Alexander Calder was an American sculptor who is best known for his innovative mobiles that embrace chance in their aesthetic and his monumental public sculptures.

These mobiles capture his love of kinetic art - giving the sense of spring petals and leaves dancing through the air.

You will need cardboard, scissors, paint, hot glue and wire that you can bend with your hands, but that holds its shape. Small pliers would be optimal.

1. Trace the basic shapes for the bunny on the cardboard. You’ll also want to cut out a base for your sculpture - it can be a simple circle or square.

2. Play around with your 3D sculpture composition. Try stacking your shapes - rotating the angles or way the shapes are facing to create interesting forms.

3. Once you have an idea of how you’d like your bunny shapes to stack, start cutting “slots” where they’re needed and hot glue the pieces together. Look at example.

4. Trace and cut out small spring shapes to add to the mobile. Flowers, leaves, eggs and feathers are classic springtime shapes that are simple to cut.
5. Shape 2 pieces of wire for your mobile. Grab the end of Wire A and gently roll into a small circle around the nose. Do this with Wire B as well. Now insert the straight end of wire B through the circle of wire A. Once through, roll up the other end of wire B - now you have your basic mobile structure.

6. Tie on your colorful spring shapes on the ends of wire B. You can use a hole punch or needle to create holes or you can just cut lengths of thread and tape your shapes to it.

7. Hot glue your mobile to the base anywhere you like (wire A). Bend and re-shape the wire as needed once attached.

Tips:

*Try to make other mobile sculptures. Maybe one that can hang from the ceiling. You can also try using only recycle objects for the mobile shapes.

*If you don’t have paint you can use markers or glue colored paper on your shapes before putting the sculpture together. Add some flare with feathers, pom poms, beads or other materials.

*Try your best and have fun! 😊

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