

Mrs Campbell's Artwork of the Week -Wk9



Untitled Sculpture
Alexander Calder
1937

Alexander Calder or Sandy as he was known, was a metal and wire sculptor and Jewellery maker. He invented a new type of art called **Kinetic Art**. These were sculptures that moved with the wind and air. He called these hanging, moving sculptures **Mobiles**. Ones that stood on the ground were called **Stables**.

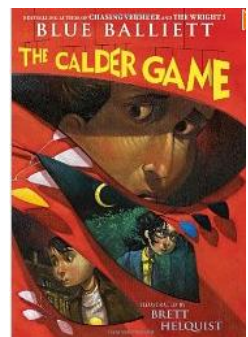
You can watch a video of his sculptures here so you can see how they move.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=fI5PRaTSMUI

Sandy made things from wire from a young age and eventually made a whole circus of characters from bits and bobs. You can listen to the story of "Sandy's Circus" here
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2v_5M7F36c

You can watch an old film of Sandy in 1927 with his real circus here
www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6jwnu8lzy0

Blue Balliett has written a fictional mystery featuring the disappearance of a sculpture by Calder. You can hear an extract from it here.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=og1XKv25daA



Art Challenges

Sandy Calder invented Mobiles, what about trying to make your own hanging mobile using thread, card, and bits of wire or an old coat hanger. You could even use bottle tops. Or try making a Stabile to put in the garden so the wind can blow it.



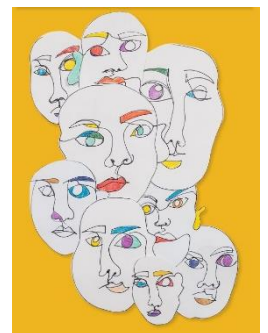
If you only have paper or card at home, this is a link to a video which shows you how to make simple paper sculptures, www.pinkstripeysocks.com/2015/05/calder-inspired-sculptures-kids-art-project.html

Why not try making some circus performers or animals using junk materials?



If you don't have wire or pipe cleaners, what about trying a single line portrait picture, like Sandy did using his wire?

www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNTgOpmQgBE

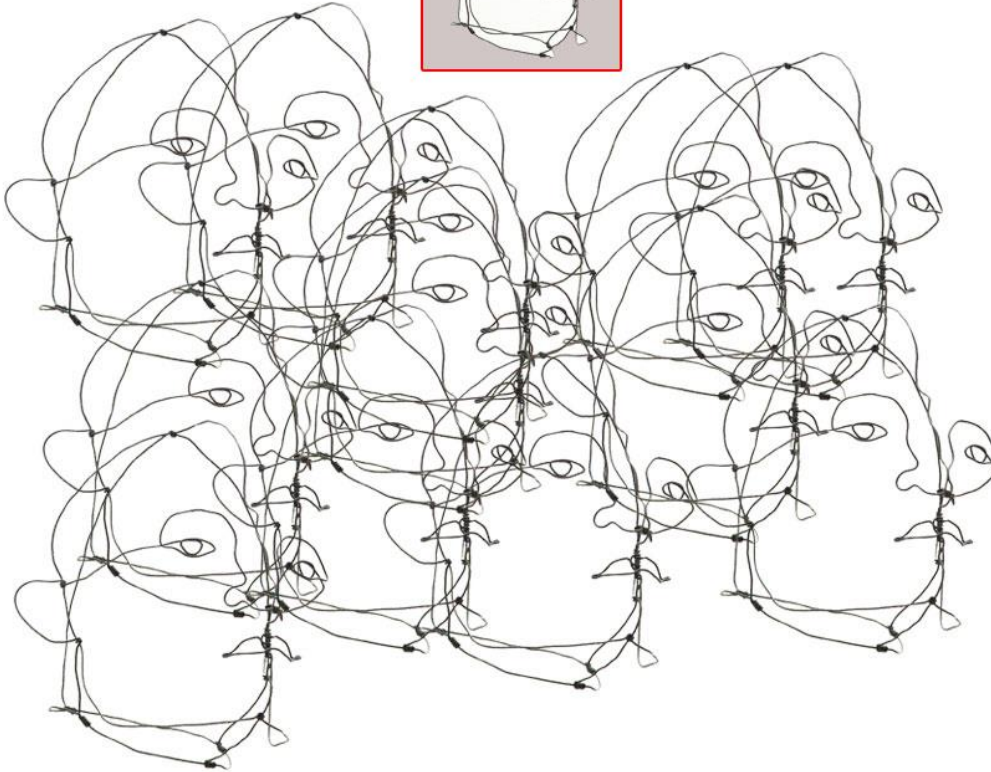


As an extra activity you could also try one of these puzzles.

HOW MANY OF THIS GUY:



DO YOU COUNT BELOW?



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P I K N M N I X J T E E J L O
O E I W B D L P Y R N S O L Y
W P N Z X X S D Z G B U C T S
G E E N I S O Y I G K C H M T
R G T W S W L N I K Z R Y P H
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