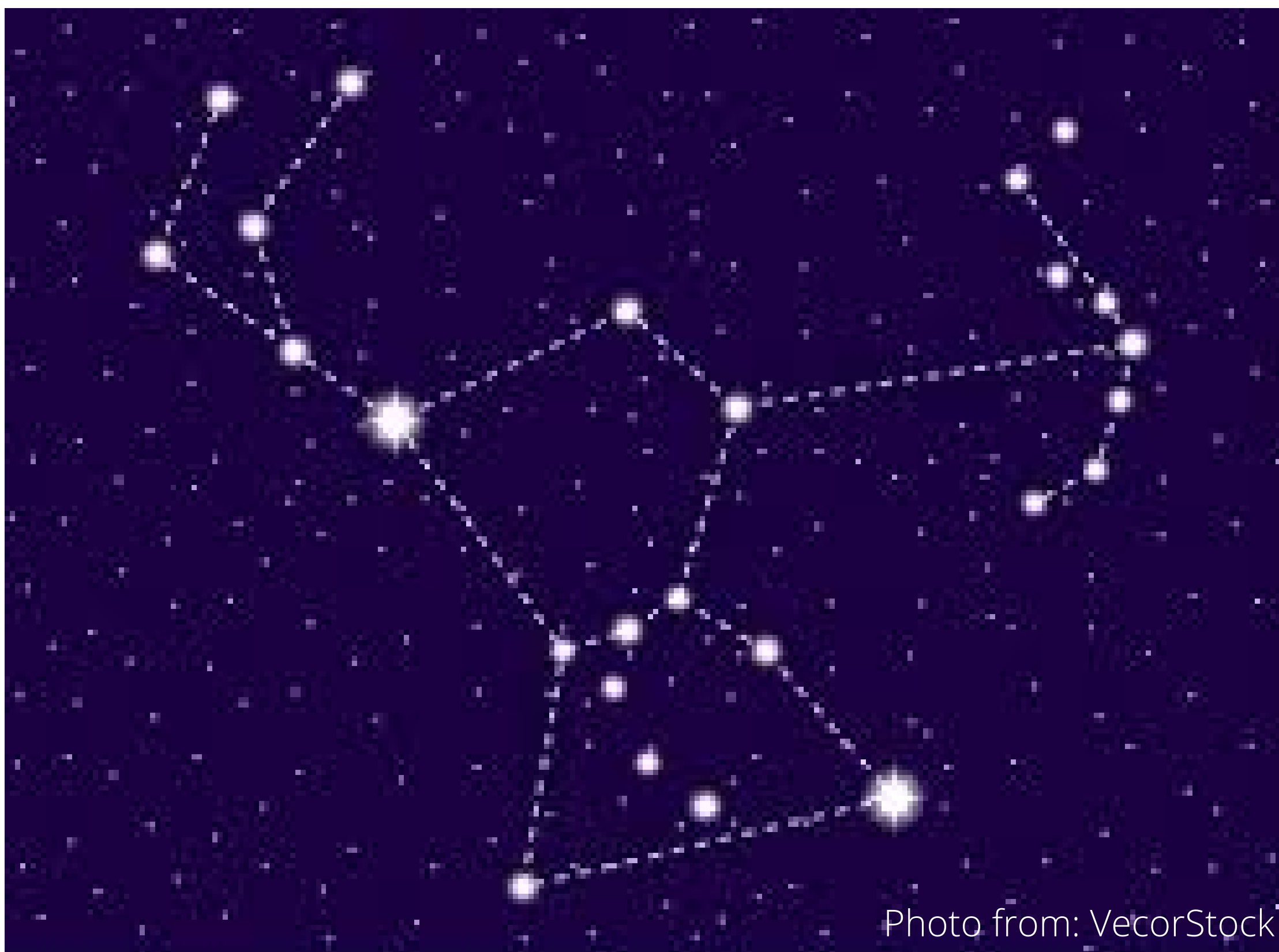


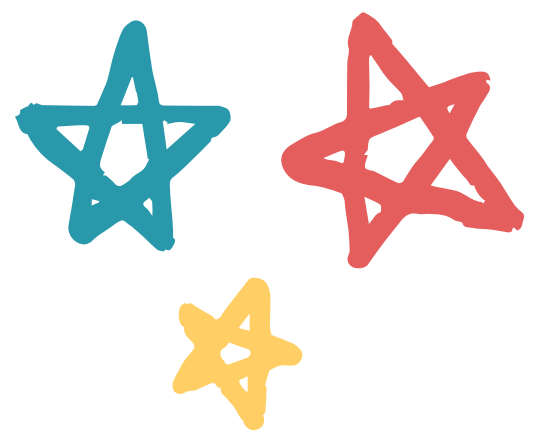
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Can you spot these constellations tonight?

