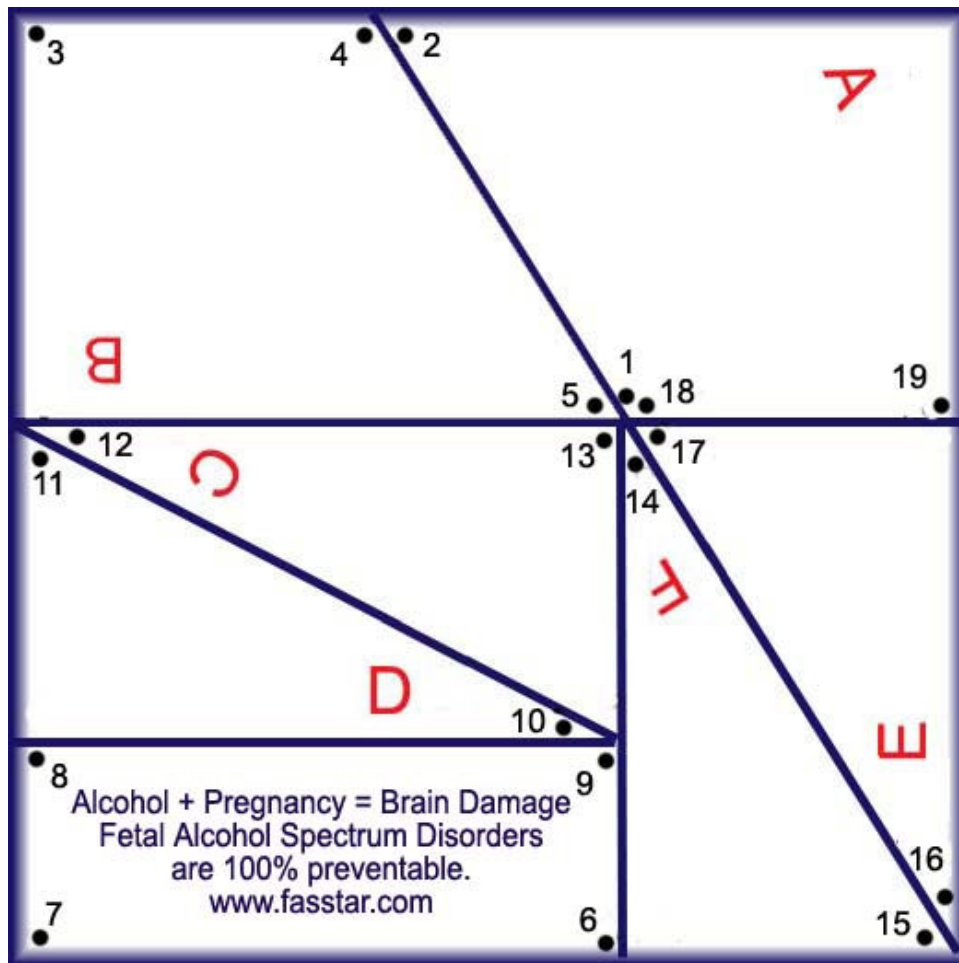


Magic Square Star Puzzle

First take a crayon or marker – your favorite color – and connect the dots from 1 to 19. That dot-to-dot line will form a magic star later. Next cut out all the shapes on the dark lines. There are six shapes, A-B-C-D-E-F. Give the message box to someone, and ask them to read it out loud. Tell your audience that you are going to arrange the 6 shapes to form a star. Set a blank sheet of yellow paper on the table. (Practice with the yellow box first.) Take the 6 shape pieces you just cut out and arrange them clockwise in alphabetical order. Place shape A so the A point is in the upper left corner. Place shape B so the B is in the upper right corner. Place shapes C and D so that the C and D form the lower right corner. Place shapes E and F so the E and F form the lower left corner. The corners of the shapes can touch but not overlap. Now you have a star formed by the edges of the shapes, with the dot-to-dot lines forming a border around the star! But the A doesn't fit! Point to the A shape and say, **“Too bad the A doesn't quite fit. Kind of like a child with FASD, who is just different enough to not fit in with the others.”** Pick up the A shape, turn it over and put it back down and arrange it to fit, and say, **“If only this A piece were turned around like this, the star outline would form a perfect square.”** Turn the A shape over again, facing up, and move the other shapes to help them all make a star. Say, **“Instead of trying to make the child with FASD fit in, we can all adapt a little to make it easier for the child to be part of our world. Life does not have to be perfect. Like this magic square that I turned into a star, we can all make little changes in ourselves to adapt to the child with FASD. Then each of us can shine like a star!”**



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