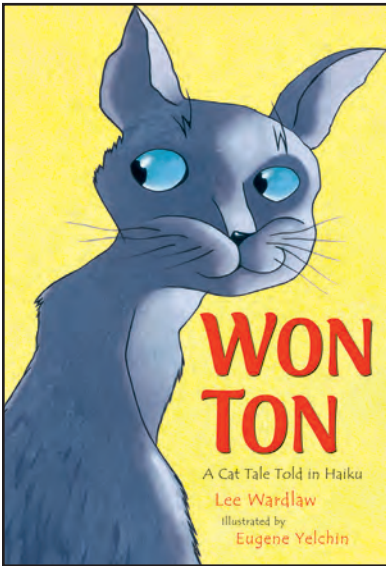
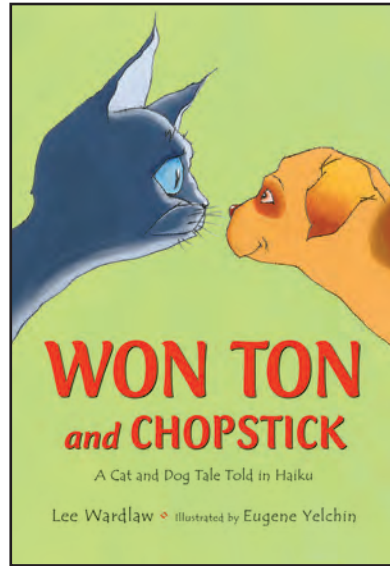


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## WON TON

A Cat Tale Told in Haiku

## WON TON *and* CHOPSTICK

A Cat and Dog Tale  
Told in Haiku

BY Lee Wardlaw

ILLUSTRATED BY Eugene Yelchin



Won Ton, once a wily shelter cat, is comfortable at home with his Boy.

Naptime! Begone, oh  
fancy pad. I prefer these  
socks. They smell of you.

But something is up. There are strange bone-shaped toys lying about . . .

Ears perk. Fur prickles.  
Belly low, I creep . . . peek . . . *FREEZE!*  
My eyes full of Doom.



Lee Wardlaw's charming tales are told entirely in haiku. Use the activities in this kit to explore this fascinating form of Japanese poetry and to celebrate our fine furry friends.

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# Haiku by YOU!

Haiku is a non-rhyming form of Japanese poetry developed in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. Haiku are always written in the present tense and are only three lines long, with a set pattern of syllables: five in the first line, seven in the second line, and five in the third line. Haiku capture the essence of a moment.

Look at the illustration below and imagine those are your arms holding this adorable pup. Write a haiku to capture the essence of this moment.



\_\_\_\_\_ (5 syllables)

\_\_\_\_\_ (7 syllables)

\_\_\_\_\_ (5 syllables)

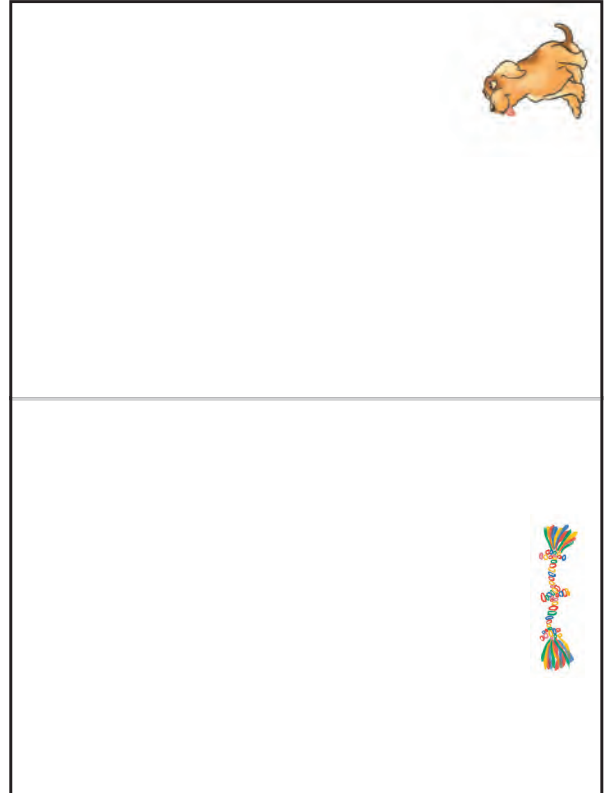
# Haiku Mini Book

Cut out the rectangles below and stack the pages with the cover on top. Staple along the center line to bind into a mini book. Fold the booklet in half along the binding seam. Carry your Haiku Mini Book with you so you can create haiku wherever you go! The syllabic pattern for haiku is on the back cover as a reminder.

