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Welcome to the Angel Factory in the Karoo!

Here are some highlights of our 2021 catalogue:

- ** There is one new range this year the Aarde range which you will find on page 16. The Aarde range is very different from our other ranges, the most prominent feature being the dyed feathers and wool.
- * This year we also start our new tradition The Angel of the Year which features our Limited Edition Angels. Our very first Angel of the Year is Zara, you find her on page 1.
- Ameera has now got her treetopper feature in place, so this year you can order her in 2 versions plain, or as a treetopper - check page 17.
- ** The angels are packed in a reusable plastic pouch, with a card and a name tag.
- ** Our Juweel collection you can find in the separate Juweel Angels Catalogue. Please contact us if you wish to receive this catalogue.
- * If you wish to have a closer look at the angels, or to check out the Vintage range, you will find the complete Karoo Angels portfolio of more than 100 angels at our website: www.karooangels.co.za
- A full overview of the different angel names and their meanings you will find on page 20, and on pages 21-23 you can read more about the angels, Die Karoo Engele Leefstyl, as well as meet the Karoo Angels' team.

Enjoy the catalogue browsing - we hope it will bring you inspiration from the Angel Factory!

new in 2021

In 2021 the Angel Factory starts a new tradition: Angel of the Year – limited edition angels that are only made in a specific year. There are many people around the world who collect Karoo Angels, and our Limited Edition angels are made as a gesture towards our dear angel-collectors – people who buy a new angel every year, in order to embellish their surroundings even more, step by step, with the most beautiful angels from the mythical Karoo.

The special feature for the Limited Year Edition Angel is a unique glass bead, specially made for Karoo Angels. It is the world famous Preciosa in Bohemia in the Czech Republic that has made these beads for us, with our logo engraved.





Zara is one of the Guardian Angels – with 3D wings crocheted in silver-coated copper wire, pearly white Preciosa beads – and what makes her unique and special: A necklace with a mint green bead, engraved with Karoo Angels logo. So fresh and beautiful!

Her name is of course not chosen randomly for the year of 2021: Zara means 'new beginngs'

→ Zara measures approx 15 - 17 cm

Classic Range with Silver and Clear Beads



In between Amorey's white feather dress you will notice sparkling crystal shaped glass beads. With all the focus on the dress, Amorey keeps the rest simple: Silver halo and plain knitted wings. Amorey means 'brave'.





Anna has draped a beautiful wire crocheted cape over her white dress. This sophisticated lady has also put on a silver necklace and matching halo. Anna means 'grace'.



Gardi is noted for her amazing 3D wings, crocheted in wire – which makes her stand out, and compliments her white dress. Some days she wants to dress up a bit, putting on a necklace pendant - other days she wants her wings really to show and adorns them with a silver beaded border. These majestic ladies are named after Gardi, who set up the craft groups in Vondeling and Rietbron, together with Hannelie. Gardi means 'the guardian'.



Evette looks very much like her cousin Levona, with clear beads and sequins in her wings and halo. But this young lady opted for a cream coloured dress, stating: 'You can never go wrong with neutrals', Evette means 'the living one'.



Hanna is named after Hannelie, the 'mama' of the crafters, and she is gracious in her simplicity. Hanna's secret lies in her rainbow beads, which might look silver greenish, but once exposed to light you will notice that they reflect all the colours of the rainbow almost like a raindrop falling on the Karoo plains. Hanna means 'arace'.

Classic Range with Silver and Clear Beads







Gracious Levona – the all time classic, and first ever feather angel made at the Angel Factory, back in 2008. She adorns herself with clear beads and sequins, and you can choose between the original one with wire head – or the newer version, with felt head. Almost 10 years later the Levona Baba arrived - looking exactly like the bigger sister, but still with her own personality, cute as she is. Levona means 'frankincense'.



Mia has double heart shaped wings, and sticks to a classic and clean look with clear beads and sequins, to complement her white feather dress. Mia has been around for a while, but is still so cherished by Karoo Angels lovers. It is therefore not a big surprise that Mia means 'beloved'.



