

# Name Constellation



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Preschoolers  
2.5 - 4 years

Children will love creating the splatter effect on paper and once it's dry it creates a gorgeous background for them to practice writing their name. Bonus - children can practice learning what letters look like with regards to lines and curves by adding stickers on top of their name cards.

## Learning Outcomes

### Domain:

Language

### Indicator:

Recognizing the shape of letters by their lines and curves

### Skills:

Letter Recognition



## Materials

- Black construction paper
- White paint
- 2 paint brushes
- Small plate
- White pencil crayon/white crayon
- Star stickers
- An area you don't mind getting messy!



## Instructions

**Step 1:** Start by setting up an area you don't mind getting messy. Outside works great or you can set up a table with a tablecloth on top for a quick clean up.

**Step 2:** Lay out the black construction paper and put a small amount of paint on a small plate.

**Step 3:** Dip one brush in the white paint and hold it over the black construction paper about 6" from the paper. Take the other (clean) paintbrush and begin to tap it on top of the bottom paint brush. The paint should start to fly onto your construction paper.

**Step 4:** Once happy with the amount of specks of white paint on the paper, set aside to dry completely.

**Step 5:** Take a pencil crayon and write out the child's name (or have them write their own!) on top of the paper.

**Step 6:** Have the child place stickers in the lines and curves of their name. Once complete you'll have a piece of art that's out of this world!



## Age Adjustments

**For older preschoolers:** This is a great time to explore intersecting lines and curves. Place a sticker on each intersecting line and curve and count them up!

**For younger toddlers:** Younger children will benefit from hand over hand motion when writing out their name to help them feel the lines and curves in each letter in their name.



## Playful Questions

- How many curves are in the first letter of your name?
- How many stickers fit on the last letter in your name?
- Can you point to all the curves in your name?
- Can you trace your finger along all of the letters of your name?