



Karoo Angels Catalogue 2025/2026

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Angel of the Year 2025

The ever-growing community of angel collectors around the world deserves a special angel - and our Angels of the Year pay tribute to our loyal clients. In 2025 we welcome Elsa to this very exclusive range. As for her older siblings Elsa has a unique glass bead pendant with our logo engraved, custom made for Karoo Angels by Preciosa Ornela in Bohemia in the Czech Republic

Elsa is a Guardian angel, with 3D wings crocheted in silver coated copper wire, pearly white beads, and her special pendant is in a striking clear blue color.



✦ Elsa measures approx 15 - 17 cm ✦ The packaging will include a round sticker on the front, saying 'Angel of the Year 2025'.

To choose the name for the Angel of the Year 2025 was not difficult: It had to be Elsa, to honour and show gratitude to Elsie, who sadly passed away in January 2025. Elsie was 'the mother' of the Rietbron crafters, and her wisdom, combined with her positive attitude, has left an everlasting legacy. Elsa means 'God's promise' - exactly what Elsie would have reminded us: Good things will happen.

Classic Range

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**Levona Draai
(S)**

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 angel with wire head – or the newer version, with felt head. Levona means 'frankincense'.



**Levona Felt
(S)**



**Mia
(M)**

Mia has double heart shaped wings, filled with clear beads and sequins in the knitwork. She has been around for a while, but is still cherished by so many. No surprise that Mia means 'beloved'.



**Violet Tiny
(M)**

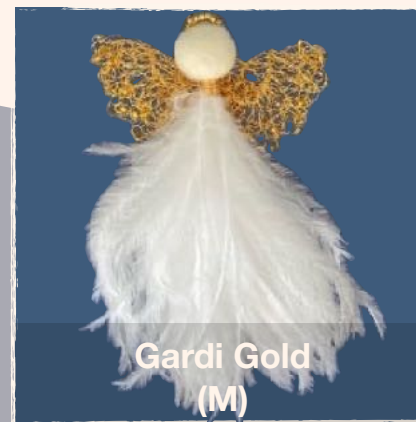
Violet carries with pride her heart shaped wing, adorned with clear beads and sequins. And the reason why she is named Tiny? Because she had in the past some really big sisters. Violet means 'flower'.



**Gardi
(M)**



**Gardi Silverwing
(M)**



**Gardi Gold
(M)**

Gardi introduced what later become our signature: The crocheted 3D wings. Gardi comes in different versions: Some days she puts on a necklace pendant, other days she adorns her wings with a silver beaded border, or she wants them to shine in gold! These majestic ladies are named after Gardi, who together with Hannelie, set up the craft groups in Vondeling and Rietbron in 2006. Gardi means 'the guardian'.

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

The angels in our Classic Range have been with us for a long time, some of them from the very start of Karoo Angels, back in 2006. Every year we choose from our Vintage range the angels that will be part of the Classic range, and this is a good way to both remember and to honor the remarkable story of what has become Karoo Angels.

Guardian Angel and Skylar Range

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**Dark Purple
(M)**



**Matte Pink
(M)**



**Pearly White
(M)**



**Sky Blue
(M)**



**Skylar Dark Purple
(S)**



**Skylar Matte Pink
(S)**



**Skylar Pearly White
(S)**



**Skylar Sky Blue
(S)**

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 in beads, halo, and necklace. Our 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 Angels have 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'.'

Kiran Range

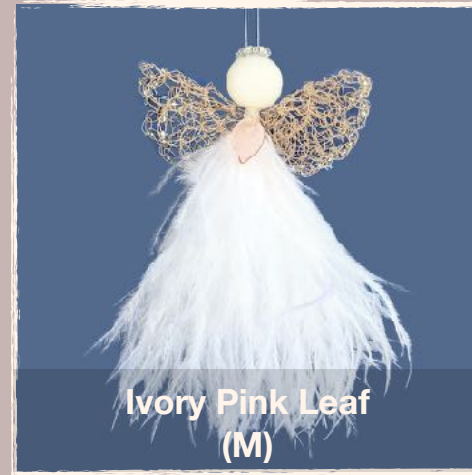
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**Amber Green Leaf
(M)**



**Amber Silver Clear Leaf
(M)**



**Ivory Pink Leaf
(M)**



**Ivory Purple Leaf
(M)**

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 hit the world. This range was developed during the difficult lockdown months in 2020. The challenging circumstances made us even more determined - and inspired - to launch the Angel of Hope angels in 2020, and we named them Kiran.