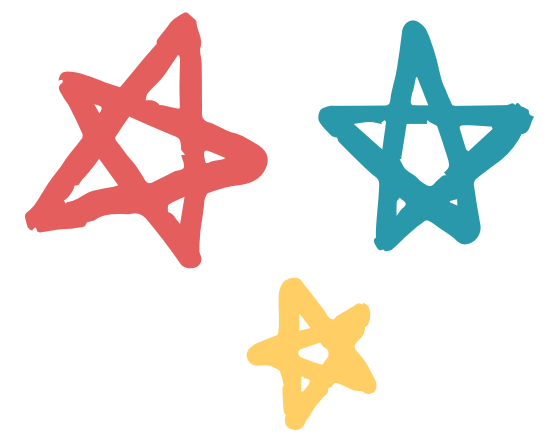
Orion, "The Hunter"



Look for the three bright stars that form the straight line of the hunter's belt. From there you should be able to make out the bright star that forms the hunter's armpit, and follow that east along the hunter's arm, which is holding a bow. He also has a sword on his belt.



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Taurus, "The Bull"

Taurus is located above Orion and can first be identified by finding the large red star, which is near the fork of the bull's horns.



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Gemini, "The Twins"

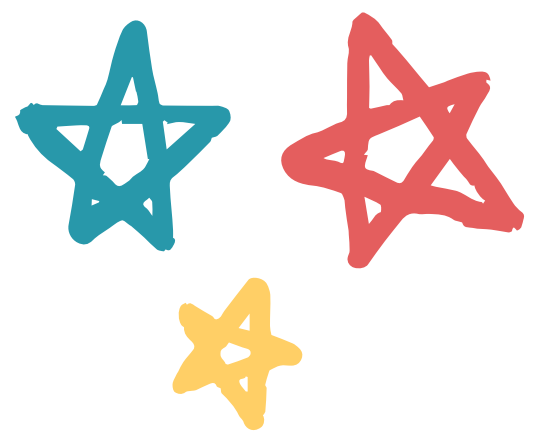
The twins can be found above and to the left of Orion's raised arm. They resemble two stick figures with outstretched arms touching. Locate the two bright stars that serve as the twins' heads and the rest of the pattern should be fairly simple to trace.