Violet carries her heart shaped wing with pride, adorned with clear beads and sequins. Her other features are white feather dress and felt head. And the reason why she is named Tiny? Because she has some really big sisters (check out the Large Feather Angels on our website). Violet means 'flower'.





Lisa wanted to look like snow, so her beads, halo and dress are all white. She was always the cute litte Baba angel, but recently her bigger sister joined the family. Lisa means 'oath of God'.



You will easily recognise Sienna, because of her cool braided hairstyle. Sienna herself says it is her crown. For the rest of her looks she goes for all white. Sienna means 'of the earth'.

Classic Range with Grey, Cream and Green Beads



White feather dress, felt head, simple halo, knit wing, beads in a rich and warm grey colour – this is Brenda! Her name means 'the girl with the special heart'.



Jade Baba (B)

Elegant Charlene was the first Karoo Angel with a cream coloured feather dress. She has double heart shaped wings, complimented with cream and off-white beads. Charlene means 'I am free'.



Jade has got her name from the colour of her beads - a subtle jade green colour. She is also named after the Crassula Jade Tree a succulent growing in the Eastern Cape. Jade means 'precious'.



'I like green', Stella stated – and green she got!
Various shades of green are mixed with clear beads, making her look very crisp together with the white feather dress.
Stella means 'star'

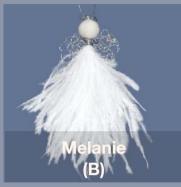
Classic Range with Blue Beads



Gerda carries her unique feature with style: Her heart shaped wings are adorned with tiny 'twigs' with blue and silver beads, reminiscent of the stamens on many of the plants growing in the Karoo. She has white feather dress and felt head adorned by a blue halo. Gerda means 'protector'.



'I want to look like the Karoo sky on a rainy day', Jo-Anne said, and so she does. With her pale blue beads Jo-Anne says thank you for the rain that falls on the Karoo plains. Her name means 'God is gracious'.



No other sky is as infinite as the one arching across the Karoo – and Melanie carries a small piece of this sky: Mixed beads of blues and silver or her wings and halo.

Melanie means 'the dark lady'.







Marinda is unusual and different in her colours, with light blue-turquoise beads in her double-heart shaped wings, and a matching crown. The Baba and Small version of Marinda have both the classic knitted wing and halo. Marinda means 'of the sea'.



Hannelie is different. You might not notice at first glance, but her feather dress has a unique colour – not white, not cream – but something in between. A colour reserved exclusively for this modest, somewhat shy angel. Her amethyst coloured beads makes her look truly sophisticated. She is named after Hannelie, our trainer and mentor since 2006. Hannelie means 'grace'.



Jaylene wanted to copy Amorey's style, but with her own twist: Amethyst coloured crystal beads in her white feather dress, and a matching halo. Jaylene means 'incredible'.





Valenta loves the vygies - the pink flowers that cover the plains like a carpet in the early Karoo spring. With soft pink bead mix and white feather dress she is both delicate and daring - with the Baba sister as a true charmer. Valenta means 'be strong'.

Classic Range with Golden Beads





Amber is named both after the colour of her beads - a rich deep golden colour - and the beautiful succulent Amber Rose, growing in the Karoo.

Amber means 'preserver'. We think she will be a new classic!



Elizna has a soft spot for everything a bit bling ...so no one was surprised when she asked for golden beads to adorn her wings and halo. Elizna means 'stability'.



Elise is a glamorous lady, ready for the big events! With white feather dress and silver halo, and her signature fashion statement: Gold and black sequins on her wings. Elsie means 'noble'



This is Edwinah. She claims the colour of her dress is champagne, (actually it is cream - but here you have Edwinah). Her double heart shaped wings are knitted in copper wire, adorned with golden and bronze beads, adding to her unique glow. Edwinah means 'valuable friend'.



