



Here's a fun craft activity to encourage your class to read along with the picture book *The Cow Tripped Over The Moon* by Tony Wilson. Use Laura Wood's gorgeous illustrations as inspiration for your very own wooden spoon cow, with a range of craft supplies, and the book, available at [www.schoolessentials.com.au](http://www.schoolessentials.com.au)



**CURRICULUM LINKS: ENGLISH AND VISUAL ARTS**



### How To Make Your Spoon Cow and Paper Plate Moon

You will need:

- 1 wooden spoon for each student\*
- 1 paper plate for each student
- White and brown craft paint and paintbrushes for your students
- 2 wiggly eyes for each student
- Brown, pink and yellow felt
- Craft glue
- Thick black marker
- Colour pencils

\* May substitute with plastic, cardboard or balsa wood craft spoons.



### Step 1

Paint the wooden spoon white, or mix in a touch of brown and yellow to make the paint a light beige colour like the cow in the book. You may need two coats to get solid coverage. Your spoon cow will work best if the face is on the back of the spoon.



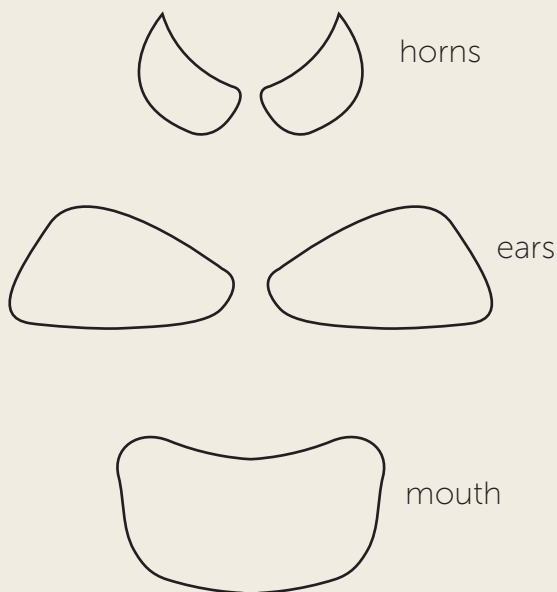
### Step 2

When the light-coloured paint is dry, paint some dark brown splotches on front and back of the spoon to look like a cow hide. You may like to match the cow in the book, or get creative and design your own beautiful bovine!



### Step 3

Using the below templates, cut shapes out of felt to use for the cow's ears, mouth and horns.



#### Step 4

Glue the two yellow felt horns at the top of the spoon, with one on each side. Make sure they are not too close together.

*Hint: cotton tips are easier than paintbrushes for applying small amounts of glue like this.*



#### Step 5

Repeat the process for the brown felt ears, gluing each one to the spoon at the outer side of each horn as pictured:



#### Step 6

Glue the cow's pink felt mouth onto the spoon as shown. Use the marker to draw a little smile and nostrils onto the pink felt.



#### Step 7

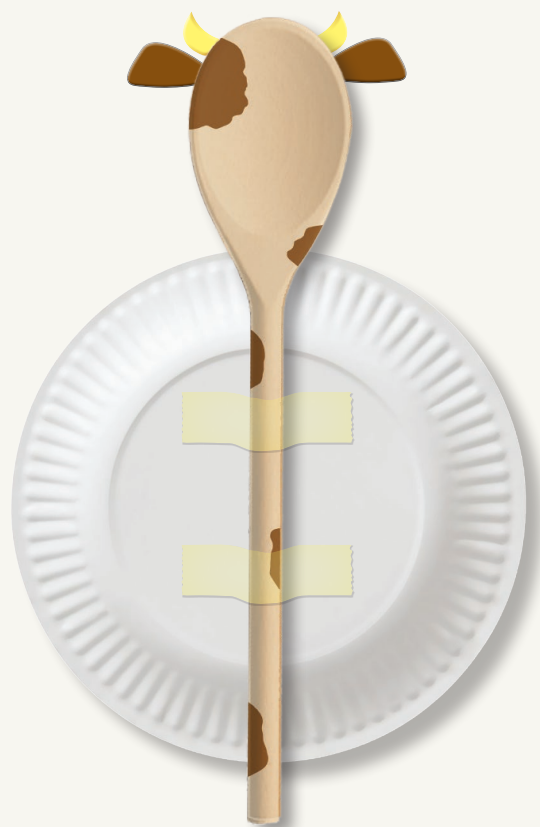
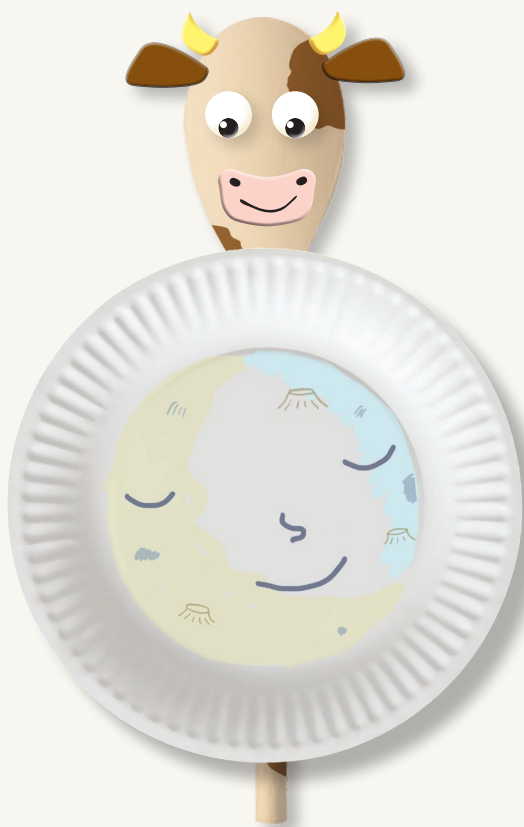
Glue on your cow's wiggly eyes using a small daub of glue on the back of each.



**YOU HAVE MADE YOUR SPOON COW!**

## Step 8

Now it's time to decorate your paper plate moon with a few craters and a face. Students can use their usual colour pencils for this.



Use your spoon cow and plate moon as a read-along activity for *The Cow Tripped Over The Moon*. You may like to attach the spoon handle to the back of the moon with tape so they can be displayed in the classroom.