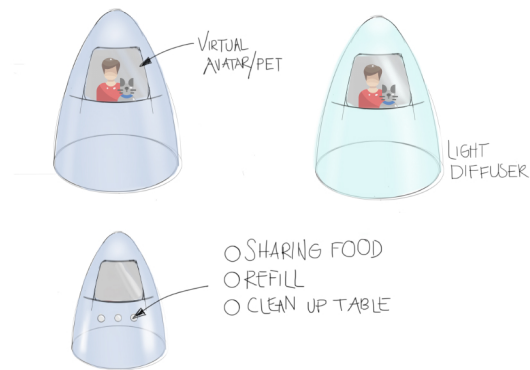
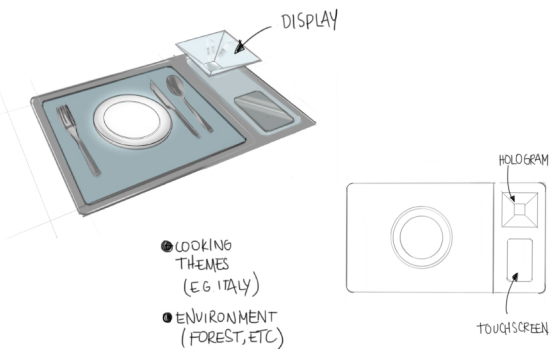


Idea 1: Portable dining companion



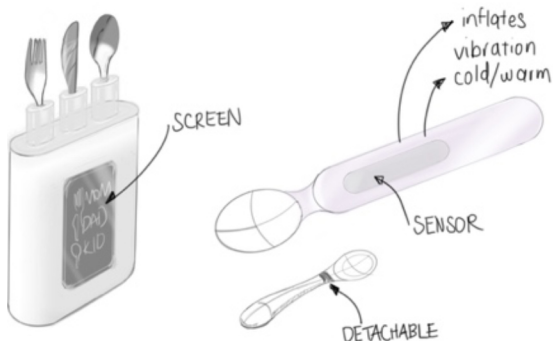
The portable dining companion should be placed on the eating table during dining. The solo diner can interact with the digital avatar through the buttons on the device. Depending on the mood of the solo diner, the avatar can provide (customised) cues such as displaying colour changes and playing music to help provide a better eating experience.

Idea 2: Hologram placemat



This concept integrates a hologram on an interactive eating placemat. A touch screen is also included. The hologram and touch screen provide entertainment to the solo diner by delivering information about cooking themes (cuisines of the world) or relaxing environments such as beach sounds and images.

Idea 3: Entertaining cutlery



This interactive cutlery set is a device that acts as a digital companion and provides entertainment by interacting with the solitary eater in several ways. For example, the handles register the usage pattern and send sound cues to call the attention of the user. When in use, the interactive cutlery set is dynamic: the handle inflates, heats, and vibrates based on the diner's behaviour to call his/her attention.