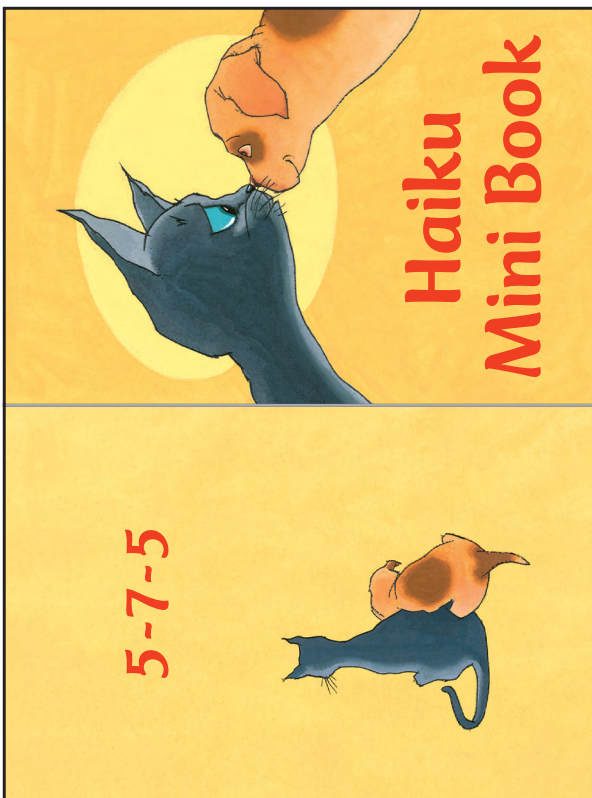
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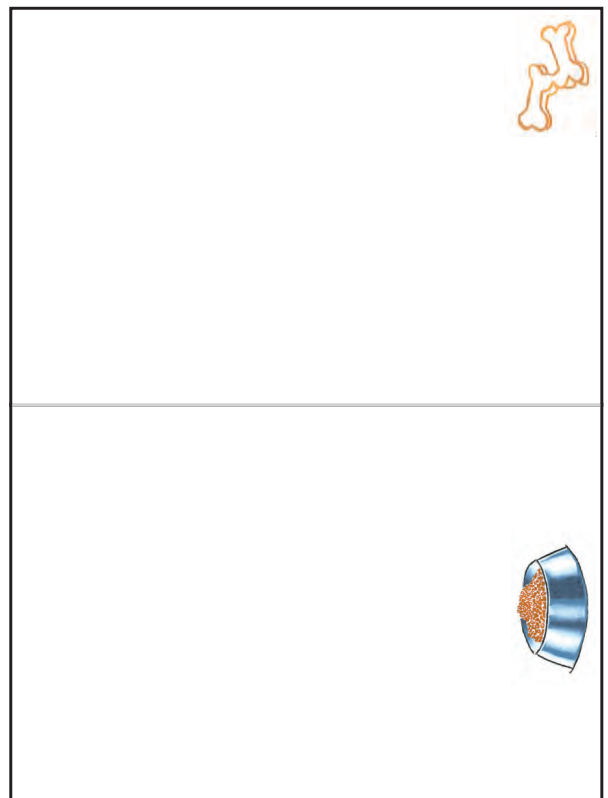
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# Cats or Dogs?

