



The Spitzer Space Telescope

The beautiful Spitzer Telescope views of the Universe featured for each month are not visible to your eyes or even to ordinary telescopes. Spitzer can see them because it views the Universe in infrared light, rather than visible light. Infrared is a longer wavelength of light than we can see, but we do feel it as heat.

Unlike visible light, infrared passes right through clouds of dust and gas in space, revealing what lies beyond them. Also, Spitzer allows us to see clearly objects in space that are too cool to glow in visible light—like those clouds of dust and gas, which are likely to be places where new stars or even planets are being born.

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