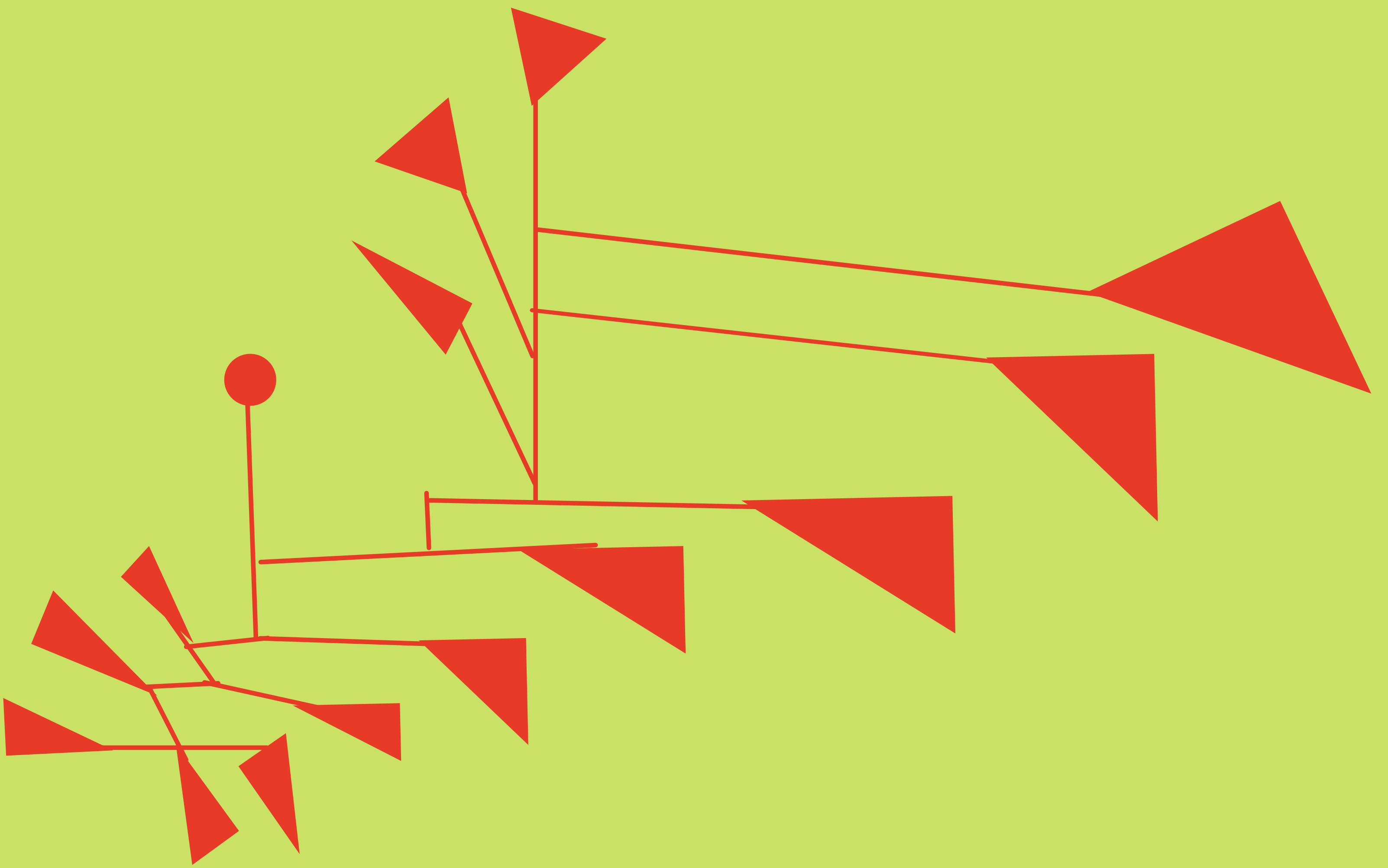


Alexander Calder