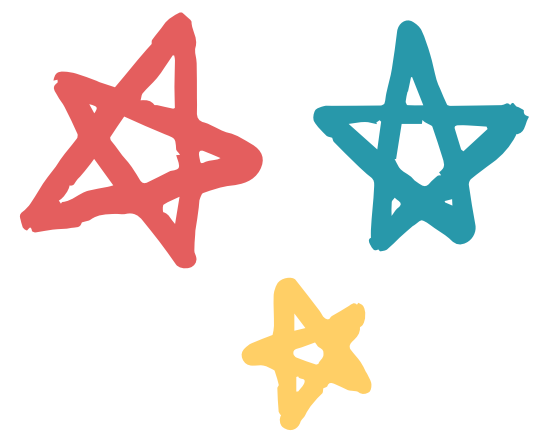
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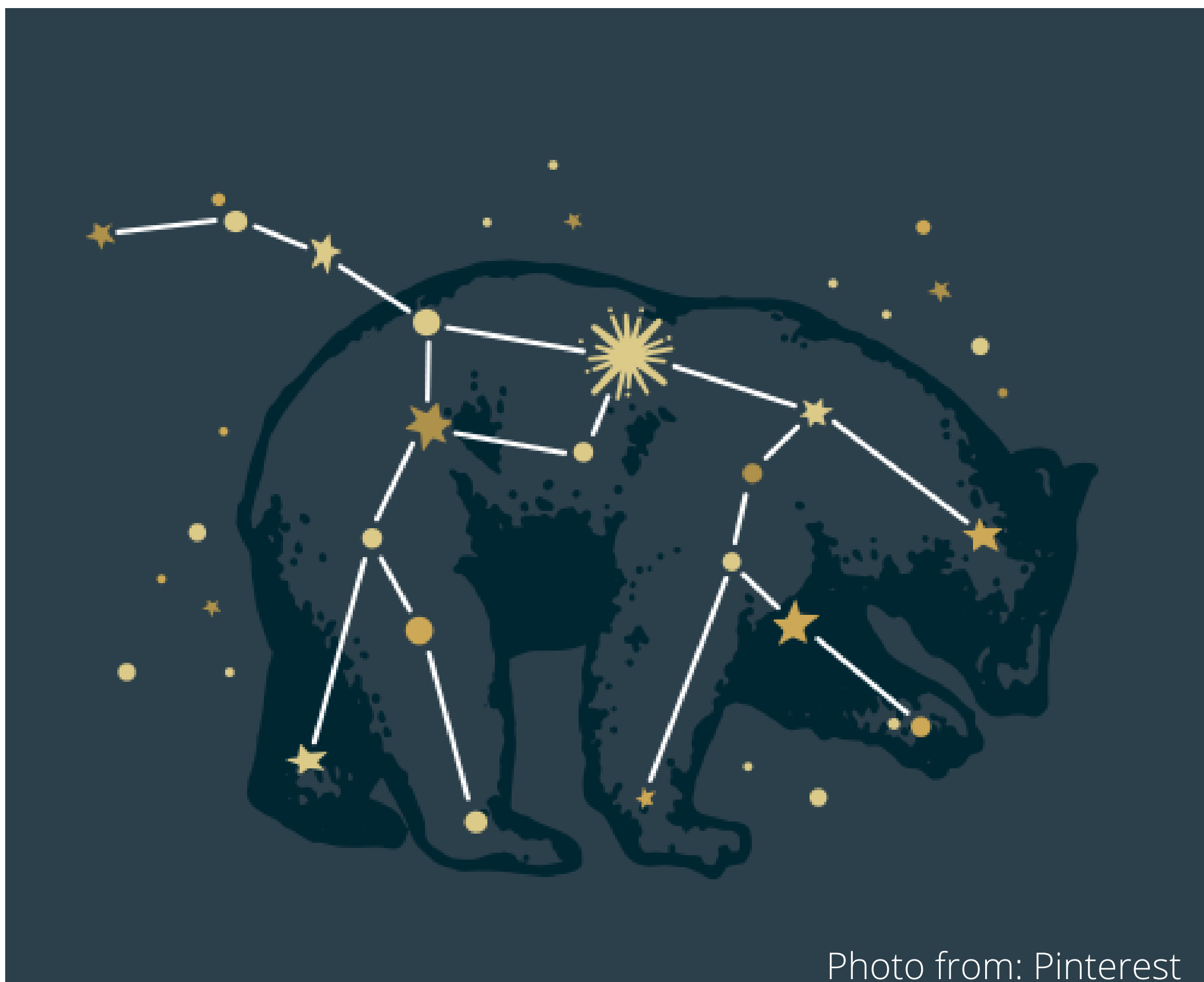




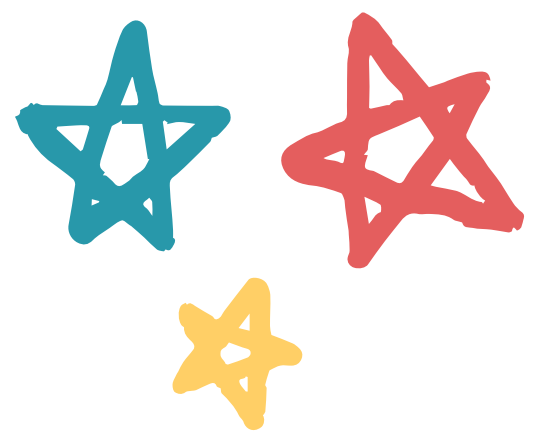
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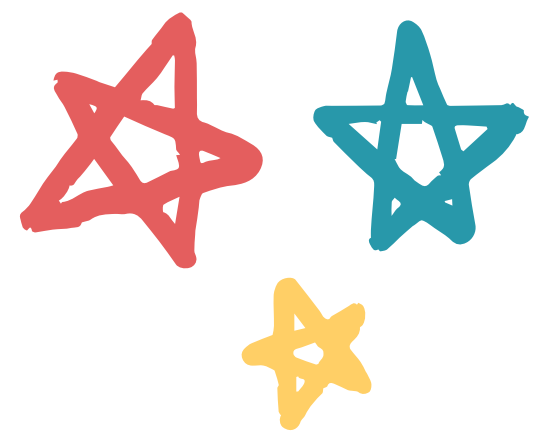
The Big Dipper/Ursa Major, "The Great Bear"



The Big Dipper is one of the most familiar patterns in the sky, and makes up the larger constellation known as Ursa Major. It is most easily found by identifying the "cup" and "long handle" that make up the body and tail of a bear. This constellation is easily seen in the summer months in the northernmost part of the sky.



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The Little Dipper/Ursa Minor, "The Little Bear"



Begin by looking at the two stars that form the right side of the 'cup' in the Big Dipper and follow a straight sight line North and you will see Polaris, the North Star, shining brightly. Polaris is the end star of the Little Dipper's 'handle.' The handle is actually the 'Little Bear's' tail, and the cup forms part of the bear's side.