Streaming Digital Internet Content To A Large Screen Display

There are three main ways to get your phone or tablet screen onto a larger display:

1. **Using a Native App (Easiest):** If you have a Smart TV or a streaming device (like a Roku or Apple TV), you can often install the Patreon app directly.
2. **Wireless Casting & Screen Mirroring (Convenient):** This sends the video or your entire screen from your device to the TV/projector over your Wi-Fi network.
3. **Wired HDMI Connection (Most Reliable):** This uses a cable to create a direct, lag-free connection.

Method 1: Using the Patreon App on a Smart TV or Streaming Device

This is the simplest way. You aren't connecting your phone at all; you're just logging into your Patreon account on your TV system.

- **What You Need:** A compatible Smart TV or streaming device (Apple TV, Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Android TV/Google TV), and your Patreon login information.
- **Instructions:**
    1. Turn on your TV and go to its home screen.
    2. Open the **App Store** on your device (e.g., "Channel Store" on Roku, "Google Play Store" on Android TV).
    3. Search for the **"Patreon"** app.
    4. Select and **Install** the app.
    5. Open the Patreon app, **log in**, and navigate to The Decision Target System's page to watch.

Method 2: Wireless Screen Mirroring & Casting

This is perfect if you don't have a Patreon app on your TV but have a modern TV or streaming stick. **Both devices must be on the same Wi-Fi network.**

- **For Apple Users (iPhone/iPad) using AirPlay:**
    1. Open the **Patreon app** on your iPhone/iPad.
    2. Open the **Control Center**:
        - On an iPhone X or newer / modern iPad: **Swipe down** from the top-right corner.
        - On an iPhone 8 or older: **Swipe up** from the bottom.
    3. Tap the **Screen Mirroring** icon (two overlapping rectangles).
    4. Select your **Apple TV** or **AirPlay-compatible TV** from the list.
    5. Your phone's screen will now be mirrored on the TV. Play the video and turn your phone sideways for full screen.

- **For Android Users (Phones/Tablets) using Chromecast:**
  1. **Pull down the notification shade** at the top of your screen (you may need to pull down twice).
  2. Look for a button labeled **"Screen Cast," "Smart View,"** or **"Screen Share"**.
  3. Tap that button and select your **Chromecast** or **Chromecast-enabled TV** from the list.
  4. Your phone's screen will be mirrored. Open Patreon, play the video, and turn your phone sideways.

Method 3: Wired HDMI Connection (The "It Just Works" Method)

This is the rock-solid, guaranteed method. It's perfect if your Wi-Fi is slow or you want the best quality without lag.

- **For iPhone/iPad with a Lightning Port:**
  1. **You Need:** An official **Apple Lightning to Digital AV Adapter** and a standard **HDMI cable**.
  2. **Connect:** Plug the adapter into your iPhone/iPad, plug the HDMI cable into the adapter, and plug the other end of the HDMI cable into your TV or projector.
  3. **Switch Input:** Use your TV/projector remote to switch the input/source to the correct HDMI port (e.g., HDMI 1, HDMI 2). Your screen will appear automatically.
- **For newer iPads, iPhone 15, and Android devices with USB-C:**
  o **Important:** For Android, confirm your device supports video out over USB-C (called "DisplayPort Alternate Mode"). High-end phones (like Samsung Galaxy S/Note series) usually do.
  2. **You Need:** A **USB-C to HDMI Adapter** and a standard **HDMI cable**.
  3. **Connect:** Plug the adapter into your device, connect the HDMI cable to the adapter and the TV/projector.
  4. **Switch Input:** Change the TV/projector's source to the correct HDMI port. Your screen will be mirrored.

Part 2: From a Laptop or Desktop Computer

Connecting a computer is often the best experience, giving you a stable connection and the ability to multitask.

Method 1: Wired HDMI Connection (Most Common & Reliable)

This is the industry-standard way to connect a computer to a larger screen.

