

# Inspired by Calder

Alexander Calder was an American sculptor who made huge sculptures, many of which moved and were known as the first mobiles. He is also known for his wire drawings. Here are some Calder inspired ideas for you to try:



Calder made his own miniature circus in 1931, and this little circus dog from a bit of wood, a clothes peg and some wire. Can you make one, using whatever you can find around the house?



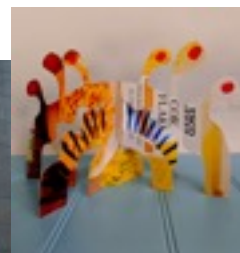
Calder 'drew' these portraits using wire. Can you have a go? Don't cut the wire, keep it as one long piece. Or you could use wool or string and glue it onto some card.



Here are a couple of Calder's famous hanging mobiles. Can you make a mobile using a coat hanger, or some sticks, and hanging shapes you've cut from card? Can you get it to balance?



Calder's drawings are big, bold and abstract. Does this inspire you to have a go?



Some of his sculptures do touch the ground. You can make your own version! Cut a side off an empty cereal packet, fold it in half, and cut curved lines almost up to the fold. Open out and bend until it stands up and looks exciting. You can decorate it too.

