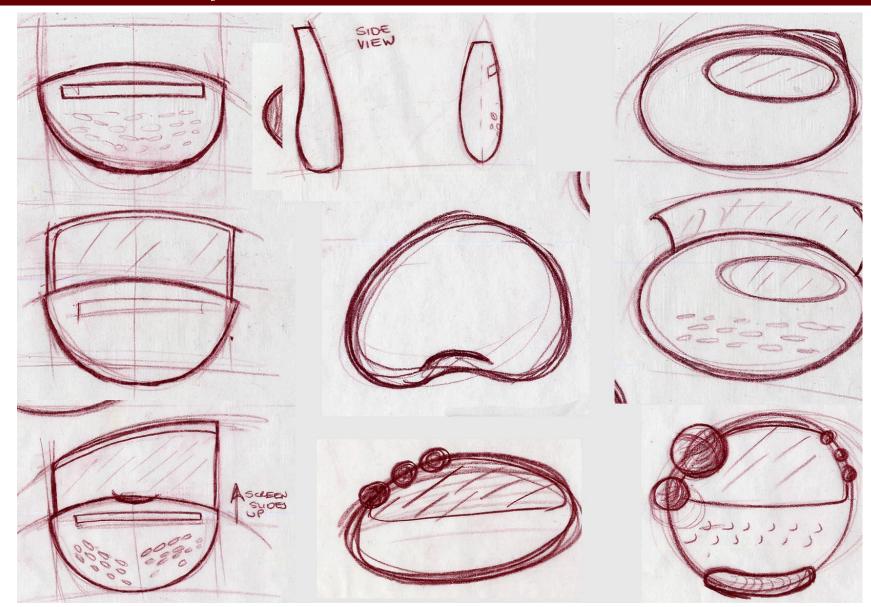




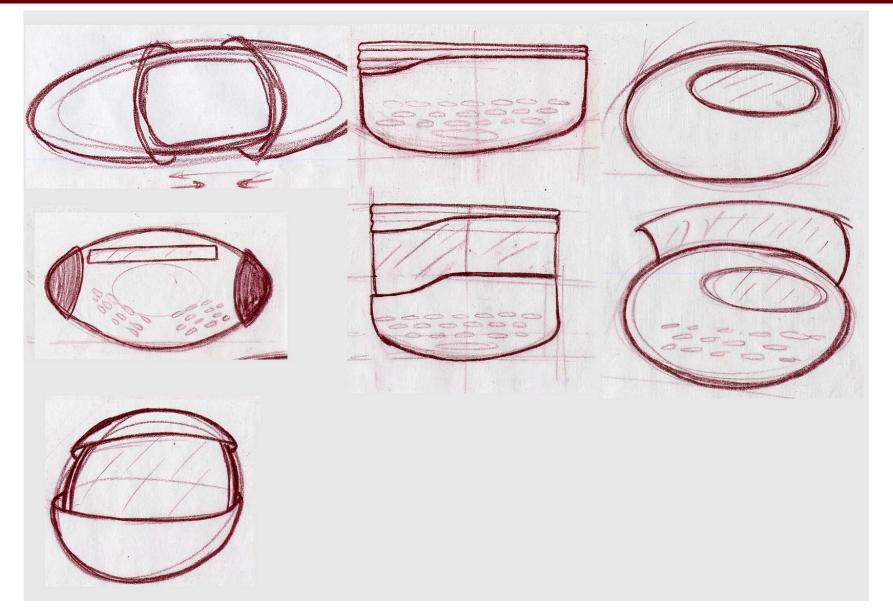












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