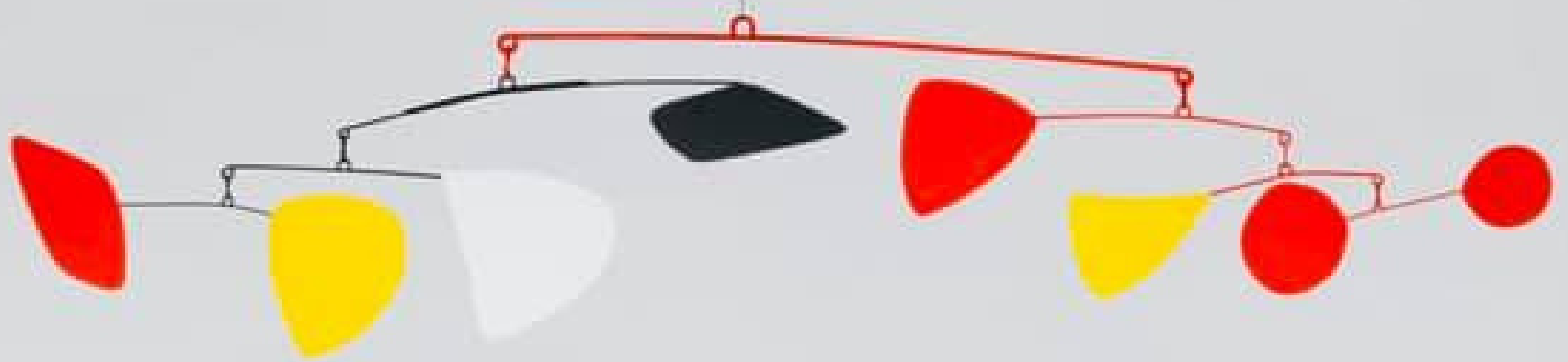
Children's Activity