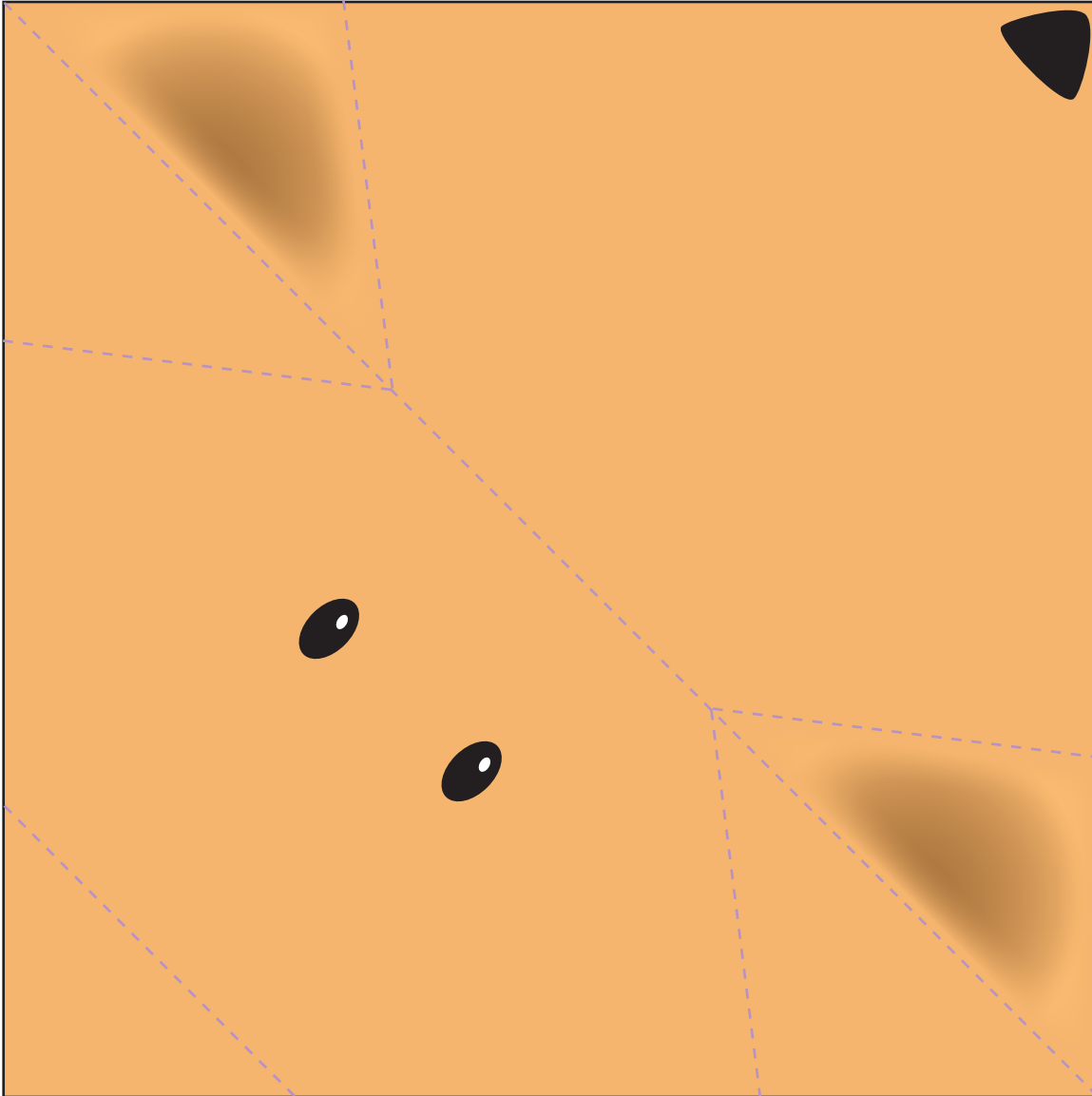
Dogs have hair. Cats, fur.  
Dogs whine, yip, howl, bark. Cats purr.  
I say: No contest.

That's Won Ton's point of view, but what's yours? Are you a dog person or a cat person? Or do you love dogs and cats equally? Pick the wrist band below that best expresses your preference. Cut it out and use a piece of tape to secure it to your wrist. Poll your friends—which pet reigns supreme?

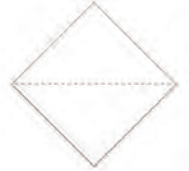


# Origami Pup

Cut out the square below. Fold as directed to make an origami pup!



STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4



WOOF!



