What do you see when you look at a full moon?

Humans automatically look for patterns where they do not exist. We do this with clouds, trees, constellations, and even the surface of the moon. What you see is a function of your experience. You look for patterns that seem like things in your daily life. We may see hunters, lions, hunting dogs, swans, or anything that we can relate to.

The scientific term for this is Pareidolia. Some famous examples of this are the Face on Mars or the Canals on Mars as seen by Percival Lowell.

The Moon is a perfect place to see Pareidolia. The contrast between the maria and the highlands, dark and light, creates a perfect setting to see familiar shapes.

Northern Hemisphere Viewing



Cow Jumping Over the Moon Waxing Gibbous Moon



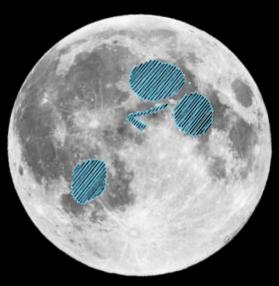
Lion in the Moon



Crab in the Moon



Woman in the Moon



Man in the Moon



Rabbit in the Moon

Northern Hemisphere Viewing





Rabbit in the Moon Making Rice Cakes (India, China, Japan)

Man Carrying Sticks (Europe)

Rona in the Moon (Australia, New Zealand)



Frog in the Moon

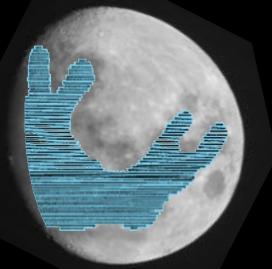


Jack and Jill in the Moon (Scandinavia)



Hands on the Moon (India)

Southern Hemisphere Viewing



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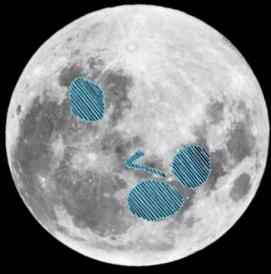
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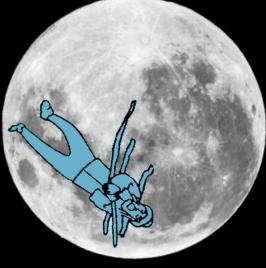


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