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.

Gather Supplies:
• Cardstock Paper
• Pencil
• Black Sharpie
• Colored Oil Pastels
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• Toothpicks

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.
After you trace it with pencil, outline your drawing with a black Sharpie. Then use the black oil pastel to color over everything.

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

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

What a moo-ving picture you’ve created!