Other Great Ways to Use Your iPad

Throughout this book, we’ve shown you how to use your iPad to listen to your music and watch movies, write e-mails and documents, navigate with maps, and show off your photos, but all that (and it’s a lot!) is just the start.

In this chapter, we show you just some of the many other ways you can use your iPad in everyday life, including as a helper in the kitchen, as a teaching tool, as a gaming device, as an artist’s canvas, and more!

The iPad as a Game Machine

The iPad is a great device when you just want to kick back and unwind. You can listen to music, watch your favorite TV shows, and flick through photos of your last vacation with ease. Another way to unwind on the iPad is by playing games.

Whether you’re into card games, adventure epics, or sports, there’s a game for you. As a matter of fact, as of the time of this writing, there are more than 4,000 dedicated iPad games available in the App Store, and that’s not including the 90,000+ iPhone games that play on the iPad as well.

Here we spotlight just some of the types of games you can play on the iPad.

Pinball HD

Pinball HD (Figure 15-1) harkens back to the times when games existed in three dimensions in the physical world and not on a computer screen. You’ll quickly forget that you aren’t playing on an actual pinball machine, however, because the level of realism in Pinball HD is amazing. You can choose from three pinball tables including the Wild West, a jungle, and the deep ocean. The app is a steal at $2.99.
Air Hockey

Air Hockey (Figure 15-2) is another iPad game that harkens back to the day of nondigital games. What’s so cool about this game is that you can play your friend on the same iPad. Because the iPad is a Multi-Touch device, it recognizes multiple inputs, not just from your finger either. Launch the app, choose a side, and show your friend who rules with the air puck. Best of all, it’s only $0.99.