



**Gemini** is well placed for observations in December, floating high overhead in the south-east by late evening.

**Castor** is an easy, pretty double which resolves nicely in small scopes. A true double, the stars revolve around each other every 510 years. Close by is **NGC 2372**, a faint planetary nebula that looks like a mini-dumbbell.

**The Eskimo Nebula (NGC 2392)**, photographed so magnificently by the Hubble Space Telescope, is also known the Clown Face Nebula. Only large scopes bring out the details you would associate with a face, but it's a fun target nonetheless.

**M35 (NGC 2168)** is a lovely open cluster by Gemini's left foot, with a smaller, dimmer but rich companion cluster **NGC 2158**; physically unrelated, they just happen to lie along the same line of sight.