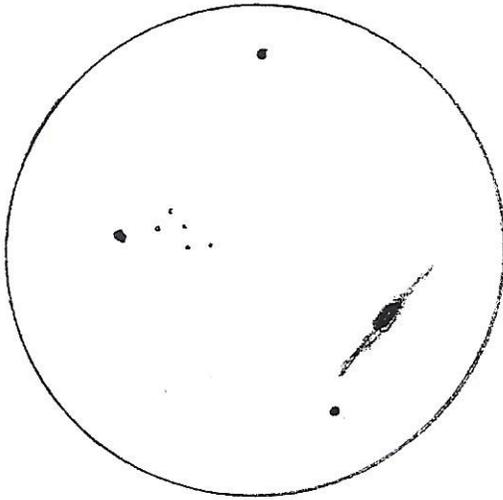


# How to "SKETCH" a Deep-Sky object

#1



- Draw a few bright field stars to help in positioning.

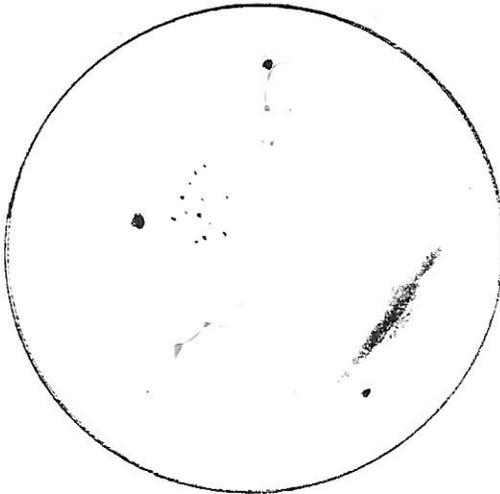
**For Clusters:**

- Carefully Sketch the brighter cluster stars that form a pattern: triangle, square, line, etc.

**For Nebulae:**

- Apply pencil graphite in the rough shape of the object. Use heavier shading for brighter areas.

#2



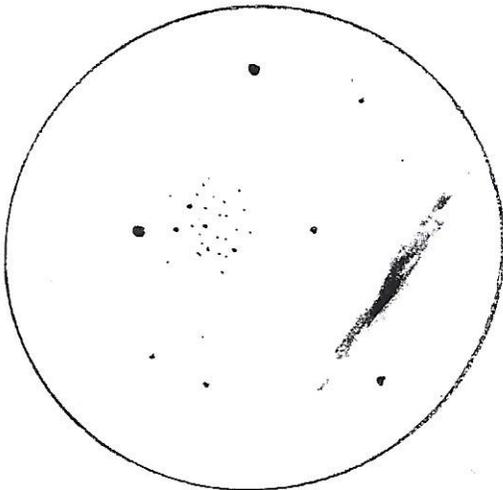
**For Clusters:**

- Using the brighter star patterns as guides, continue to add the cluster stars. Be as accurate as possible in positioning.

**For Nebulae:**

- Using an art blending stump, or your fingers, smooth the graphite shape to get the look of diffuse starlight or the glow of ionized gas.

#3



**For Clusters:**

- Sketch the remaining cluster stars, brightest to faintest. Include as many stars as you can to capture the look of the cluster.

**For Nebulae:**

- Use your eraser and blending stump to add fine detail to the shape: dark lanes, knots, streaks. Add more pencil graphite to the brighter areas.

- Add remaining field stars.
- Indicate field direction, stars drift to the west.
- Add notes and comments.

W

M150  
40x

8" REFLECTOR  
SKY = 5/4  
CLEAR & COOL

MANY FAINT CLUSTER STARS  
BRIGHT GALAXY CORE