



## **Make a Difference Project**

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### **The problem:**

The problem is the uncomfortable stools in our studios. These stools are hard and they cause back pain if they are sat on for a long period of time. When students experience this discomfort, they become less productive. Therefore, the quality of the students' work suffers.

### **The solution:**

We propose that cushions be added to the seat of the stools. The cushions will provide comfort and will be easier on the students' backs. A simple foam pad covered in a fabric, similar to that of a computer chair, will be enough to alleviate pressure on the students' backbones. To add to aesthetics, the fabric can come in various colors and patterns.

### **The solution's impact on its users:**

By adding this cushion to the stool, it provided more comfort to the students. Their complaints of back pain significantly dropped. Students took less breaks during class, so their work began to improve. They were more likely to pay more attention in class, than worrying about the comfort of their stools. Another significant change is that the students were willing to come back to class after class time to work on their projects. The more comfortable stools lead to improved grades and overall better attitudes in class.



# Air Purification and Recycling Center

[http://www.idec.org/events/special\\_events.php](http://www.idec.org/events/special_events.php)



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## The problem

Currently in our design studio, which is located in the basement of the Savannah College of Art and Design, has limited access to clean fresh air and our trash can is always overflowing with materials that could be recycled.

## The solution

Our proposal is to create a recycling center that would incorporate a live house plant into one aesthetically pleasing composition. The house plant would not only be attractive but would also aid in the purification of the indoor space. The center would be three sided. One side would be for each of the three recyclable materials we have an abundance of. The first material would be plastic, then paper and finally glass. Inside the bin there would be three lined trash cans to hold each of the items.

## The solution's impact on its users

After installation we gave our project two hours of observation time to see what impact it had on the students. We mostly received curious looks but one person actually use our recycling center. He was quite tall and easily placed the plastic bottle in the container. When creating the design of our recycling center we also took into consideration persons with disabilities. Those in wheel chairs could easily use our facility as well as the general public. We also took into account of placing the recycling center close to where our housekeeping staff could easily remove the individual recycling bags once full and hold the bags for scheduled pick up.

## PROBLEM



## SOLUTION



## RESULT