The double heart shaped wings are popular among the more mature angel-family members – and here is Vanessa, with golden beads to add on shine and character, complementing her white dress. Vanessa looks almost like a 'butterfly', and that is also what her name means.

Baba Angels (B): 7-8 cm 🕂 Small Angels (S): 11-13 cm 🕂 Medium Angels (M): 15-17 cn

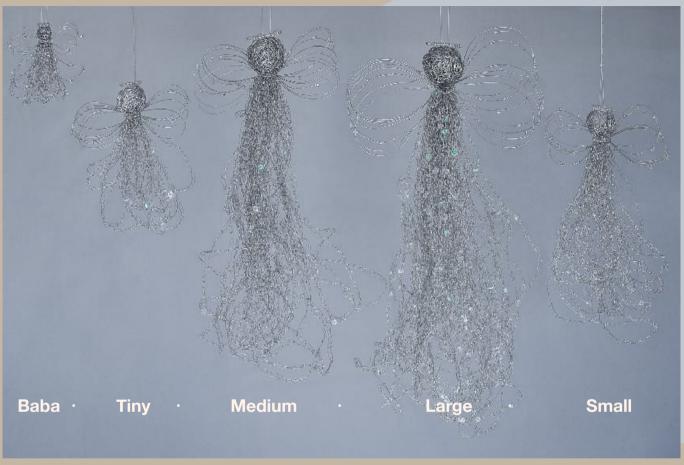


Janine is named after Oom Jan, the elder in the Vondeling village and the only male member of the craft group until he sadly passed away in 2014. Oom Jan was a very special person in the Vondeling community, and so is Janine: A small angel who dares to be different, with her black feather dress, wire head and knitted wire wings with clear beads. Janine means 'aift from God'.





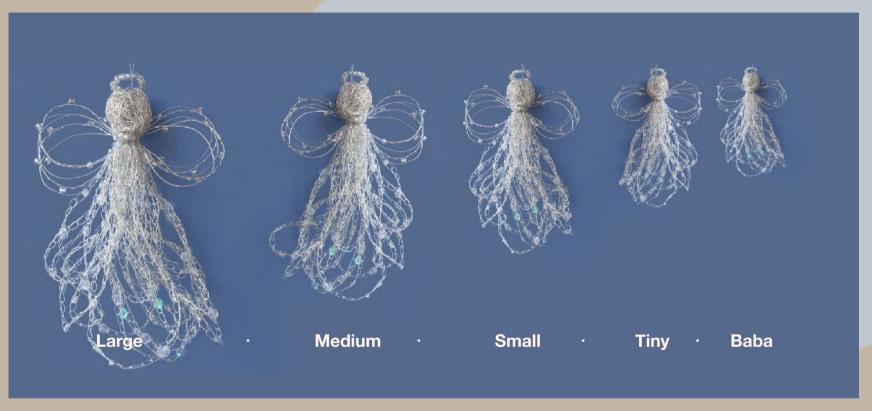
The statement black & white dress of Karen makes her well noted. So stylish, so upbeat. In the felt head version Karen opts for black beads both on her halo and her wings, where as in the wire head version she goes for white beads. Both versions dramatic and simple – just as Karen's name, which means 'pure'.



When a Sarie angel hangs in a window and is hit by the soft winter sun beams, she twinkles in long strands of crocheted wire, clear beads and sequins. Also on a dark overcast day Sarie is strikingly beautiful and elegant in all her simplicity. Her wings underlines her abundant style, and the wire head and silver halo complement it all. Sarie has a lot of siblings – she comes in 5 different sizes. Her name means 'princess'.

Sarie Baba: 7 cm + Sarie Tiny: 15 cm + Sarie Small: 25 cm + Sarie Medium: 35 cm + Sarie Large: 45 cm

Sarie Silver Range



Sarie has always been the shining star in the Angel family, and with the silver-coated copper wire version she sparkles, twinkles and shines even more. She truly lives up to her name, meaning 'princess'.

