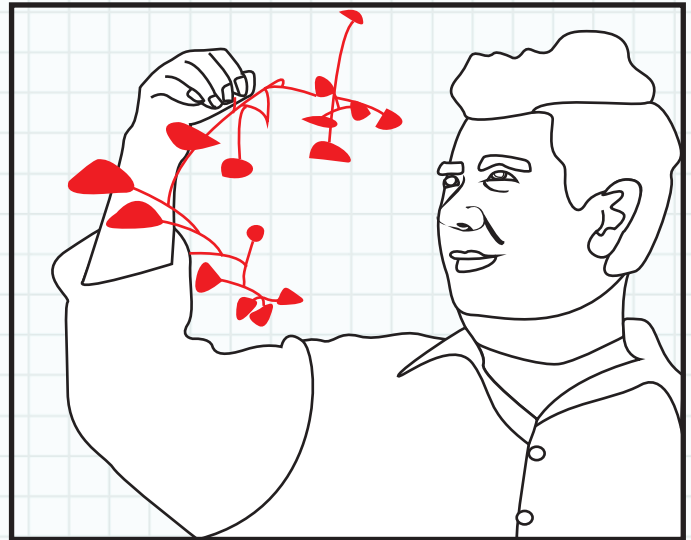




FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS WITH MR. GEORGE

Alexander Calder

Alexander Calder was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1898 to a painter mother and a sculptor father. Calder, educated as a mechanical engineer, would later take up the family tradition of being an artist. Calder is most famous for his mobiles, a form of kinetic sculpture that utilizes wind to change shape. Calder used these non-objective sculptures to convey feelings and ideas within the viewer. Calder is known for his use of organic shapes and primary colors in his larger-than-life sculptures all across the country.



ACTIVITY

Found Object Mobile

Being resourceful is a trait shared by many artists. Artists throughout time have had to use the materials at hand to create.

Materials:

Coat Hanger

String, Twine, Fishing Line or Yarn

Found objects:

Sticks, Pine Cones, Bottle Caps, Straws, Bread Ties, Paper, Beads, Buttons, Etc.

- First, decide how many coat hangers you want to use.
- Begin by stringing together found objects, or cut-out shapes, on about 12 inches of string.
 - Make as many string assemblages as you would like.
 - Tie your creations to your coat hanger(s).

Think about keeping it balanced, and how, or if, it will move in the wind

- Hang and watch your creation move!



Create your own mobile
based on Alexander
Calder's "Red G."

