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## NGC 346

NGC 346 is a region in the Small Magellanic Cloud about 200,000 light-years from Earth where new stars are forming. NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory reveals young massive stars as well as a cloud of debris on the left where one of these giant stars exploded as a supernova (purple). The image also contains data from several other telescopes including NASA's James Webb, Hubble, and Spitzer Space Telescopes as well as ESA's XMM-Newton, and ESO's New Technology Telescope.

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