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Colorful Cows

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The children will:

1. Identify a cow.
2. Identify colors.
3. Use markers and crayons to color cows.
4. Express creativity through coloring.

Materials

cow shapes cut out
from white
construction
paper
markers and
crayons

VOCABULARY

black	brown	crayon	marker	purple	yellow
blue	cow	green	orange	red	

PREPARATION

- Place the paper cow shapes, markers, and crayons in the art center.

WHAT TO DO

1. Ask the children to identify the shape of their papers. Ask if any of the children have seen a real cow before. What color was it?
2. Ask the children to identify the colors of the crayons and markers.
3. Suggest that the children draw faces and other features on their cows. They can draw spots and patches if they like.
4. Have the children color their cows. Encourage the children to use a variety of colors.

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TEACHER-TO-TEACHER TIP

- Cover a bulletin board in your classroom with green cloth or butcher paper. Add a red paper barn to create a farm scene. Once the children's colorful cows are complete, arrange them in the "pasture" for the children and families to enjoy.

POEM

Colorful Cows by Laura Wynkoop

*I've never seen a yellow cow, I think it would be neat to see
Or one that's green or blue. A purple cow say, "Moo."*

ASSESSMENT

Consider the following:

- Can the children name the colors they used in their pictures?
- Can the children identify the shape of their paper? Can they find other cows in the room?

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Making a Cow Bell

Children's Books

*Bessie the Black and
White Cow* by
Bob Gross

Big Red Barn by

Margaret Wise Brown

Open the Barn Door by

Christopher Santoro

There's a Cow in the

Cabbage Patch by

Clare Beaton