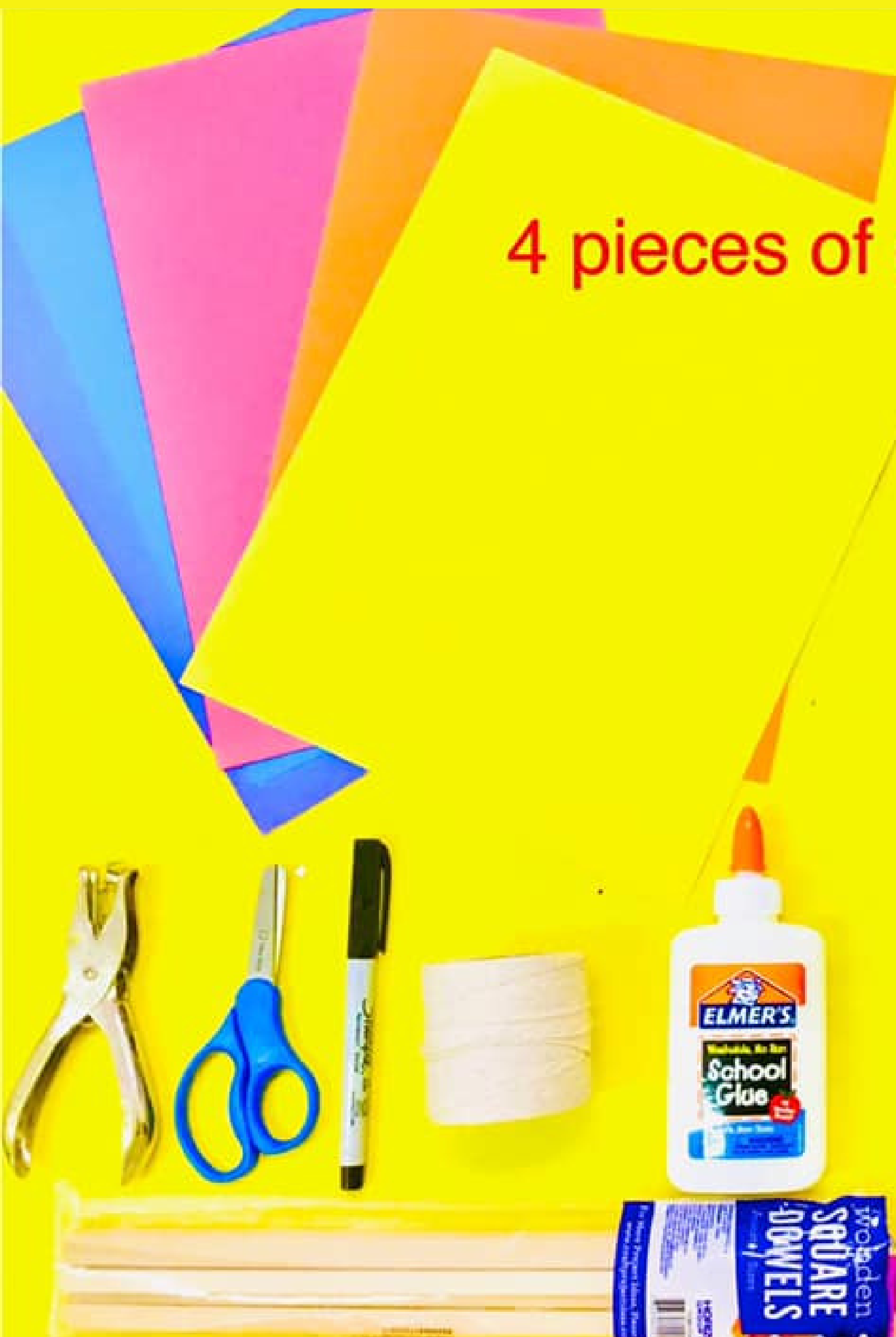
Let's create an Alexander Calder inspired mobile.

