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Who are you and what do you do?

My name is Samantha Whitehouse, I am a watercolour, graphite and pastel pencil artist that specialises in animals and pet portraits.

How has your practice changed over time?

I have been creating art since I was able to hold a brush or pencil, so my technique has changed a lot of times in those 26 years! I have only recently started working in graphite and pastel pencils which has been a big learning curve as they are very different to watercolour.

What themes do you pursue?

I try to keep my artwork as realistic as possible, but I also like to paint more mystical or fantastical pictures. I want to capture the expressions of the animals I'm painting and represent their personalities too.

Name three artists who have influenced your work.

My favourite artist is Van Gogh but I think Stubbs and Landseer have influenced my work more.

What couldn't you live without?

My pets! At the moment I have a budgie named Blue and hamster named James, both rescue animals!