Sarie S Baba: 7 cm + Sarie S Tiny: 15 cm + Sarie S Small: 25 cm + Sarie S Medium: 35 cm + Sarie S Large: 45 cm

Vleuel Range



Maria is delicate and feminine with her rose gold wings, a stunning halo in cream and gold, and matching pendant. Maria means 'the wished for'. We are sure she will be!



Marlene's proud wing colour reminds of the beautiful Karoo Malachite bird. Her pendant and halo are matching, making her strikingly beautiful. Marlene means 'the one who sees perspectives'.



Olaf is different, with cream feather dress, and dark blue wings and details - a much more dramatic angel than the siblings.
Olaf means 'the ancestor's heritage' - and why this name you can read more about on page 18.









Zona means 'the one who keeps things together', and true to her name she embraces different styles and tastes - 'no one should feel excluded', is her motto. So you can either choose her Ruby style, or the Malachite, or the Icy, all giving character and adding to her discrete silver wings. Zona Ruby has turned out to be a very popular angel for Christmas, so we have added a small, more simple version of her, with knitted wings, but the same ruby coloured beads.

→ The Vleuel Angels measure approx 15-17 cm, except for Zona Ruby Small, height 11-13 cm.

Vleuel is the Afrikaans word for wing - named after the main feature for this beautiful range. The wings are crocheted in various colours, using coated copper wire, and the Rietbron crafters are in charge of the Vleuel angels, since they are the crochet experts at the Angel Factory.









The inspiration to develop a special Guardian Angel Range came from the Gardi Angels, as well as our great clients around the world. They would tell us how perfect the Gardi Angels were as gifts for special occasions, like a birth gift, a christening gift, or a gift to a dear friend. Not only because Gardi looks so stunning with her 3D wings, but also because her name means 'the Guardian'.

The Guardian Angels are thus not primarily meant as Christmas decorations, but as gifts for those special events in life. There are 4 versions to choose from, all with different colours on wings, halo, and necklace. Silver coated copper wire is used in the wings - to ensure that the Guardian Angel can be exposed to more humid indoor climates without turning matte. The Guardian Angels are meant to have a long life span!



Based on the success with our Guardian Angel range, launched in 2019, we welcomed in 2020 their smaller siblings, named Skylar. Knitted in the same silver coated copper wire and using the same beads as in the Guardian Angel range, these small sized angels are a great aift option throughout the year. Skylar means 'protector'.











In late 2019 we were given the challenge to develop an Angel of Hope - and little did we know then about what was awaiting us all some months later....which made us even more determined to launch the Kiran range.

Kiran comes in 4 different versions, with crocheted 3D wings in either an amber colour copper wire, or an ivory colour, with beads and halo matching the Preciosa leaf shaped necklace adorning the angels.

+ The Kiran Angels measure approx 15 - 17 cm

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Aarde Range





Gugu is an amazing angel with her deep golden brown ostrich feathers – almost looking like bronze – and amber wire, a nod to the earth's precious minerals. The matching Preciosa beads underlines her elegance. No wonder Gugu means 'precious'.





Everything about Natania Small is golden: Golden feathers, golden wings, golden head and halo - and of course, golden beads. A true gem - which also explains her name: Nathania means 'gift'.





We dream of a Christmas tree full of Ronelles! Her mix of cream feathers and ivory wire, combined with silverlined beads, makes her a true statement angel. Ronelle means 'iovful and strong' - a true Christmas message!





Say hello to Rose! This striking angel shows off with ruby ostrich feather dress, ruby wire wings and matching Preciosa beads. Rose means 'flower'.

+ Small Angels (S): 11-13 cm + Medium Angels (M): 15-17 cm

The Aarde range is paying tribute to nature and mother earth – aarde is the Afrikaans word for earth. The colours of feathers, wool, wire and beads remind us of the beautiful things that the earth gives to us, and which is for us to protect, cherish and use with respect.