Alexander Calder was an American sculptor known both for his innovative mobiles and static monumental public sculptures.





Calder developed a new method of sculpting: by bending and twisting wire, he essentially "drew" three-dimensional figures in space. He is renowned for the invention of the mobile, whose suspended abstract elements move and balance in changing harmony.



Supplies Needed:

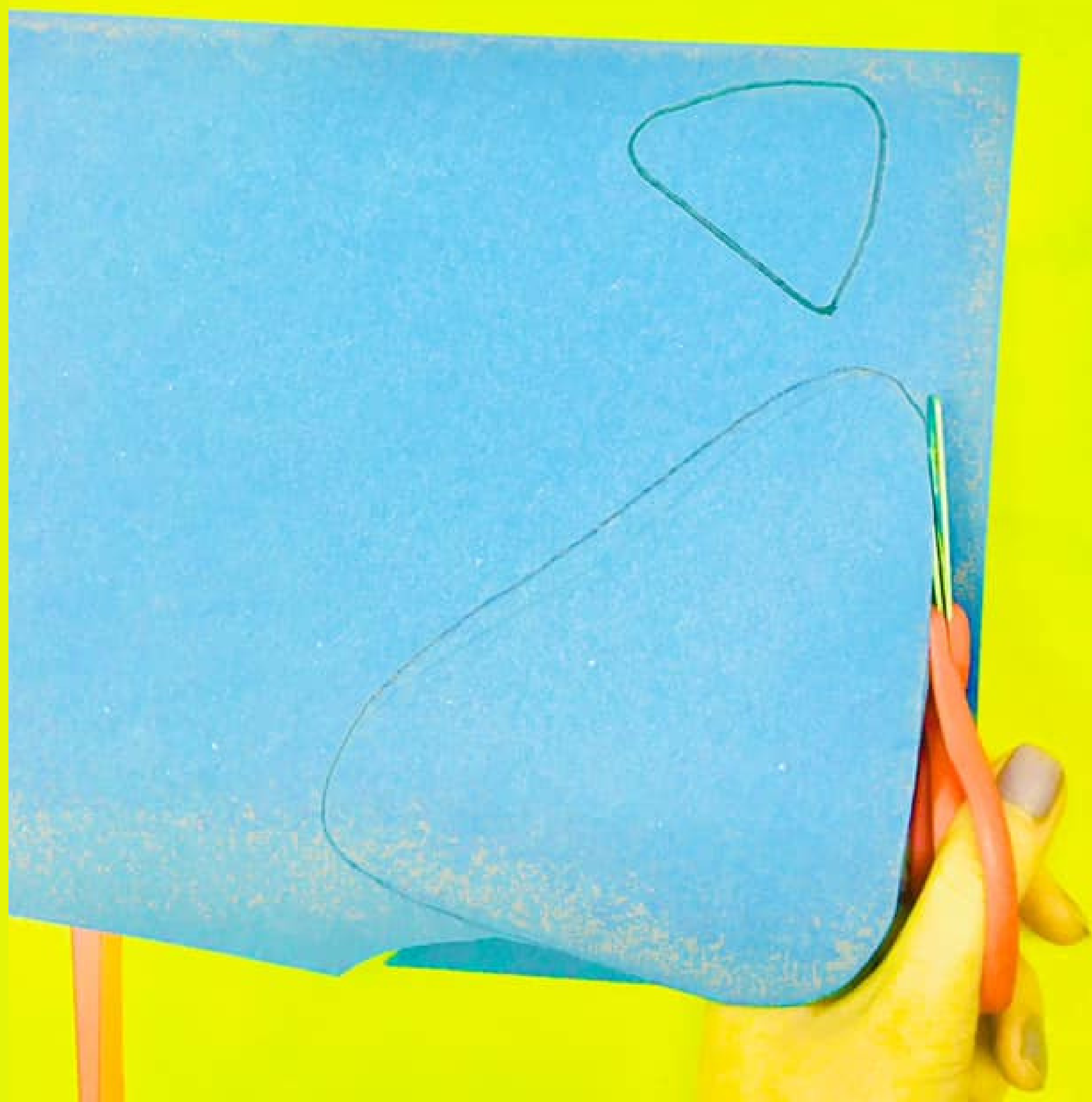
- 4 pieces of colored construction paper
- Hole puncher
- Scissors
- Pencil or Marker
- String or fishing wire
- Glue
- Wooden dowels



Step One:
Pick 1 color of construction paper. Grab your pencil or marker. Begin to draw an abstract or geometric shape. Repeat this step with each color of construction paper.

Step Two:

