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Welcome to the Angel Factory in the Karoo!

Here are some highlights of our 2023 catalogue:



- ** The catalogue opens with Alora the 2023 Angel of the Year.
- *There is one new range this year: The Wonder angels (p 13). Here we introduce not only new shapes of wings, but also new materials: Raffia and hemp. In addition we launch the Karoo Engelespiel a rotating candle decoration (p 15).
- *The Gardi angels have an add on this year: Gardi Gold (p 2). The same 3D wings are applied to smaller versions of Maria and Olaf, part of the Vleuel range (p 7). The Malaika range have two newcomers this year: Ameera Gold and Ameera Black (p 14).
- ** As standard packaging the angels come in a reusable plastic pouch, with a card and a name tag. The Malaika angels comes with a fabric storage/dust bag as standard, and the bigger Sarie angels will also include a storage/dust bag as standard.
- ** A full overview of the different angel names and their meanings you will find on page 17, and on pages 17-19 you can read more about the angels, our Master Crafter program, as well as meet the Karoo Angels' team.
- *Our Juweel collection you will find in the separate Juweel Angels Catalogue. Please contact us if you wish to receive this catalogue. Also, if there are angels that you miss in the catalogue, they will still be part of the Vintage range, and can be ordered in the Order Form.
- *When ordering we recommend using either our Order Form, or our B2B online platform
- * If you wish to have a closer look at the angels, or check out the Vintage range, you will find the complete Karoo Angels portfolio of more than 130 angels at our website: www.karooangels.co.za

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

There is an Angel Factory in the Karoo...

The surrounding semi-desert landscape is arid, stark and striking – endless dry vistas, mountains and scrubland.

But at the end of a lonely road, and in a tiny old church

you will find angels...

Unique African angels, skilfully crafted by hand, pure as the crystal clear air that surrounds the Rietbron and Vondeling crafters who make them.

In 2021 the Angel Factory started 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 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 precious angels from the mythical Karoo.

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

new in 2023 **Alora - Limited Edition Angel 2023**

Alora 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 bluegrey bead, engraved with our Karoo Angels logo.

+ Alora measures approx 15 - 17 cm

Alora's pendant bead colour and name are linked. Her name is Setswana, one of the 11 official languages in South Africa, and it means 'my beautiful dream'. The colour of Alora's pendant is blue, which is the colour of peace - and that is what Alora represents: The dream of just and lasting peace. Indeed a beautiful dream







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. In 2023 we have introduced a gold version of Gardi, with golden beads matching the wings. These majestic ladies are named after Gardi, who set up the craft groups in Vondeling and Rietbron, together with Hannelie. Gardi means 'the guardian'.



Hanna is named after Hannelie, the 'mama' of the crafters. 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 'grace'.



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'.

Classic Range







Gracious Levona is the all time classic, and the 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, adorable as she is. Levona means 'frankincense'.







You will easily recognise Sienna, because of her cool braided hairstyle. Sienna herself says it is a very chic crown that she wanted to have instead of a halo. For the rest of her looks she goes for all white. Sienna means 'of the earth'.

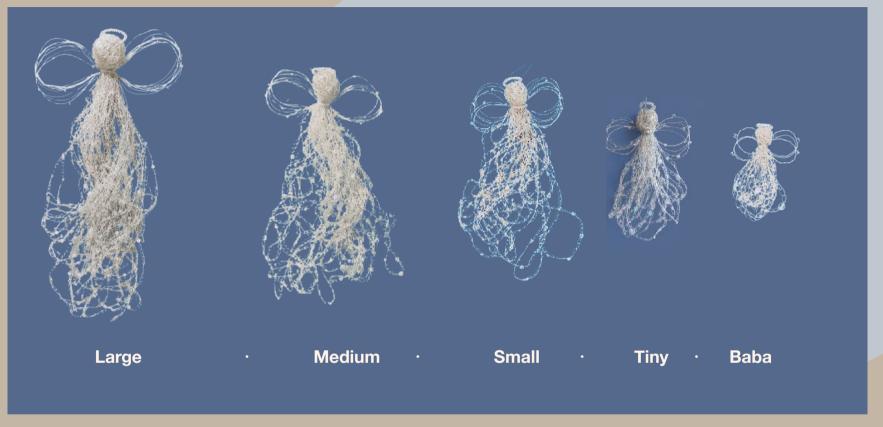
Lisa wanted to look like snow, so her beads, halo and dress are all white. She was always the cute litte Baba angel, but now her bigger sister has joined the family. Lisa means 'oath of God'.



