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Colorful Cow Sgraffito Art

To celebrate National Dairy Month, we are decorating our own colorful cow. Cows are pretty cool animals, and here in Florida we have a lot of them, with herds ranging from 150-5,000 cows. Florida dairy cows can produce 6-8 gallons of milk per day, and one gallon of milk is the equivalent of about 345 squirts of a cow's udder! Most cows in Florida are black and white cows, but today let's try to make these cows colorful by using a technique called sgraffito, where we scratch the surface.

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Gather Supplies:

- Cardstock Paper
- Pencil
- Black Sharpie
- Colored Oil Pastels
- Black Oil Pastels
- Toothpicks

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Choose a picture of a cow and create your template. Any picture of a cow will do! Just trace the shape of the cow with a pencil.

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After you trace it with pencil, outline your drawing with a black Sharpie.

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Use oil pastels to color your cow and try to make it really colorful! Light colors look and work best!

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Then use the black oil pastel to color over everything.

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Take a toothpick and use it like a pencil to "scratch" different lines, patterns and shapes over the black oil pastel. Keep on scratching at your surface until you are satisfied with the design.

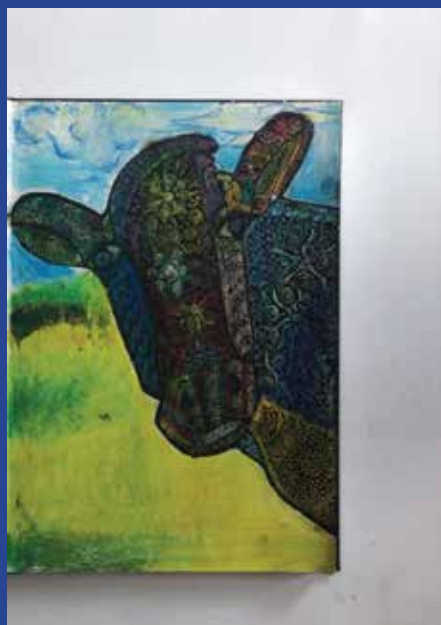




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After you are
done with your
design, color
your background.



**What a
moo-ving
picture you've
created!**

