



## FAMILY ART PROJECT | Stables!



*Young Woman and Her Suitors* 1970, Alexander Calder, American; Painted steel

American artist Alexander Calder first trained as an engineer before studying art. He's known for his playful, airy works made of simple shapes cut from sheet metal. Some of them include moving parts and he called those "mobiles."

Stationary constructions he named "stables." Let's make a free-standing geometric sculpture inspired by Alexander Calder's *Young Woman and Her Suitors*, a giant stabile on the DIA lawn.

### MATERIALS



Cardstock or cardboard (old cereal boxes or greeting cards work great!)



Scissors



Markers, colored pencils, colorful tape or whatever else you have around the house!



# FAMILY ART PROJECT | Directions



## Step 1

Cut pieces of cardstock into any shape and cut slits in each side. Connect and arrange pieces however you like. Starting with three or four pieces, what can you build? Try rotating the stabile or flipping it on its side.

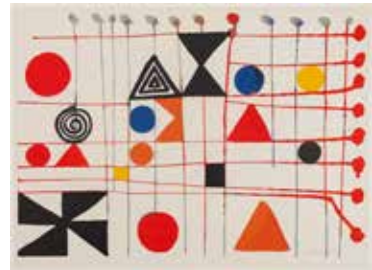


What does it look like now? Trade pieces with other people in your home or combine stabiles and see what you can make.



## Step 2

Decorate the cardboard and add designs! Calder was also famous for his paintings and prints featuring bold graphics and colors.



Quilt, 1966, Alexander Calder, American; lithograph printed in color ink on wove paper

Try using some of his shapes on your stabile! →



## Step 3

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