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Stripe

/straɪp/

Meaning: a strip on the surface of something which is a different colour from the surrounding surface (Cambridge Advanced Users Dictionary)

*Surrounded by your perfectly cast silk,
Your geometric precision can be matched by few.
Your spatial shrewdness and daring are more than opportunist;
You are an engineer of nature.*

*As you bask suspended in the centre of your creation,
You seem docile in the soft autumnal sun.
Your body rests as motionless as today's windless air;
You are a responsive creature.*

*As an engineer you, too, have a strategy,
While your striped body and silk glisten delicately in the light.
It is more than fine thread you weave - it is a genius's trap;
You are a perceptive inventor.*

*Your stance is an intriguing illusion to the ignorant,
Since at the slightest vibration, a light insect's wing or a man's sneeze,
Your alertness is triggered, and you pounce eagerly to consume;
You are a subtle warrior.*

Written by an arachnaphobe!
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