



Neuberger Museum of Art

BUILD ABSTRACT SCULPTURE WITH RECYCLED CARDBOARD

inspired by
ALEXANDER CALDER



ACTIVITY:

Students create Alexander Calder inspired 3D sculptural artworks by cutting, decorating, and arranging recycled cardboard pieces.

MATERIALS:

- Recycled cardboard that you have in the house.
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Markers
- Parchment paper or newspaper to cover work surfaces.
- Paper plates
- Plastic forks, spoons
- Paintbrushes
- Tempera paint
- Small plastic cups
- Wine corks
- Tops of recycled jars



ACTIVITY:

1. Search the house to find large objects to trace. Look for Squares, Rectangles, Circles, Triangles, and Ovals. Maybe create your own shape too!
2. Place the objects you found on cardboard and trace around the shapes.
3. Cut out all of your shapes.
4. Place shapes on parchment paper and paint patterns or splatter paint to create designs. You can use crayons or markers. Just have fun!
5. If you used paint, let it dry. (If you want you can paint the other side too!)
6. While drying, use this time to talk about the shapes, colors and patterns that your little artist created.
7. When dry, cut a small "V cut" into the cardboard on two or three sides. Little ones will need some help.
8. Start to snap the shapes together interlocking the V cut outs to build the 3D sculpture. Can you get it to stand up with a pattern side facing out? How high can you build your sculpture?
9. This sculpture can be taken apart and arranged again and again.