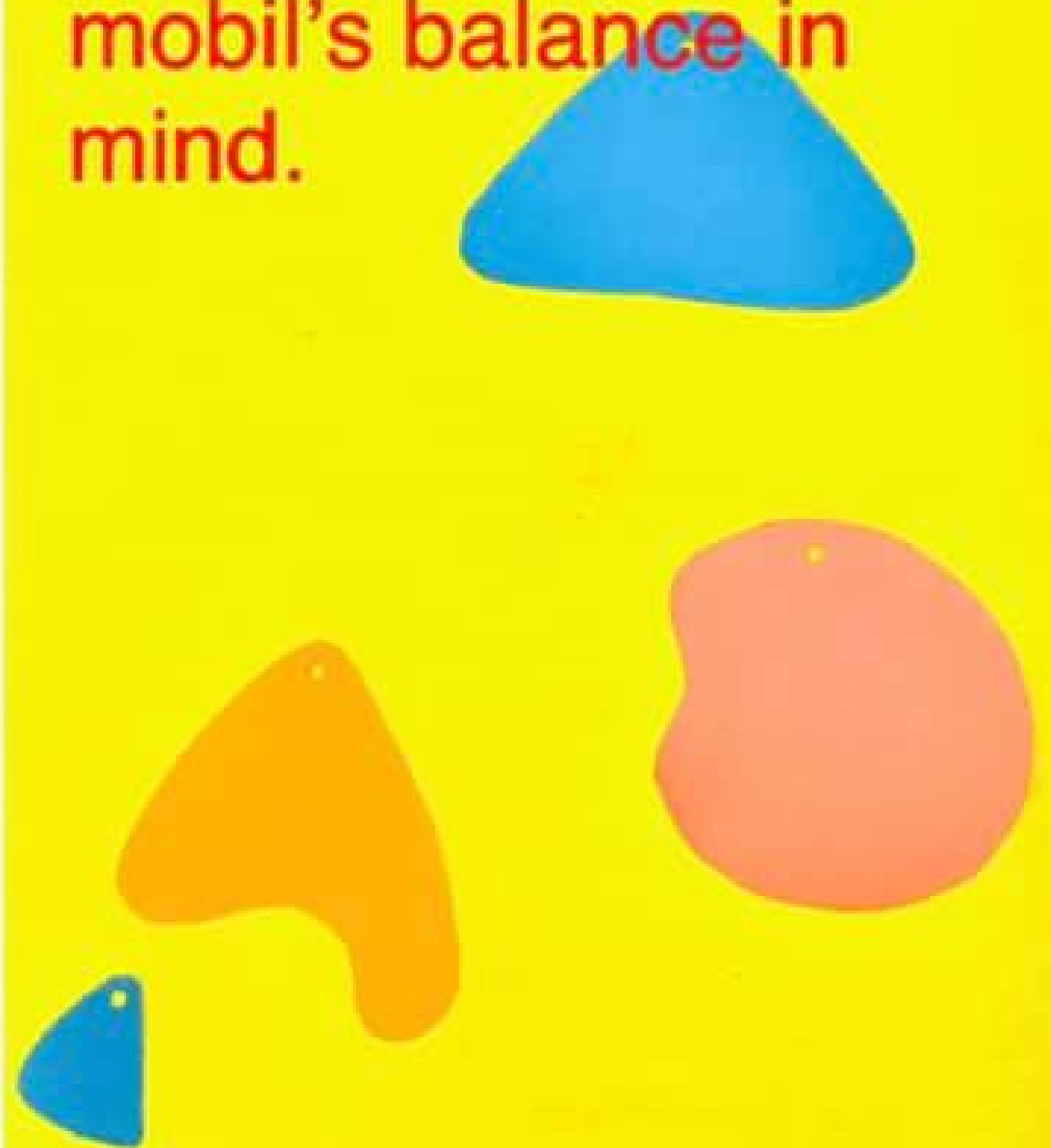
Grab a pair of scissors and begin to cut out the shapes from each color of construction paper.



Step Three:
Grab your hole puncher & punch a hole at the top mid point of each shape.



Step Four:
Arrange your shapes. Be sure to arrange your shapes with your mobil's balance in mind.





Step Five:
Grab your scissors.
Begin to cut your string.
You will cut three
different lengths of
strings. Cut two short
pieces, two medium
pieces, & one piece
longer in length.



Step Six:
Run one piece of string
through the hole of
each shape and tie a
double knot.



Step Seven:

You will now tie the shape with the shortest length of string to a wooden dowel. Tie your string in a double knot in the middle of the wooden dowel.



Step Eight:

You will now tie two shapes with the medium length string to each end of another wooden dowel using double knots.

