

Create a Sculpture in the Style of Joan Miró

Joan Miró didn't just paint—he made **amazing sculptures** too! His 3D art was **bold, colourful, and full of quirky shapes**, just like his paintings. Miró's sculptures often look like playful creatures from a dream, using unusual forms and **symbols like eyes, moons, stars, and ladders**.

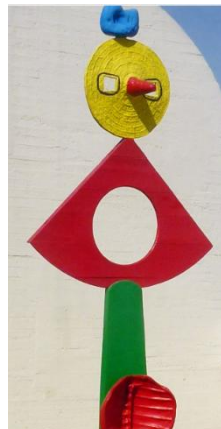
☀ What Are Miró's Sculptures Like?

- **Dynamic Shapes:** He used **organic forms**—blobby, curved, or pointy shapes that feel like they're growing or moving.
- **Mixed Materials:** Miró often combined different things—like metal, wood, ceramics, and even **found objects** like toys or tools.
- **Playful and Symbolic:** His sculptures included **bright colours** and simple **symbols**, like the ones in his paintings (eyes, stars, birds).
- **Imaginative Creatures:** Many of his sculptures look like **imaginary animals or people**, with legs, eyes, wings, or antennae.



Dona I Ocell (woman with bird)

Pair of lovers
playing with
almond blossom



Girl escaping

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Step 1: Gather Materials

Choose fun materials to build with:

- **Air-dry clay, paper mache, or recycled materials** (cardboard tubes, bottle caps, foil)
- **Wire or pipe cleaners** (for arms, legs, or curly bits)
- **A base** (like a block of wood, cardboard, or a jar lid)
- **Acrylic paints** in red, blue, yellow, black, green

Step 2: Sketch Your Creature or Shape

Before building, draw a quick idea! Think:

- Will it stand tall or be wide?
- Will it have arms, eyes, wings, or stars?
- Add symbols like **moons** 🌙, **eyes** 👁️, **ladders** 🪜, or **dots** ●.

Step 3: Build the Main Shape

- Use **clay** or scrunched paper to form the **body** of your sculpture.
- Add big round or curved pieces—nothing too perfect!
- Press in bits of foil, bottle caps, or found objects for extra textures or shapes.

Step 4: Add Fun Details





- Stick in **pipe cleaners** or wire for **wobbly legs, arms, or feelers**.
- Attach a circle for an eye, or a twisted wire for a spiral!
- Try stacking shapes—Miró liked to **balance odd shapes** on top of each other!

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Step 5: Paint It Like Miró

- Once dry, paint your sculpture with **bright, bold colours**: red, blue, yellow, green, black.
- Leave some bits white for contrast, and paint **symbols** on parts—like stars or eyes.
- Use black to outline or add thin lines that curve and loop.

Extra Ideas to Explore

-  **Recycled Miró**: Make a sculpture using only recycled objects like lids, cartons, and wires.
-  **Wire Creatures**: Twist wire into starry shapes or spirals and add beads for colour.
-  **Sculpture + Painting**: Create a sculpture and a matching background painting to go with it!
-  **Shadow Sculptures**: Shine a light on your sculpture to see how its shadow looks—just like Miró's love of space and surrealism!