- **What You Need:**
  o Your laptop or desktop computer.

- o   A TV or projector with an HDMI port.
- o   The correct cable or adapter for your computer.
- **Step 1: Identify Your Computer's Video Port**
  Look at the sides of your laptop or the back of your desktop computer. You will have one of these ports:
  - o   **HDMI:** The most common. It's a trapezoid shape. You just need a standard **HDMI to HDMI cable**.
  - o   **USB-C / Thunderbolt:** A small, oval-shaped port found on all modern MacBooks and many Windows laptops. You need a **USB-C to HDMI adapter** or a **USB-C to HDMI cable**.
  - o   **DisplayPort:** Looks like HDMI but is rectangular with one corner angled off. Common on desktops and business laptops. You need a **DisplayPort to HDMI cable** or adapter.
  - o   **Mini DisplayPort:** A smaller version of DisplayPort, found on older MacBooks and Microsoft Surface devices. You need a **Mini DisplayPort to HDMI adapter**.
- **Step 2: Connect Everything**
  1. Plug the appropriate cable/adapter into your computer.
  2. Plug the other end of the HDMI cable into an open HDMI port on your TV or projector.
  3. Use your TV/projector remote to switch the **Input/Source** to the HDMI port you just used. Your computer's screen should appear on the TV.
- **Step 3: Configure Your Display Settings**
  Your computer can use the TV in different ways. Press the **Windows Key + P** on a Windows PC, or go to **System Settings > Displays** on a Mac to choose an option:
  - o   **Duplicate (or Mirror):** Shows the exact same thing on your computer screen and the TV. Simple and effective.
  - o   **Extend:** Treats the TV as a second, separate monitor. **This is the best mode for watching videos!** You can drag your web browser with Patreon onto the TV screen and make it full-screen, while still using your laptop screen for notes, email, or anything else.
  - o   **Second Screen Only:** Turns off your laptop's display and only uses the TV. Good for saving battery.
- **Step 4: Check the Audio**
  Sometimes the audio will still play from your computer's speakers. To fix this:
  - o   **On Windows:** Click the speaker icon in the bottom-right of the taskbar and select your TV/projector from the list of playback devices (it will usually have the TV's model name, like "Samsung TV").
  - o   **On Mac:** Go to **System Settings > Sound > Output** and select your TV/projector from the list.

Now, just open Patreon in your web browser, play the video, and make it full-screen!

Method 2: Wireless Casting from a Web Browser

This is a great cable-free option if you have the right setup. **Both devices must be on the same Wi-Fi network.**

- **Using Google Chromecast (from any computer with Chrome browser):**
    1. **You Need:** A Chromecast device or a TV with "Chromecast built-in."
    2. Open **Google Chrome** and navigate to the Patreon video you want to watch.
    3. Click the **three-dot menu** in the top-right corner of Chrome.
    4. Select **"Cast..."** from the menu.
    5. A small window will pop up. Choose your Chromecast-enabled TV or device from the list.
    6. The **"Sources"** dropdown will give you a choice:
        - **Cast tab (Best Option):** This sends only the contents of your Patreon browser tab to the TV. It's very efficient.
        - **Cast desktop:** This mirrors your entire computer screen, just like a wired connection. Use this if "Cast tab" isn't working correctly.
    7. The video will now play on your TV. To stop, click the blue **Cast icon** in your browser's toolbar.
- **Using AirPlay (from a Mac computer):**
    1. **You Need:** An Apple TV or an AirPlay-compatible Smart TV.
    2. On your Mac, click the **Control Center** icon (looks like two toggles) in the menu bar at the top-right of your screen.
    3. Click on **Screen Mirroring**.
    4. Select your **Apple TV** or **AirPlay-compatible TV** from the list.
    5. Your Mac's entire desktop will be mirrored to the TV. Open Patreon in a browser and enjoy.