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

Sarie Golden Range



Our classic and much loved Sarie and Sarie Silver angels will get some competition this year with the addition of Sarie Golden Range to the family! Sarie Gold has a more muted look, with no beads in the wings and the crocheted wire strands - but she compensates with an impressive crown! After all, her name means 'princess'.

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

Vleuel Range

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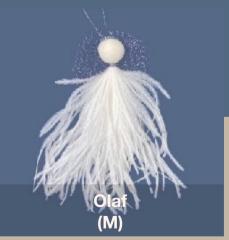


new in 2023

The original Maria is delicate and feminine with her rose gold wings, a stunning halo in cream and gold, and matching pendant. In 2022 we introduced a smaller version of Maria, with plain knit wing and matching beads, and in 2023 there is a new addition to the Maria sisters - Maria Small 3D. Here we introduce the popular rose gold wire colour in our even more popular 3D-wing-style, but still keeping the new sister in a small size - perfect for Christmas trees. Maria means 'the wished for'. And we know that all the sisters indeed are!



Marlene's striking mint green 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'.





new in 2023

Olaf is different, with dark blue wings and details - a much more dramatic angel than the Vleuel siblings, either you go for the bigger version, or the one with the 3D-wings. Olaf means 'the ancestor's heritage' - read more about this name on p. 16.

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

Vleuel Range











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 lcy, both giving character and adding to her discrete silver wings. Both Zona angels have smaller versions - keeping wire color and beads the same, but with the simple knit wing.

Guardian Angel and Skylar Range

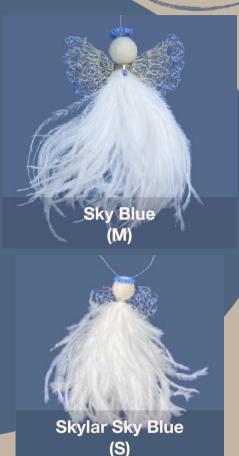
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The inspiration to develop a special Guardian Angel Range came from the Gardi Angels, as well as our great clients around the world. They would tell us how perfect the Gardi Angels were as gifts for special occasions, like a birth gift, a christening 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'. Based on the success with the Guardian Angels we welcomed some years later their smaller siblings, named Skylar. These small angels have a more simple look with their 2D knit wings.

The Guardian Angels and the Skylar range are gifts for those special events in life. There are 4 versions to choose from, with different colours or beads, halo, and necklace. Non-tarnish silver coated copper wire is used in the wings.

+ The Guardian Angels measure approx 15 - 17 cm

+ The Skylar Angels measure approx 11 - 13 cm

The Guardian Angel has the following text on the name tag:

'I am a Karoo Angel, and I have many different names, given to me by people all over the world. That is because I am a Guardian Angel.' The Skylar name tag says:

'My name is Skylar, and I am a young Karoo Guardian Angel. I was given this name by my community because Skylar means 'the 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, when the corona pandemic.....So, in 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. Kiran means of course 'hope'.

+ The Kiran Angels measure approx 15 - 17 cm

Aarde Range

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Ronelle

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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'.





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 'joyful and strong' - a true Christmas message!





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'.





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.

The Master Crafters in Vandeling are making this amazing range, and the Aarde range comes in 2 versions - one small size with wired head and looped.

