

COUNTING COWS

Cows munch, meander, sleep, sun themselves, and wade through vibrant Vermont landscapes before gathering for a kick-up-your-hooves barn dance. This bold, bovine twist on counting is sure to amuse little ones just learning their numbers.

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These black and white cows really pop off of the colorful pages of this book. You've probably already been counting with your child so this is another fun way to reinforce number recognition. As you read each page, have your child count along with you as you count off each cow. Have them tell you what the colors are in the background of the picture.

You've probably been counting from one to ten with your child so with this book you're counting in the other direction. Another way for them to understand basic subtraction is to set out ten items (straws, blocks or ten of one type of item). Have your child count them. Push one to the side and have them count again. It's more of the same concept that's in this book. It may seem pretty simple but that's where you need to start.

(By the way, Friesian is a milk cow originally from New Zealand.)