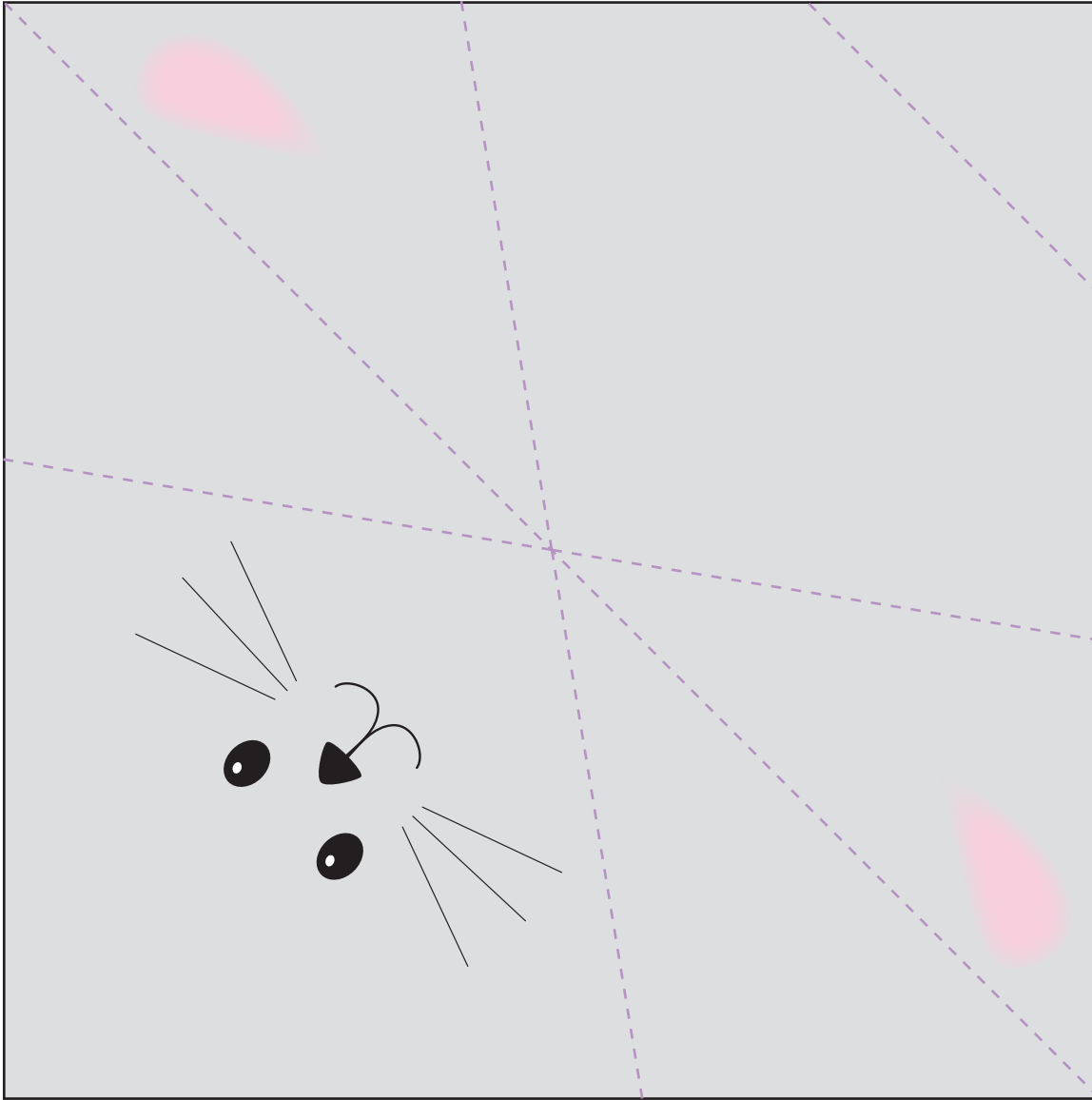
- STEP 1** Place the square on a flat surface in a diamond shape with the white side of the paper facing you. Be sure the black triangle is at the bottom point on the back side of your paper.
- STEP 2** Fold in half at the dotted line pulling the top point to the bottom point. The puppy's eyes will be facing you.
- STEP 3** Fold downward at the dotted lines to the right and left of the eyes to create your puppy's ears.
- STEP 4** Fold the bottom point up at the dotted line to complete your pup's face.

**Woof!**

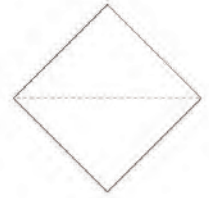


# Origami Cat

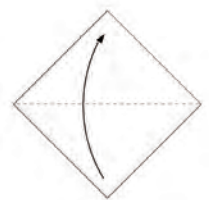
Cut out the square below. Fold as directed to make an origami cat!



STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4



STEP 5



- STEP 1** Place the square on a flat surface in a diamond shape with the white side of the paper facing you. Be sure the kitty's face is in the top half on the back side of your paper.
- STEP 2** Fold in half at the dotted line pulling the bottom point to the top point as shown. The kitty's face is still not visible.
- STEP 3** Fold the two bottom points upward on the dotted lines.
- STEP 4** Fold the top triangle down on the dotted line.
- STEP 5** Flip your paper over to reveal your cute kitty.

**Meow!**

