



The Questionmark, an asterism for binoculars

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How to find ...

1. Find Aries, which sits mid way between the Great Square in Pegasus and bright star Aldebaran in Taurus. Moderately bright Hamal (Alpha Arietis) is easy to spot, lying near the midway point. Find the dimmer stars Gamma and 41 Arietis.
2. Draw a line from Gamma to 41 and make another line of similar length extending 90° to the south-southeast of Gamma.
3. That line ends near Xi2. It occupies the northwestern vertex of the pentagon of Cetus' head.
4. Place Xi2 near the northwestern edge of the binocular field. The stars of the Questionmark are near the center of the field. These stars are arranged by chance, they are nowhere near each other in three-dimensional space.

