

The Poetry of Stitch
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Marble Cat

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Digital printing on silk embellished with free machine embroidery



Creative Prompt

Do you have a favourite animal? Write a poem about any kind of creature from insects to birds. You may wish to invent an imaginary or a mythical one such as a dragon. Perhaps you have a pet who would make an interesting subject for a poem. Think of all the descriptive words you can about your chosen animal and then decide which ones will work best in your poem. Remember to consider the use of smell, touch, colour and sound.