

# Playing on the Big Screen with AirPlay Mirroring

The iPad's screen is pretty big for a tablet, but it's nothing compared to the big-screen HDTV that you and your friends may be used to playing PlayStation, Wii, or Xbox on. But did you know there's a way for your iPad's screen to show up on that TV? It's called AirPlay Mirroring.

You can't use AirPlay Mirroring with the iPad and just any old TV. You need some specific items:

- An iPad
- An HDTV
- A second-generation or newer Apple TV
- A Wi-Fi network

If you have all those things, you first have to make sure the Apple TV is connected to the HDTV. Then make sure the Apple TV and your iPad are on the same Wi-Fi network. Also, always make sure it's OK with your parents before you start using AirPlay Mirroring.

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### Using AirPlay Mirroring

If you're ready to set up AirPlay between your TV and iPad, then all that's left is to follow these steps:

1. Double press the iPad's Home button. This brings up a row of app icons under the Dock. Swipe the bar of apps from left to right to reveal a new set of controls.
2. Tap the AirPlay button.
3. Tap Apple TV.
4. Move the Mirroring slider to On. Sometimes mirroring takes a few seconds to start, but after that, whatever is on your iPad's screen will show up on the TV. Because what's is on the iPad's screen appears on the TV, you can play a game and it will appear on the TV—just like you're playing PS3 or Wii.



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## Turning Mirroring Off

To turn mirroring off, follow the first three steps and then move the Mirroring slider to Off.

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### MIRRORING WITH AN HDMI ADAPTER

Wi-Fi isn't the only way to mirror your iPad's screen on your TV. You can also use Apple's HDMI adapter accessory. HDMI is the kind of plug that HDTVs and other hi-def devices use to send video and audio back and forth.

The \$39 Apple HDMI adapter plugs into the Dock Connector on one end. The other end attaches to an HDMI cable that plugs into one of your TV's HDMI ports. Once you've connected them, mirroring works basically the same way.

When you use HDMI, games aren't the only great option for mirroring—watching videos from your iPad in HD is pretty good, too.