

Tantamounter at Home

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Tantamount means something is almost the same as, or equivalent to something else.

The Tantamounter Challenge: Replicate an object using everyday household materials to recreate the essence of the object. Your version doesn't have to look exactly the same but it will have some of the same characteristics as the original. You can make this into a game by selecting objects for your game partner(s) to tantamount. Or you could become a human copy machine inside your own magical tantamounter studio, ready to tantamount any object that your family brings to you!

Reference: Tantamounter 24/7 was a 2005 art event in NYC. You can read about it here: [Gelitin and Tantamounter 24/7 and Leo Koenig](#)

Materials: Walk around your home to find interesting objects to tantamount. Here is a list of possible art materials that you might use to tantamount.

Aluminum foil
Plastic wrap
Cardboard
Paper
Dental floss
Toothpicks
Cotton balls
Paper clips

String
Thread
Fabric
Corks
Bottle caps
Cardboard tubes
Catalogs and
magazines

Packing materials
Pebbles
Twigs
Grass
Leaves
Buttons
Scrap fabric
Egg cartons

*Below are some tantamounter sculptures by 5th grade students.
What will you choose to tantamount?*

