From the time Amy Cordova was five years old, she knew she wanted to be an artist. As a little girl, she loved all of her many colored crayons and she drew pictures to tell stories.

In her pictures she tells us about her family heritage. She draws about her Chicana, Native American, and European roots.

Notice the symbols she uses. What story is she telling us?

Amy Cordova still uses crayons to draw. Now she uses oil pastels that are very bright.
Ask your parent or guardian to find an old photograph of your family or your grandparents. And ask them to tell you something they remember about the people or place in the photograph. Make a sketch of the people in the photograph with a pencil.

Add color to your drawing with crayons, colored pencils or oil pastels. When you think of the people closest to you does a particular color come to mind? Does each person have a different color? What symbols could you use to tell something about the person?