**Constellation viewer – Scorpius**

*Make a constellation viewer and use it to help recognise the real constellation in the night sky.*

1. Place the template over a sponge so the constellation is sitting on the sponge.
2. The black dots are the locations of the stars in the constellation. Use a bamboo skewer to carefully push a small hole through each black dot.
3. Use scissors to cut along the **solid** lines only.
4. Fold along the **long** dotted lines to make a square tube with the words on the outside of the tube.
5. Use tape to stick the **A** flap to the outside of the square tube.
6. Fold along the **short** dotted lines to close the end of the tube.
7. Tape the **B** flaps to the outside of the tube.
8. Look into the constellation viewer and hold it up to a light to view the constellation.

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**Scorpius** — ‘The scorpion’ is visible in Australian skies from May to November. In Greek mythology, Scorpius chases the constellation of Orion, the hunter, across the sky, rising in the East as Orion sets in the West. The brightest star in Scorpius, is Antares, a red star known as the heart of the scorpion which can be found in the middle of the constellation. To find Scorpius in the night sky, look for the distinctive shape, with the curl of the tail pointing to the East and the T-shape to the West.

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