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

The Kiran Angels' name tag says:

'I am a Karoo Angel, and I am an Angel of Hope. That is why I was given the name Kiran by the community where I come from, because Kiran means 'hope'

Vleuel Range



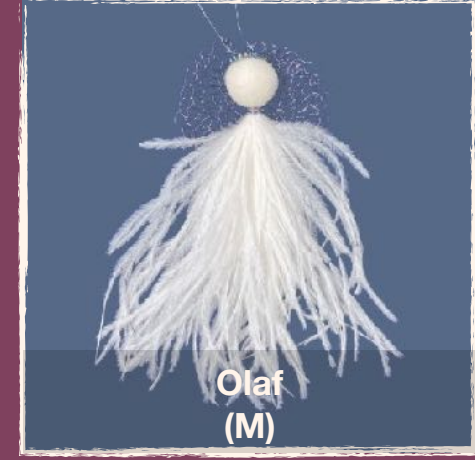
**Maria
(M)**

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



**Marlene
(M)**

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



**Olaf
(M)**

Olaf is different, with dark blue wings and details - a much more dramatic angel than the Vleuel siblings. Olaf means 'the ancestor's heritage' - read more about the history behind this name on p. 16.



**Zona Icy
(M)**



**Zona Icy Small
(S)**



**Zona Ruby
(M)**



**Zona Ruby Small
(S)**

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 Icy, 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.

✦ Small Angels (S): 11-13 cm ✦ Medium Angels (M): 15-17 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 our crochet experts.

The Friendship Range



Out of the 4 young friends Maria is the really feminine one, with her rose gold wing and pink halo. Maria means *'the wished for'*, and indeed she lives up to her name.



Marlene - *'the one who sees perspectives'* - is the type of friend we all want to have - those who dare to be different and look beyond. Her playful malachite colour makes sure she will not go unnoticed!



Olaf is a bit shy, with his calming dark blue wings he is not showing off, and in this lies his beauty, and is also why he is always a loyal friend. Olaf means *'the ancestor's heritage'*.



There is always room for a new friend - so here is Rafiki! Her golden wings make the group of friends glow and shine even more. Rafiki means *'friend'* - of course!

✦ Small Angels (S): 11-13 cm

The Friendship range came along all by itself - we noticed that the 3 small versions of the Vleuel range enjoyed hanging out together, like youngsters finding their own group of friends. And when Rafiki came along a new range was born. They all feature 3D crocheted wings, but in different colours with matching halos, making them playful, stylish and noticable at the same time.

Wonder Charms

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new style
in 2025



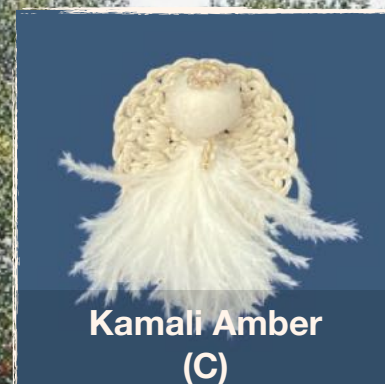
Siyanda Amber
(C)



Siyanda Jade
(C)



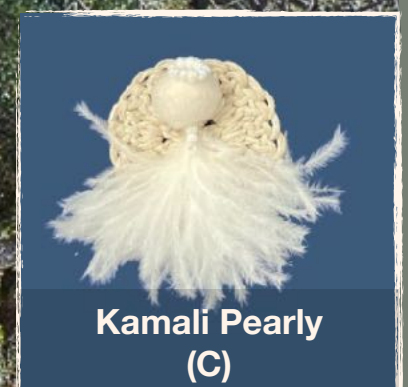
Siyanda Pearly
(C)



Kamali Amber
(C)



Kamali Jade
(C)



Kamali Pearly
(C)



Siyanda introduced raffia to the Angel family, and this year her wings have adopted the style of our well-known Sarie angels, still keeping a very natural look with a lot of botanical feel. There are 3 different bead versions to choose from. Siyanda means 'we are growing'.

Like Siyanda Kamali also introduced new wings and materials: She boasts oversized crocheted flower shaped wings, made of sustainable hemp. This tiny charmer has white feather dress and features various colours of beads in her pendant and halo. Kamali means 'protector'.

✦ 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.

Aarde Range



**Gugu
(M)**



**Gugu
(S)**

Gugu is an amazing angel with her rich golden brown 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'.



**Rose
(M)**



**Rose
(S)**

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



**Ronelle
(M)**



**Ronelle
(S)**

We dream of a Christmas tree full of Ronelles! Her mix of cream feathers and ivory wire, combined with silverlined beads, gives her a vintage touch. Ronelle means 'joyful and strong'.



**Natania
(M)**



**Natania
(S)**

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



**Zuri
(M)**



**Zuri
(S)**

Zuri's colours are hard to describe - stunning rich vintage pink colours, which vary in intensity and create a striking elegance. Her wings are made of brass, and she adorns herself with pink beads. A true WOW-angel! Zuri means 'beautiful'.

✦ 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 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.

