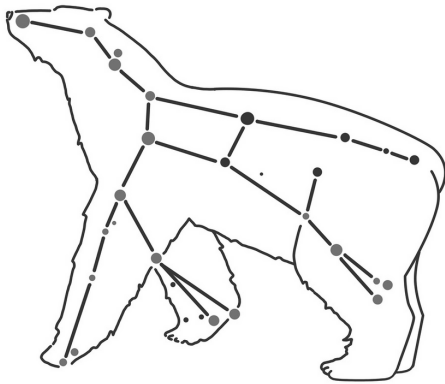




CELESTIAL CONNECT THE DOTS Learn about constellations.

Materials

- Paper
- Markers or crayons
- Toothpick or skewer
- Ruler (optional)



Procedure

- Research a constellation that can be seen in the sky above you during this season.
- Make a large dot on your paper in the place where each star of the constellation is found.
- Connect these dots with straight lines to make a basic figure. (You can use the ruler as a straight edge to help draw straight lines).
- Poke a hole through the paper in each dot using a toothpick or skewer
- Hold the paper up to the light to see your stars shining bright!

Results

A drawing of a seasonal constellation which light can show through to imitate stars!

Why?

Many of the constellations are associated with myths and legends. When you research your constellation, read the stories about the constellation you chose! Feel free to imagine more details about the figure and add those to your drawing. For example, if you have Orion, you might add the clothes he would wear to hunt. If you have Ares, you could add fluffy wool and curly horns! Tell your family the story behind your constellation when you show it to them. Make sure to hold it up to the light so they can see the stars that make up your constellation.