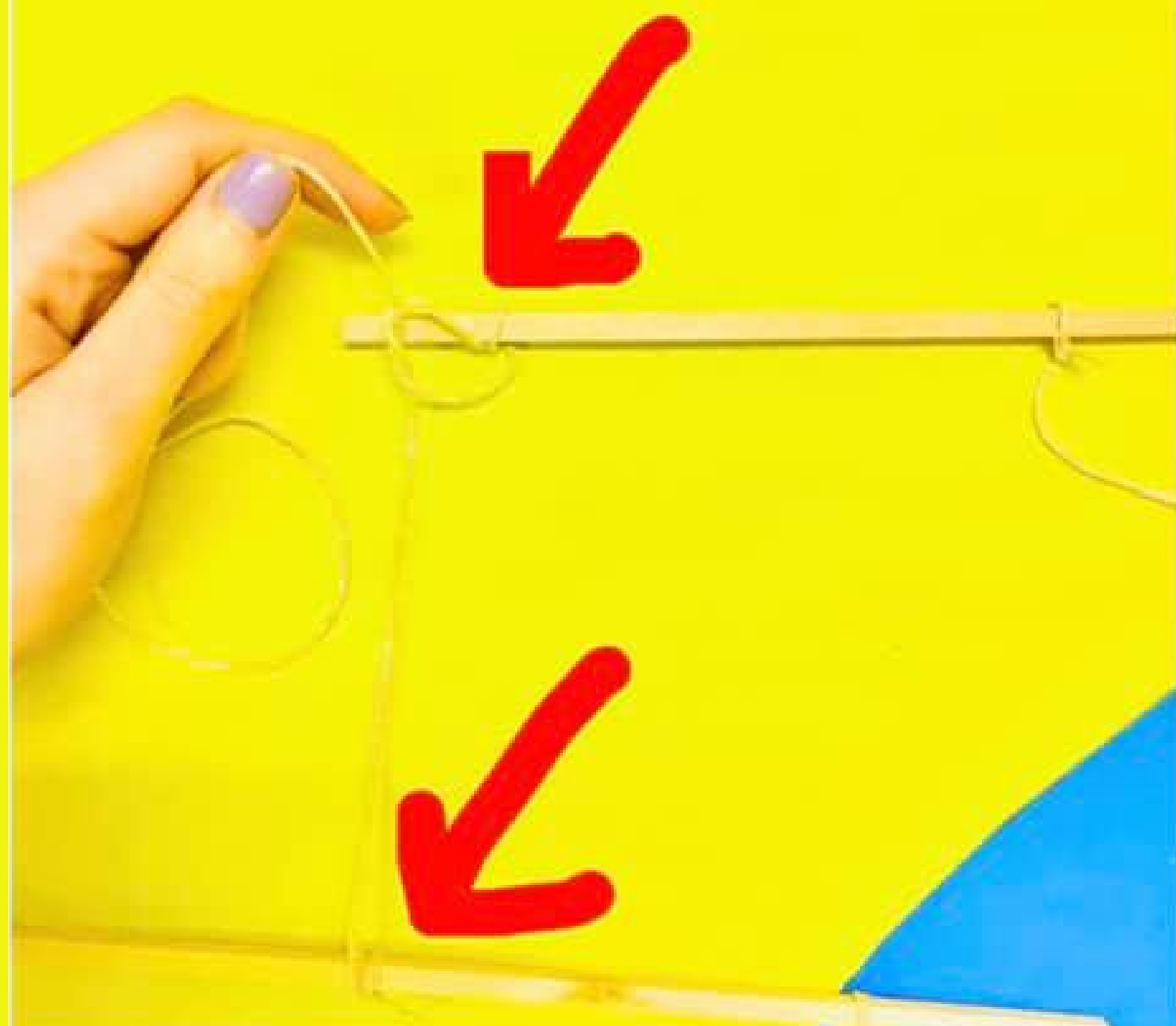
A hand with purple nail polish is holding a thin wooden dowel horizontally. A string is wrapped around the dowel and hangs down to a blue triangle. The background is a solid light blue color.

Step Nine:

On a third wooden dowel tie the shape with the longest length of string to one end using a double knot & on the other end tie the shape with a shorter length of string using a double knot.