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The Master Craffers in Vondeling are making this amazing range, and the Aarde range comes in 2 versions - one small size with wired head and lo wings, and one medium with dyed felted wool head and knitted 3D-wings. Malaika Range

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Say hello to our very first Malaika angel: Ameera - a stunning and impressive angel, so gracious with her 3D crocheted silver wings, adorned with pearly white beads. Instead of an halo she has a real crown, and around her neck she wears a choker of silver lined beads We launched Ameera in 2020, and this year we add on the Treetopper version. So, depending on your choice your Ameera can be on top of the tree, she can stand tall - or just be hanging around.

Ameera means 'princess' - and also 'top of the tree',





Malaika means 'angel' in Swahili, an obvious choice of name for our Limited Edition angels. These angels are made upon orders subject to availability of only the best quality feathers.

+ Ameera measures approx 26 cm. She comes with a Karoo Angels branded bag made in linen, for safe storage. Ameera Treetopper features a hidden wirecoil for attaching to the treetop. The treetopper version can also stand on its' own, making Ameera ideal as a centre piece on your table.

Our very first large feathers angels were created already in 2007, named Sophy and Violet. (This explain why our medium angel Violet Tiny has her name, because of her big sisters) To create these bigger feather angels we make use of entire feathers, not only the tuft, as in our other ranges. This is the reason for these angels being quite costly.

The Karoo Angels' names

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Desiree means 'desired'

Edwina means 'valuable friend'

Elizna means 'stability'

Ellen means 'light'

Elsie means 'noble'

Estalien means 'to flourish'

Evette means 'the living one'

Gardi means 'guardian'

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Gugu means 'precious'

Hanna means 'grace'

Hannelie means 'grace'

Jade means 'precious'

Janine means 'gift from God'

Jaylene means 'incredible'

Jo-Anne means 'God is gracious'

Juliana means 'youthful'

Justine means 'rightful'

Karen means 'pure'

Kiran means 'hope'

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Maria means 'the wished for'

Marinda means 'of the sea'

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Mia means 'beloved'

Melanie means 'the dark lady'

Natania means 'gift'

Nelly means 'shining light'

Olaf means 'the ancestor's heritage'*)

Ronelle means 'joyful and strong'

Rose means 'the flower'

Sara means 'princess'

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Seretha means 'peaceful'

Sienna means 'of the earth'

Skylar means 'the protector'

Sonia means 'wisdom'

Sophy means 'wisdom'

Stella means 'star'

Trudi means 'sincere'

Vanessa means 'butterfly'

Valenta means 'be strong'

Violet means 'flower'

Zara means 'new beginnings'

Zona means 'the one who keeps things

together'



Good to know about our angels

- * A Karoo angel is a synthesis of nature and the handmade. We use locally sourced ostrich feathers and merino wool, combined with wires, glass beads and other ornaments. The angels come with a silver thread for hanging, except for the Juweel angels, which come with hand dyed silk ribbons.
- ** The Karoo Angels crafters have 15 years experience in making the angels, and together with the rest of the Karoo Angels team we are extremely proud of being able to offer a high quality product to our clients. Be assured that we do not compromise on our angels we think our clients deserve only the best!
- ** If you look closely at our angels you will soon discover that none of them are identical, even if they have the same name. Perhaps the one has slightly bigger wings than the other, or perhaps the feather dress is a bit longer or shorter. This is due to the fact that every single Karoo Angel is entirely made by hand. And an ostrich has of course no standardised measurements for its feathers.
- ** Every type of angel has its own unique design. Please notice that the beads and ornaments might differ slightly from the angels presented in the catalogue, depending on availability. However, all angels will appear within their specific colour theme.
- ** As the feather angels are packed in plastic bags, the ostrich feathers might look a bit flat. They need air to unfold and the longer they are exposed to air, the more fluffy and voluminous the angels will appear.
- ** The wire used in the Classic range is of superior quality. However, if the wire angels are exposed too long to humidity they might tarnish and turn matte and greyish. It is therefore recommended to store them in the plastic bag together with a small silica bag, when not in use. The other ranges are all made with colour coated copper wire, which will not tarnish, even if exposed to humid conditions.
- ** As part of our commitment to use natural and locally sourced materials we purchase all our feathers from CKI Cape Karoo International in Oudtshoorn. CKI is one of the world's leading producers of ostrich derived goods meat, leather and feathers. Being a big player in the highly competitive global market CKI claims that their ethical approach is one of their best competitive forces. You can read about their sustainable ostrich farming practice notably the Five Freedoms of Farming Practice here: https://capekarooint.com/sustainable-farming/



