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This startling image of star-forming nebula NGC 1333 is made from a mosaic of images taken by the James Webb Space Telescope. The nebula is in the Perseus molecular cloud, about 960 light years away from us. The images have revealed six new planet-sized worlds. None of them orbits a star, so they probably formed when clouds of dust and gas collapsed, much as most stars are born.

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