

# Toilet Roll Constellations

Look through the tubes and match up each of the constellations to the images on the paper.

Use the names and learn the patterns of the constellations as you go.

## URSA MAJOR

Best time to see: April



**How to find:**  
Look for the Big Dipper asterism



**Did you know?**  
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## CENTAURUS

Best time to see: May



**How to find:**  
Look for Alpha Centauri – the 3rd brightest star in the sky



**Did you know?**  
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## CASSIOPEIA

Best time to see: November



**How to find:**  
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**Did you know?**  
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## CRUX

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**How to find:**  
Look for the Southern Cross asterism



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## ORION

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**How to find:**  
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## CANIS MAJOR

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**How to find:**  
Look for Sirius – the brightest star in the sky



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## CYGNUS (The Swan)

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Sun Proxima Centauri   
4 light-years

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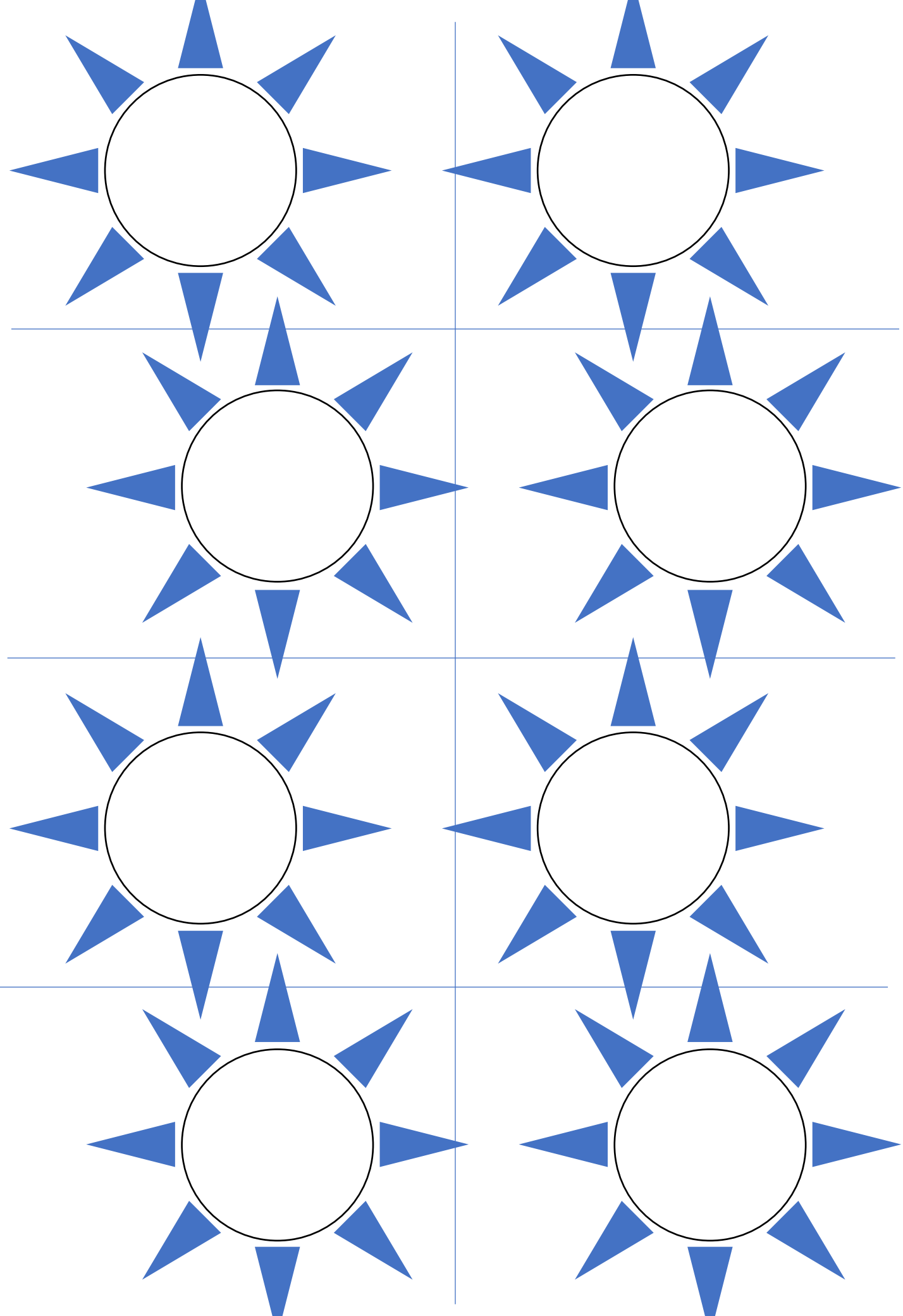
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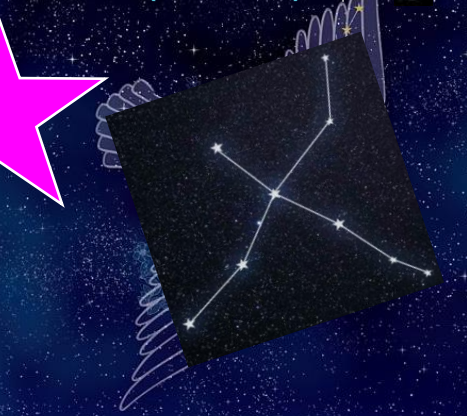
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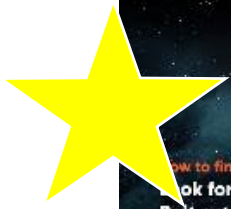
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