

The Hunter's Moon Joins Brilliant Venus

In the early mornings of **November 9-11**, the waning crescent Hunter's Moon sails through the zodiac constellation Virgo – the Virgin. On **November 9th**, the Moon appears to make a stop at Venus – the brightest planet as seen from Earth. On this morning Venus will appear very near the Earth-lit portion of the lunar disk. Enhance your experience viewing this spectacular solar system juxtaposition by using binoculars or a small telescope at low power.

The Moon orbits eastward, about 13° along the “ecliptic” (the path across the sky that the Sun, Moon, and planets appear to follow), from one day to the next, or about $\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ per hour. Before dawn on these cooler autumn mornings, try following this daily lunar movement across the sky.

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