

Kids Activity Card

Draw!



Find *Lobster Trap and Fish Tail*, by Alexander Calder, in the stairwell on the third floor of the Museum.

This artwork is a mobile, a hanging sculpture that moves.

Look! What do you notice about how the mobile moves?

Calder called this mobile *Lobster Trap and Fish Tail*. Can you find a lobster trap? How about a fish tail?

Draw the sculpture.

What do you notice about the shapes, lines, and colors in the mobile?
How did Calder attach the pieces together? How do they balance?

Consider this! Calder trained as an engineer, someone who designs and builds machines and other structures. When making his mobiles, he considered things like weight and balance.

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Alexander Calder (American, 1898–1976). *Lobster Trap and Fish Tail*. 1939. Painted steel wire and sheet aluminum; 8' 6" (260 cm) × 9' 6" (290 cm) in diameter. Commissioned by the Advisory Committee for the stairwell of the Museum. © 2017 Calder Foundation, New York/Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York