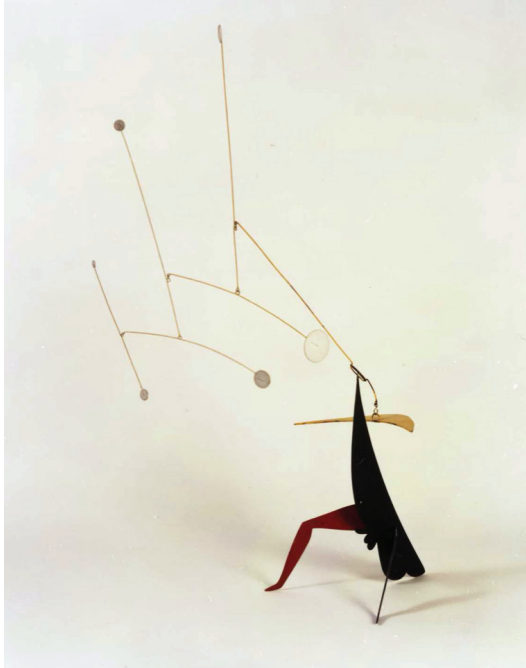


NORTON MUSEUM OF ART

Balance Animals

Inspired by Alexander Calder's *Grasshopper*



Grasshopper, circa 1947
Painted metal
31 x 22 in. (78.7 x 55.9 cm)
Gift of Melvin and Barbara Nessel, 95.85

Alexander Calder was an artist who explored many types of art forms, but was most famous for his moving sculptures called **mobiles**.

He experimented with **balance** and **weight** to find ways his sculptures can move freely.

The Grasshopper is one of his small moving sculptures that you can see at the Norton Museum of Art.

MATERIALS

- Wire or pipe cleaners
- Paper plate
- Colorful paper or copy paper
- Scissors
- Glue sticks or liquid glue
- Tape
- Markers or paint

INSTRUCTIONS

- Tape two pieces of wire onto the front side of the paper plate, pointing away from each other.
- Fold the paper plate in half with the taped wire on the underside, and stand it up so that it can rock back and forth.
- Bend the wire around to form the head and the tail.
- Cut out pieces of paper that can be folded over and glued to the head and the tail. Draw or paint on the paper if you want. **What kind of animal will you make?**
- Balance the head and the tail by bending the wire or adding various shapes and sizes of paper.

