Motor Skills Tester

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Problem Statement
Design an apparatus to test the fine motor skills of rhesus monkeys that minimizes the
cognitive portion of problem solving; should be easy to clean, durable, adjustable for human testing, and attach to cage securely.

Last Week’s Goals
- Visit Dr. Emborg to see mMAP in action
- Begin construction of device

Summary of Accomplishments
- Began Construction on device—cut individual pieces, began milling edges, and cut holes in side panels, adapter panels and bottom panel.
- Divided up individual portions of final presentation.

This Week’s Goals
- Finish prototype
- Finish poster presentation
- Begin work on Final Report

Individual Goals
Kailey: Assign parts of final report, oversee completion of device
Gina: Contact client to see if Valerie can come see presentation
Cali: Complete individual portion of poster presentation
Lacey: Update website with poster presentation

Rough Schedule
09/08-09/15: Met with client
09/15-09/22: Developed problem statement, researched, and began brainstorming
09/22-09/29: Continued brainstorming, assigned parts and assembled rough PDS
09/29-10/06: Developed preliminary design ideas, continued research, and began rough draft of mid-semester report
10/06-10/13: Continued work on mid-semester presentation/paper parts
10/13-10/20: Assemble PowerPoint, give presentation, and assemble report
10/20-10/27: Edit report and turn it in, begin focus on final design, locate materials
10/27-11/03: Contacted Bruce about materials, submitted machine shop permission slips
11/03-11/10: Begin work on prototype
11/10-11/17: Continue work on prototype and begin testing if possible
11/17-11/24: THANKSGIVING
11/24-12/01: Visit Dr. Emborg to see current device, begin construction
12/01-12/08: Finish device and presentation, begin work on final report
12/08-12/15: Hand in final report

Difficulties
With design projects resolving in the next week, our main difficulty was procuring the machines to mill our device. We have reserved the machine for eight hours on Wednesday, which will be more than enough time to smooth the edges, create the grooves, and screw the box together.

Activities:                      Hours
Kailey: Team meeting, construction of device                      8
Gina: Team meeting, emailing, construction of device               8.5
Cali: Team meeting, construction of device, visiting
      Primate research center                                      9.5
Lacey: Team meeting, work on website, construction of device     9.5

Hours to Date                   Hours
Kailey:                         32
Gina:                           32.5
Cali:                           34.5
Lacey:                          32

Expenses
No expenses to date