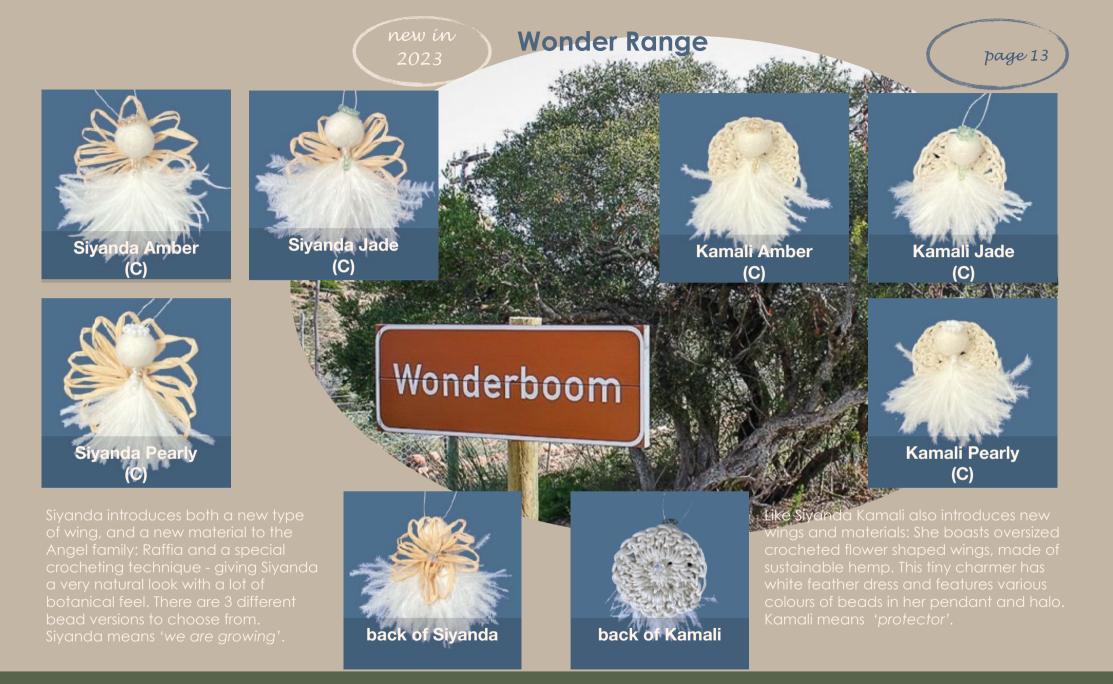
The Master Crafters in Vondeling are making this amazing range, and the Aarde range comes in 2 versions - one small size with wired head and looped wings, and one medium with dyed felted wool head and knitted 3D-wings.







In early 2009 we had a creative workshop in the Vondeling village, where we played around with ideas for new angels. One angel was very unusual – it had wings that didn't look like any other angel. "The wings look almost like kudu horns", one of us said with a smile – and of course, that became the name of the angel: The Kudu angel. And in many ways it was obvious that we should have an angel that pays tribute to the majestic kudu antelope that is roaming in the Karoo landscape surrounding the Vondeling and Rietbron villages. This year we relaunch the Kudu angels in 3 different feather colors. No surprise that Reema means 'antilope'.



+ The Wonder Charms are 4 - 5 cm tall, and has a shorter hanging cord than the Baba angels.

In the arid Karoo landscape stands a tree. Legend tells it has been there for hundreds of years. It is called Die Wonderboom - the miracle tree - because it has 3 stems that are miraculously intertwined. But Die Wonderboom is not alone. Next to it there is another tree, standing close, as if to protect the miracle tree. Very few of us become famous and regarded as miracles. But all of us have been given the opportunity to care and protect someone or something. The Wonder range wish to honor all those who care and protect, like the tree next to Die Wonderboom.

