

# Writing Workshop: “How-to” Paper

**DIRECTIONS** Read the passage. Some sections are underlined. The underlined sections may contain problems with one of the following:

- Sentences that require specific language
- Commas in a series
- Transitional words

## Seeing Stars

Do you like watching the stars at night? With a little time and a few objects you can make something. Your viewer will let you stargaze whenever you want to—day or night!

To make a constellation viewer, you will need the following things: a book with pictures of constellations, an empty round oatmeal container, tracing paper, a pencil, a black marker, a nail, and objects to use for decorations. These may be pretty paper fabric sequins, stickers or other fun objects.

Look in a book to find a constellation you like. Then, use the pencil and tracing paper to trace around the bottom of the oatmeal container. When you are done, put the tracing paper over the picture of the constellation. Be sure you put the constellation inside the circle you drew. Now, draw dots on the paper to match the stars underneath. Place the tracing paper face down on the bottom of the oatmeal container. Use the nail to poke a hole through the paper and the oatmeal container wherever you see a star. You can make different size stars.

After you have poked your holes, flip the container over. Reach inside with the marker and color the entire bottom black. Then, color the outside of the bottom black, too.

Now comes the fun part! Cover the outside of your viewer with paper, fabric, glue, sequins, and stickers. Let your imagination go wild.

Face a window or light and hold your viewer up to your eye. Now you can gaze at the “stars”! You might make several viewers and challenge your friends to name the different constellations. On a clear night, look up at the sky. Can you find your favorite stars?