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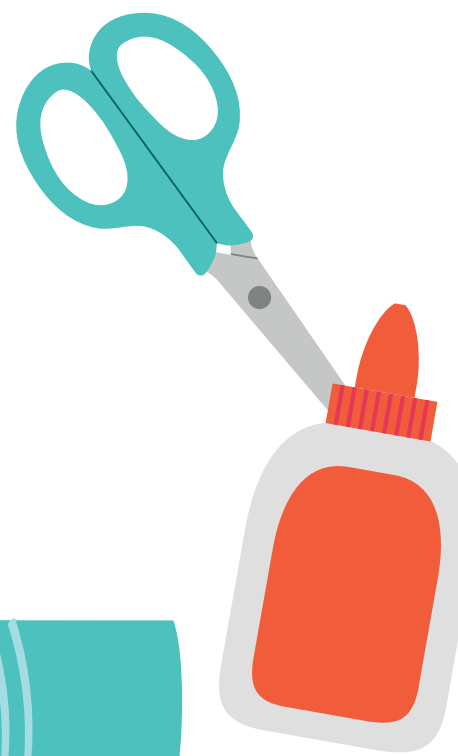
The Arts

# ARTS PLUS+

## LESSON

### SANDI'S CIRCUS

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#### Integration Themes:

Art, Art History, English/Language Arts, and SEL

#### Summary:

Alexander Calder was always fiddling with odds and ends, making objects for friends. When he got older and became an artist, his fiddling led him to create wire sculptures. One day, Sandy made a lion. Next came a lion cage. Before he knew it, he had an entire circus and was traveling between Paris and New York performing a brand-new kind of art for amazed audiences.

#### Materials:

Wire, pipe cleaners, fabric scraps, paper scraps, ribbon, cardboard for mounting sculptures, hot glue gun, and glue sticks.

#### Directions:

1. Figure out what you would like to create and then create a shape out of wire or pipe cleaners. It may help to sketch your idea or use a photo reference.
2. Using hot glue, attach ribbon, fabric, or paper to your wire sculpture to flesh it out and add shape, form, and color.
3. Hot glue the piece to a small box or cardboard base to add stability.
4. You can also do this project using other recycled materials such as cans or small boxes as the bases for your animal or person.

