

Alberto Giacometti

Inspired Tin Foil Sculpture with Shadow



Alberto Giacometti was Swiss. He was born in 1901 and died in 1966.

He began painting, drawing, and sculpting from a very early age and explored many art forms throughout his life.

He is most famous for his tall, thin figures made of bronze.



Watch the video **5 Minute Art | Myles, 5, takes a look at Giacometti** (Video may be found below the project description).

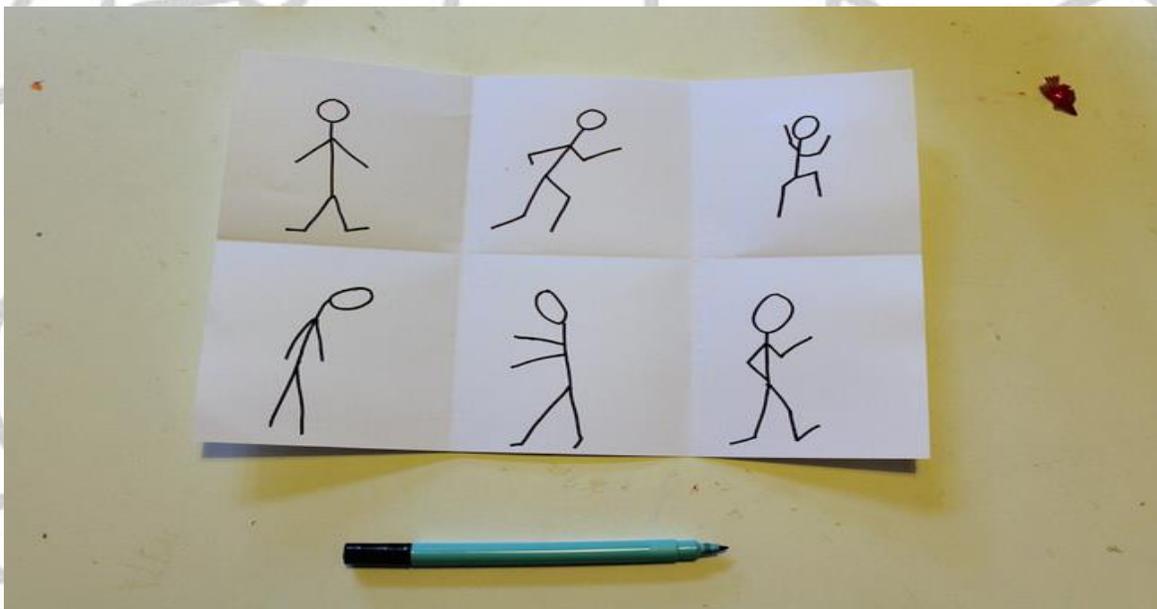
5 Minute Art

Giacometti at
the Tate Modern

Notice how textured the figures are. Think about how the thin, elongated arms and legs of the people contrast with the strong metal that they are made of.

What words would you use to describe the people?

When I look at the sculptures, they remind me of stick figures—yes, stick figures like the ones below.



Before we start sculpting, I would like for you to sketch at least 6 stick figures showing different kinds of movements or emotions. Maybe you can get someone in your family to strike a pose for you to draw?



Let's take our exploration of stick figures and the inspiration from Giacometti to now create some metal people of our own.

You will need a piece of kitchen foil – a piece a bit bigger than 12 inches is good to start with.

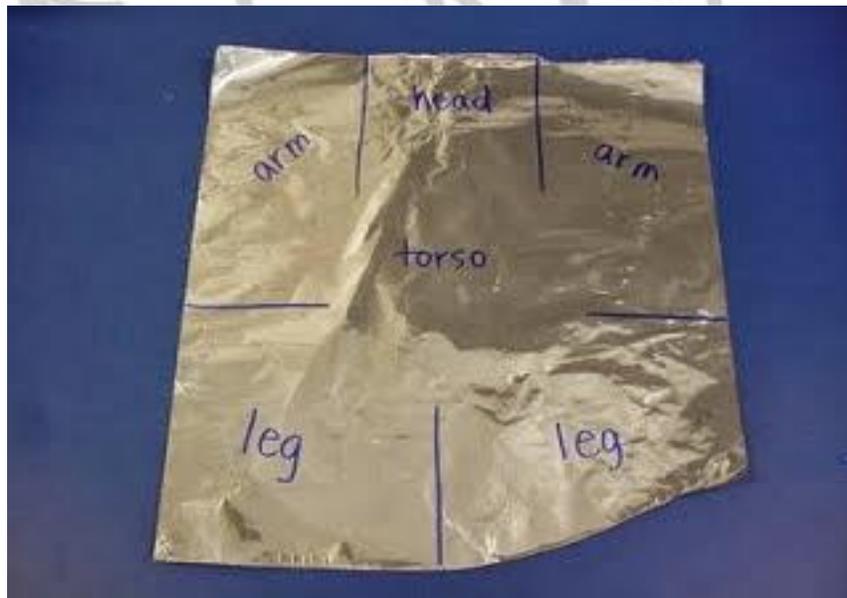
- Watch this video **Foil Shadow Sculpture** to learn how to sculpt tin foil (The video may be found below the project description).



Materials: Pencil, tin foil, and paper

Optional materials: Tape or hot glue (to help your sculpture stand), marker (to color in sculpture's shadow)

1. Have a look at the photo below to see how you can segment the foil into pieces that will become the head, arms, legs, and torso of your person. Draw out the guide lines on your own piece of foil, and then cut along them.



2. Start the scrunching slowly, to keep from tearing the foil, and then once it's starting to take shape, you can refine the pose. If a limb gets torn off, it is easily repaired at the end by pinching together more tin foil, tape, or with a hot glue gun.



3. Next, we trace the figure on the paper base and shade it in with pencil or marker. You can attach the sculpture to the paper with tape or hot glue.





This would be a great tie-in to the upcoming Olympics - doesn't this look like a gymnast?

Photograph your work of art with your smart device and share with Mr. Herring, either through his e-mail or the Ebby Halliday ES Facebook page. Make sure to include your name and grade in your email.

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