



### Supplies:

- Found objects like sticks, paper rolls, ribbon, plastic silverware, construction paper, cardboard
- String or yarn
- Coloring supplies like markers, colored pencils, pastels, oil pastels, crayons, paints

### Steps:

- Gather supplies.
- Decorate the found objects with coloring/painting supplies.
- Use the string to hang smaller objects from the larger object like a stick or a paper roll. Keep building on your hanging sculpture with the string and found objects until it is the size you want.
- Proudly hang it in your favorite room.



## About Alexander Calder

- Alexander Calder was born on August 22, 1898 in Lawnton, Pennsylvania. He comes from a family of artists, his grandfather made the sculpture of William Penn that sits on top of Philadelphia's City Hall.
- His parents didn't want him to be an artist so he studied engineering at school. In 1931 Calder invented the mobile when he decided he wanted to create a drawing in the air. He used his love of art and his training in engineering to create his first mobile.
- Calder's artwork was called "mobiles" because they moved when the wind blew.
- The mobiles are kinetic sculptures. Kinetic is a word that is used to describe a type of art that moves, either by air or motors.
- Many of Calder's kinetic sculptures are inspired by nature.
- Though he is best known for his mobiles, he also created paintings, prints, miniatures, theatre set designs, jewelry, tapestries and rugs.