

Matariki kōhatu

Kaiako card 15

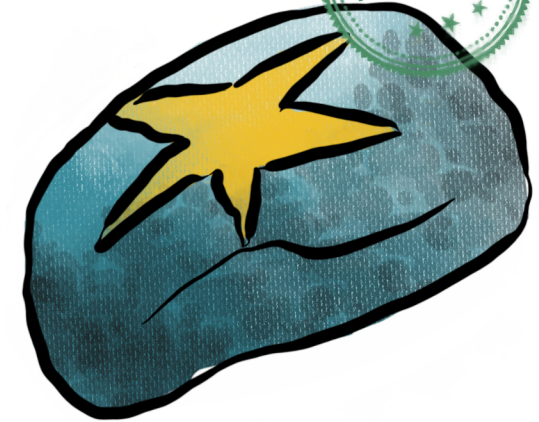


Why this activity?

This activity provides an opportunity for tamariki to explore the 9 whetū (stars) of Matariki, and personally connect to one of the whetū (stars).

You'll need:

- A kōhatu (stone) for each tamariki with an edge about the size of a teacup.
- Paint/crayons/pastels
- Marker pen
- And if you're using the stencil, print one stencil each for each ākonga



What to do

Firstly, collect or ask your tamariki to bring in a kōhatu from their māra or local awa. Or head off to your local awa and choose a kōhatu each.

You might like to watch this short video <https://youtu.be/SBExWI6qcXg> together and kōrero about each of the Matariki whetū. We know tamariki will love that Hiwa-i-te-rangi provides us with a Matariki wish! Kōrero about making a special kōhatu to make and keep their Matariki wish for the year ahead.

Tamariki might like to cover their kōhatu with paint first, then add their whetū in a contrasting colour by either painting this freehand or using our stencil. With the stencil, ask tamariki to work in pairs, holding the stencil for their peer while they paint or colour.

On the back of their kōhatu tamariki can write their Matariki wish.

Whānau engagement

This would make an awesome activity for whānau to do alongside their tamariki as part of your Matariki celebrations or events.

Otherwise, Matarik kōhatu could be taken home to share about and find their special spot in the whare or māra - a place they can visit to reconnect and reflect on their wish.