Colorful Cow
Sgraffito Art

Celebrate National Dairy Month by creating your own colorful cow! Cows are pretty awesome animals; they have four stomachs AND provide us with delicious milk to strengthen our bones! The technique in this activity is called sgraffito, or scratched, and involves scratching the surface of your art piece to reveal beautiful colors underneath!

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

2. 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.

Use oil pastels to color your cow and try to make it really colorful!

Then use the black oil pastel to color over everything.

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!