Greetings, Earthlings! This week we’re blasting off into space to take a look at all the stars, constellations, and planets – oh my! Did you know that our sun that comes up and warms Earth every day is actually a star? In fact, it is the star that is found at the center of our Solar System. When it comes to star sizes the sun is actually considered pretty average, but it’s still so big that scientists estimate that about one million Earths could fit inside it. Although the sun is a star, it is not a star that is part of any of the 88 officially recognized constellations (groups of stars that form a pattern or take the shape of something) in our galaxy. Today you will create your very own constellation, making that an official count of 89.

Below you will see a list of suggested materials, but please get creative and use what you have on hand at home! There is no single way to do this craft!

**Materials:**

- Construction paper
- Markers
- Cardboard tubes
- Rubber band
- Glue
- Small stickers

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Let's get STARTED!

Step 1
Think about the image or shape you want your constellation to be – is it an animal? A letter? A person? It can be anything you want it to be!

Step 2
Sketch your image on whatever material you are using to create your constellation. After the image is sketched, draw stars, place stickers, or poke holes where the lines meet (these are called vertices).

Step 3
Come up with a story to go along with your constellation. Here are some questions to ask yourself:

► How did this constellation come to be?
► What does your constellation represent or mean?
► Is there anything special about the stars that make up this constellation?
► Where is the constellation located in the night sky? Is it close to other constellations, stars, particular planets?

Step 4
Share your constellation and story with family and friends. Perhaps even head outside with your family to look at the night sky as you tell them about your special constellation. Look for other stars, planets, and constellations in the night sky and keep a special watch out for shooting stars (this means someone’s VJ Wish Stick wish has just come true)!

All finished? We want to see it! Share your artwork with us @victoryjunction or by using the hashtag #VJatHome