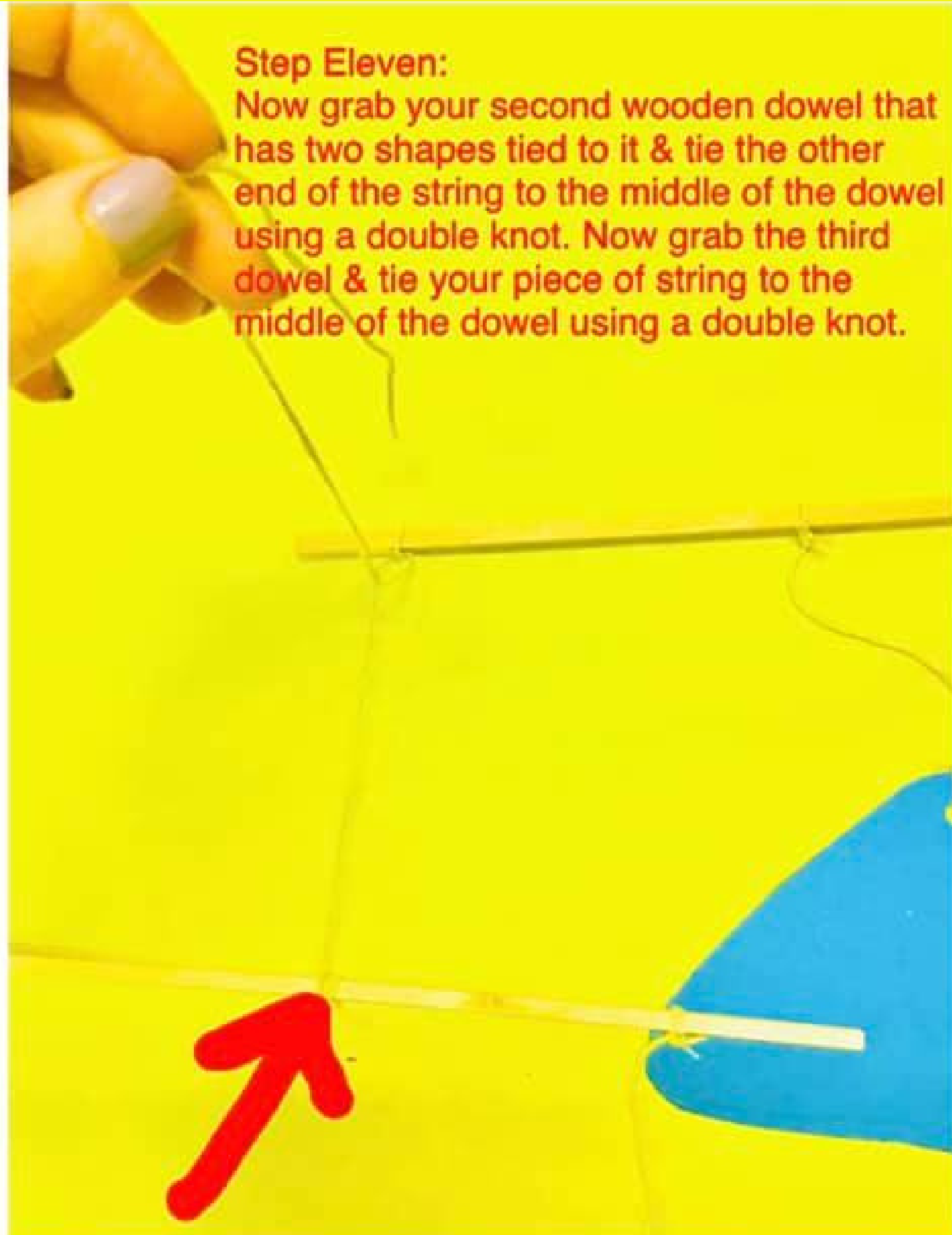
Step Ten:

You will now attach your three wooden dowels together. Cut two pieces of string (one shorter than the other). Now grab the wooden dowel that has only one shape tied to the middle. Tie your pieces of string to both ends of the dowel using a double knot.



Step Eleven:

Now grab your second wooden dowel that has two shapes tied to it & tie the other end of the string to the middle of the dowel using a double knot. Now grab the third dowel & tie your piece of string to the middle of the dowel using a double knot.





Now that you have finished your Alexander Calder inspired mobile hang it in your favorite spot at home!