Malaika Range

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new in 2023



Ameera Black

Ameera was our very first Malaika angel: 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 crown, and around her neck she wears a choker of silver lined beads.

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.

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

Ameera

New in 2023 is Ameera Gold and the most dramatic and stunning of all our angels: Ameera Black.

Malaika means 'angel' in Swahili, an obvious choice of name for our Limited Edition angels. These angels are made upon request, and subject to availability of required material. It takes advanced craftmanship to make our Ameera angels, and the production of these angels requires that both the Vondeling and Rietbron crafters contribute with their skills. True team work - and a lot of logistics!



+ The Karoo Engelespiel is 8cm in diameter, and is 12 cm tall. Please notice that the Engelespiel do not include the candle

Put the Engelespiel on top of your candle jar, or use a drinking glass and put a tealight in. Light the candle, and then the magic begins... the pendants will start rotating, as if the angels are dancing.... The Karoo Engelespiel comes in either silver or gold version, and the Luxury Edition adds on a set of 4 Juweel handknitted tiny angels. Here you can chose between 10 different colours, or a mix.

The Karoo Angels' names

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Alora means	'my	beau	tiful c	lream'
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Ameera means 'princess' and 'the treetop'

Amber means 'preserver'

Amorey means 'brave'

Anna means 'grace'

Brenda means 'the girl with the special heart'

Charlene means 'I am free'

Desiree means 'desired'

Edwina means 'valuable friend'

Elizna means 'stability'

Ellen means 'light'

Elsie means 'noble'

Esmeralda means 'emerald'

Estalien means 'to flourish'

Evette means 'the living one'

Ewa means 'life'

Gardi means 'guardian'

Gerda means 'protector'

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'

Kamali means 'the protector'

Karen means 'pure'

Kiran means 'hope'

Levona means 'frankincense'

Lisa means 'oath of God'

Maria means 'the wished for'

Marinda means 'of the sea'

Marlene means 'the one who sees

perspective'

Mia means 'beloved'

Melanie means 'the dark lady'

Natania means 'gift'

Nelly means 'shining light'

Olaf means 'the ancestor's heritage'*)

Reema means 'the antilope'

Ronelle means 'joyful and strong'

Rose means 'the flower'

Sara means 'princess'

Sarie means 'princess'

Seretha means 'peaceful'

Sienna means 'of the earth'

Siyanda means 'we are growing'

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 more than 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.
- ** Our very first large feathers angels were created already in 2007, named Sophy and Violet. (This explain why our medium angel Violet has Tiny added to 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 the Ameera angels being quite costly.
- ** The steel wire used in the Classic range is of the best quality. However, if the wire angels are exposed too long to humid conditions 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 new ranges are all made with various colour coated copper wire, which will not tarnish. However, they might bleach if exposed over a very long time to intense sun.
- ** 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 Master Crafter Program



The Karoo Angels Crafters are all very experienced angel makers. When looking closely at an angel you will notice how many details there are, and you soon realise that this not something that everyone amongst us can manage to make - like the crocheting with the 0.2 mm thick soft copper wire without breaking it, assembling the feather dress without the feathers falling off, felting the wool heads evenly, threading the beads onto the wire - to mention some of the work steps involved in every single angel. What started as ordinary craft projects more than 15 years ago, with none of the members having any craft skills at all, has now developed into advanced hand manufactoring of high quality. This is nothing less than amazing what a journey!

To acknowledge both the skills and experience, as well as always looking for things to improve on, Karoo Angels run a yearly Master Crafter program, where all the 16 crafters participate. There are two exams per year, and it is of course no surprise that so far none of the crafters have failed their exams. The 16 crafters so much deserve their Certificate of Excellence, which is handed out at year end.

The Vondeling and Rietbron villages are approx 40 kms from Willowmore, in opposite directions. It is not a straight forward operation to collect orders and deliver necessary materials, as the gravel roads can be quite challenging to travel.

Meet the Karoo Angels Team!













































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