The Karoo Angels Lifestyle Project



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Since 2018 the Karoo Angels Team has been part of an exciting collaboration with the Faculty of Life Science at the Nelson Mandela University in Port Elizabeth. We have named the project 'The Karoo Angels Lifestyle', and the aim is to promote and motivate each other to be more conscious about what we eat and drink, keep good hygiene routines, how we can be more physical active, and also be agents of change in our communities. The highlight of the Lifestyle project is without doubt our annual outing, where the entire team travel together to visit, learn and get inspiration from relevant businesses, organisations and institutions in our area. Due to Covid-19 the Engele Leefstyl activities have been very limited in 2020 and 2021, but we hope to be back at full force in 2022!

The Vondeling and Rietbron villages are approx 40 kms from Willowmore, in opposite directions. Twice per month Nathon and Janine travel on the gravel roads to visit the two craft teams, to collect and discuss new orders, hand out raw materials, as well as updating and discuss progress and challenges related to the Karoo Engele Leefstyl. In 2019 Mariska Bernard was part of these visits to the crafters, when she was doing her Masters Degree in Dietetics at the NMU. Due to Covid-19 Mariska's involvement (on site) has not been possible, but we are still lucky to have her as our adviser!

Meet the Karoo Angels Team!

































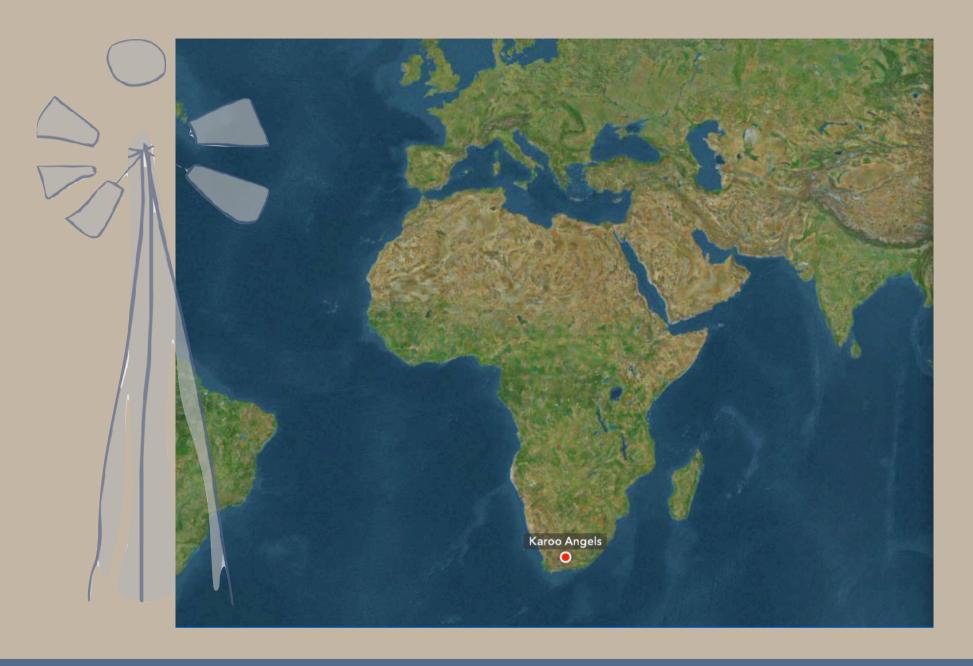


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