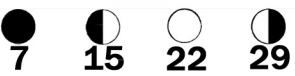
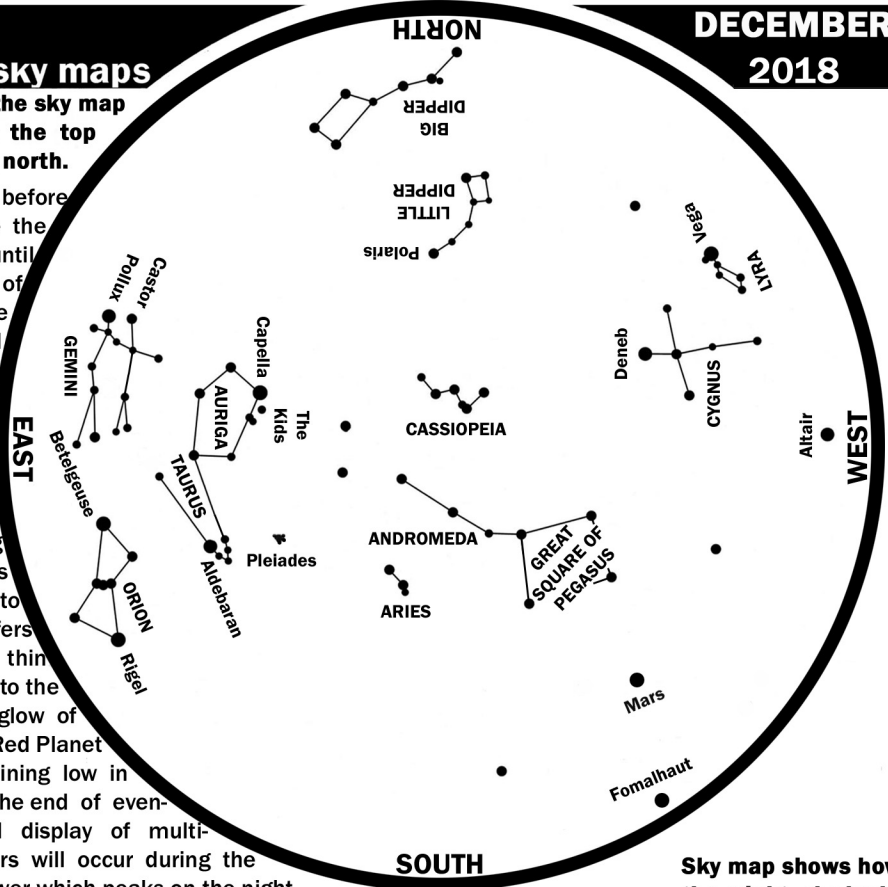


Prairiesky maps

Instructions : Hold the sky map over your head with the top of the map facing north.

Venus rises two hours before the Sun and will rule the eastern morning sky until the rising Sun robs it of its brilliance. From the 2nd to the 4th, the old Moon will sweep past dazzling Venus and will create beautiful celestial encounters that will light up the dawn skies. Saturn is quickly disappearing in the west and sets just as the sky begins to get dark. The 8th offers you a chance to see a thin crescent Moon sitting to the right of Saturn in the glow of evening twilight. The Red Planet Mars can be found shining low in the southwest sky at the end of evening dusk. A seasonal display of multi-coloured shooting stars will occur during the Geminids meteor shower which peaks on the night of the 13th and morning of the 14th. On the first day of winter on the 21st, Mercury and Jupiter follow brilliant Venus into the heavens as predawn begins to give way to dawn. A parade of worlds is strung across the eastern sky before dawn's first light on the 31st. In their order from top to bottom look for the Moon, Venus, Jupiter and Mercury.



Sky map shows how the night sky looks
Early Dec. 9 P.M.
Late Dec. 8 P.M.

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