

## Family Art from Home

# Alexander Calder Inspired Sculpture

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Alexander Calder was known for his playful approach when working with various materials, be it paper, metal or wire. The focus of his sculptures were simple shapes that provided endless possibilities for arranging them! In this project you will experiment with various shapes and explore the possibility of reassembly to create abstract or realistic sculptures.

### Supplies Need

- Cereal boxes or Colored Cardstock
- Scissors
- Paint
- Paint Brush

### How to Do It

1. Assemble a variety of colors of cardstock. If using cereal boxes, paint them in your desired colors.

### Make an Abstract Sculpture

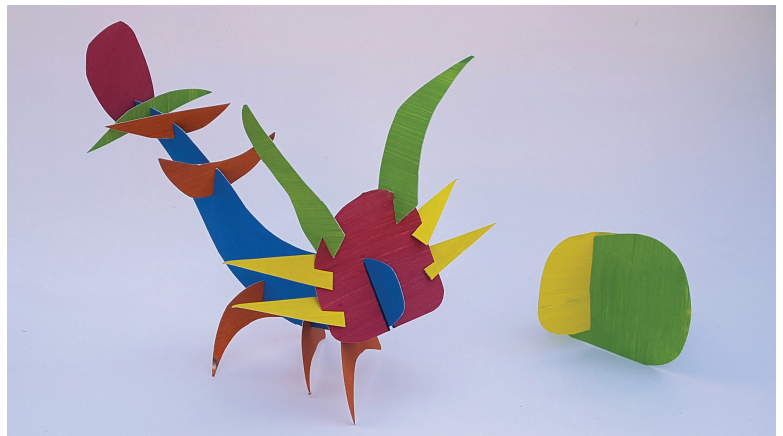
2. Cut out random shapes and sizes out of the cardstock or the cereal box. The main binding method is the slit joining technique. Pick two pieces you like to assemble. Make slits where the pieces will join together, sliding both pieces together toward the center. Experiment with the depth of the cuts for different arrangements of the shapes.

3. Assemble the pieces together with the above mentioned technique.

### Make a realistic sculpture

4. Sketch out your idea so you can decide what simple shapes you will need for the final assembly. Cut out the pieces and make slits where the pieces will join together (the deeper slits, the sturdier hold). Slide the shape all the way to the end of the cut to make sure the pieces will not fall out.

5. Once you assemble your sculpture and put it on display for a while, you can take it apart and make a new creation with the same shapes!



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