

## CREATE A CONSTELLATION



Have you ever stared into the night sky and played “connect the dots” with the stars? Those groups of stars are called constellations and each one **has** a name and story about how it came to be. Constellations also change by the seasons, some are visible only in the spring and some can be seen only in the Fall.

Now you can design your own constellation and create a story about its origins. Did your constellation appear after a meteor shower? Or maybe it was painted on the sky by an artist standing on a ladder! Be creative and share your constellation stories with a friend.

### Materials:

- Black or blue construction paper
- Crayons, markers or colored pencils
- Sharpened pencil or pen (for poking holes in the construction paper)
- Ruler
- Flashlight

### Instructions:

1. Using 1 piece of construction paper and a crayon (or marker or colored pencil), design your constellation by drawing dots on the paper.
2. Poke holes in each of the dots with a sharpened pencil or pen.
3. Draw straight lines connecting the holes using the ruler.
4. Create a name for your constellation and write it at the top of your drawing.
5. Turn off the lights in your room and shine your flashlight behind your drawing to watch the stars of your constellation light up!



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