

Stephen Hawking turns astrophotographer now

Using an 11-inch Celestron telescope, he posted some breathtaking cosmic photos on FB

WASHINGTON Stephen Hawking, who is widely thought to be the smartest person alive, has now become the astrophotographer, as he recently captured beautiful cosmic photos with his new telescope.

Hawking posted a handful of photos to Facebook that he captured with the 11-inch Celestron telescope, the *Verge* reported.

The model that the 73-year-old has used was built for more than just stargazing, as it could be hooked up to a laptop and can automatically track objects as they move through the sky.

Those features combined with an 11-inch mirror make it possible to capture photos of anything from details of the moon to distant galaxies.

In a Facebook post dated February 16, the theoretical physicist said: I'm delighted to have a new toy: a telescope from Celestron Telescopes! Its 11-inch mirror is capable of resolving fine detail in galaxies millions of light years away. Two of Celestron's em-

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Hawking poses with the telescope. (Above) the Orion Nebula, as captured by the 73-year-old

ployees spent a few days teaching me how to capture images from the telescope and view them on my computer. Take a look at a few of my first

shots. I'm looking forward to observing Pluto, the Pleiades, and the Andromeda Galaxy in the coming months.