

Design your own Matariki Star

Matariki is a time for reflection. You might get inspiration for your star design from the past year. What did you do this year? What did you achieve? What do you hope to achieve in the future? You might also get inspiration for your design from one of the stars in the Matariki star cluster. Read more about Matariki and the significance of the stars here:

teara.govt.nz/en/matariki-maori-new-year

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **PRINT** the star pattern on A4 paper.
2. **CUT** out the pattern along the solid lines, then cut along the dotted lines in the centre, making sure to stop at the end of the line.
*hint: The project works best on thicker paper, if you cannot print on thick paper you can trace the pattern onto card stock after you have cut it out.
3. **USE** a hole punch to create holes over the X marks, this will be the top of the star.
4. **SLOT** the two star pieces together and push the sides down so the star lies flat.
5. **DECORATE** all four sides of your star. If you are using wet media, make sure each side is dry first before moving on to the next side.
6. **PIVOT** one side of the star so it sits away from the other side. It will form an X shape when viewed from the top.
7. **THREAD** string or ribbon through the holes and tie a knot to create a loop.
8. **HANG** up your creation and admire your work!
9. **SEND** us a photo: info@teuru.org.nz

Well done on completing your artwork!

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