

Inventor Is Awarded a US Patent for a New Version of Tic Tac Toe

The tabletop game of Tip Tac Toe memory mash-up. Easy to understand tricky to play! When James first got the idea of playing Tip Tac Toe by memory—and using it as a vehicle for encouraging mindfulness—it was such a cool concept he just couldn't let it go.

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James Porter, of Norwalk, CT, has invented a brand-new way to play Tic Tac Toe and The United States Patent and Trademark Office has recognized Porter's unique game board design by awarding him a US government patent. "We've turned the game of Tic Tac Toe upside down," Porter explains.

Using blocks marked with X's and O's, players put their pieces into a grid with the letter side facing down. As soon as they make a move, any evidence of it disappears. ([See video](#)) Porter, author of books and other materials on mindfulness, says he wanted to create a game that encourages people to be more mindful.

"If you don't pay careful attention to where you and your opponent place each block, you will lose," Porter said. He calls his new game Tip Tac Toe™, because at the end of play you have to TIP the box over to see who has won. "The unique design of the box is what allowed us to obtain a patent." The USPTO also awarded him a trademark for the name Tip Tac Toe™.

"The problem with regular Tic Tac Toe is that far too often the game ends in a draw. Tip Tac Toe™ is much more challenging because we've added one very important rule: If you pull out a lettered block that's already been inserted into the grid – whether it's yours or your opponent's – you lose."

"And if the game should end in a draw," Porter explains, "each player must withdraw his or her own blocks, one by one. This always adds a bit of drama to the game and further diminishes the chances of it ending in a draw."

Now that he has been awarded a patent, Porter is looking for a distributor to take over the manufacture and marketing of the game. In addition, he will soon be launching a Kickstarter campaign, so he can manufacture a limited edition of the game himself. "I want to create a high-quality wooden version of the game that a user can proudly display on their coffee table." Porter says board game enthusiasts can learn more about the Kickstarter campaign at [TipTacToe.net](#).

Porter, who is CEO of the stress management and mindfulness company he founded, StressStop, says his game is appropriate for all ages. "There's an easy way of playing the game that's perfect for kids, and a harder way of playing the game which is much more challenging. Even seniors can get a good mental workout from playing an intermediate level version of this same game."

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