

# CONSTELLATIONS AND ASTERISMS

Look up at the night sky and you will see groups of stars that if you use your imagination, you can draw a dot-to-dot picture to make a shape.

There are 88 officially recognised **Constellations**. These are groups of stars that look like a particular shape that have been given a name.

**Asterisms** are recognisable patterns of stars that aren't officially recognised but are commonly known.

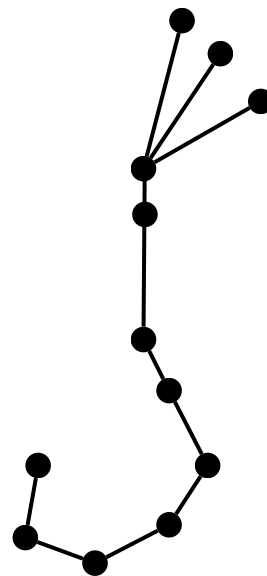
**Activity:** use mini marshmallows and toothpicks to make your own constellations. The marshmallows represent the stars and the toothpicks are the imaginary lines connecting them. The best part is you can eat them once you're done!

Next try going outside and see if you can find these constellations and asterisms.

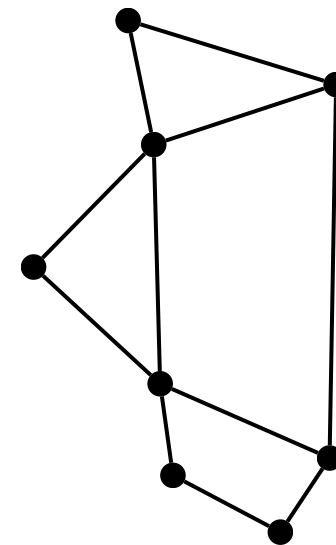
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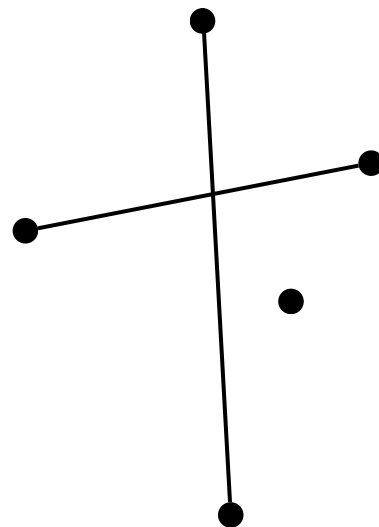
## Scorpius



## The Teapot



## Southern Cross



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