Malaika Range

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Ameera is our very first Malaika angel: A stunning and impressive angel, so gracious with her 3D crocheted wings, adorned with beads. She has replaced the halo with a crown, and around her neck she wears a choker of beads. There are 2 versions to choose from: Ameera with silver wire and pearly white beads, or Ameera Gold with golden wire and beads.

Ameera measures approx 26 cm. For safe storage she comes packaged in a draw-string fabric bag. There are 2 options to choose from: The plain hanging version, or the Ameera Treetopper, which features a hidden wire coil 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*'.



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 craftsmanship 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!

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2025

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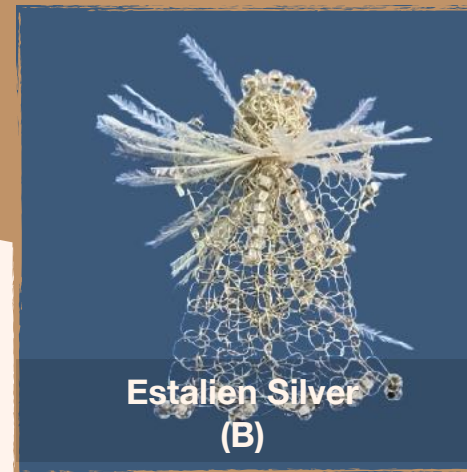
Estalien Range



Estalien is a remake of a hidden gem from the past... Originally created almost 20 years ago she has made a true statement comeback this year with 4 different wire colours to choose from.

Estalien is a remarkable angel with all her features: The knitted dress, the heart shaped wings, the feather collar and the beautiful beads. And the most unique feature of them all: SHE CAN STAND! Our guess is that she will fly out of the Angel Factory in order to adorn many table settings around the world!. Or perhaps she will land on your favourite shelf?

Estalien means 'to flourish' - indeed a fitting name. Welcome back, Estalien!



✦ Estalien's height is approx 7 cm

The wire angels were the very first angels to be made at the Angel Factory, dating back to 2006, The Estalien angels were part of these true pioneer angels, and at the time they came in 5 different sizes, like the Sarie angels. Truly impressive knitted angels, made out of the iconic easicoil steel wire and with a lot of details, not least the ostrich feather collar. And this collar hinted at what would later become the signature of Karoo Angels - namely the ostrich feather angels.

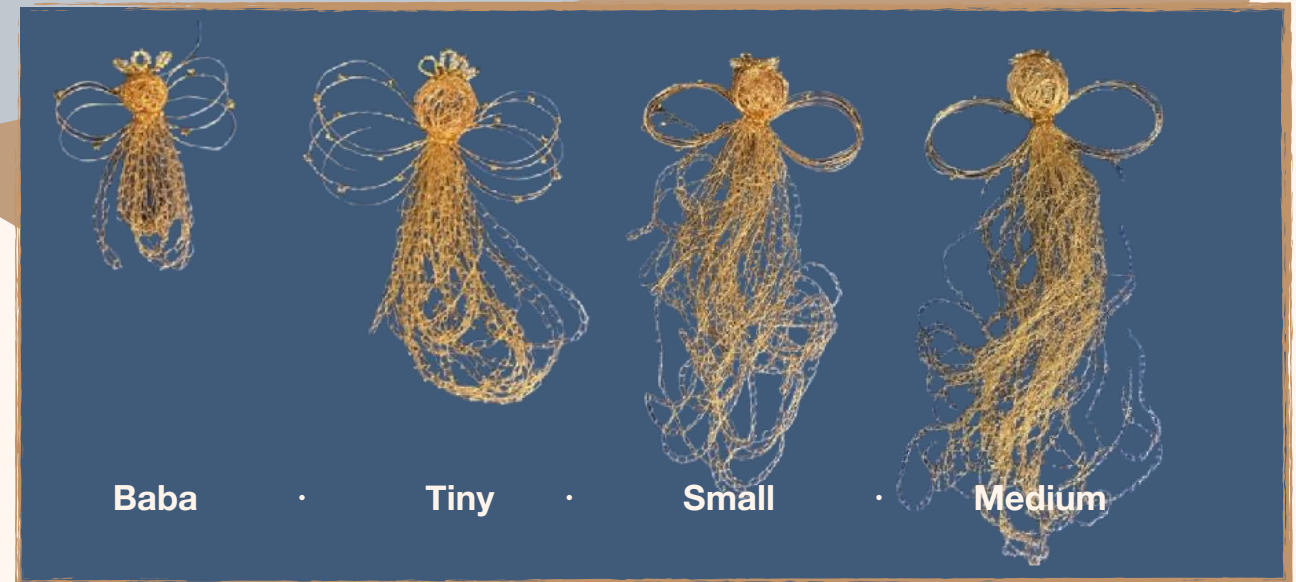
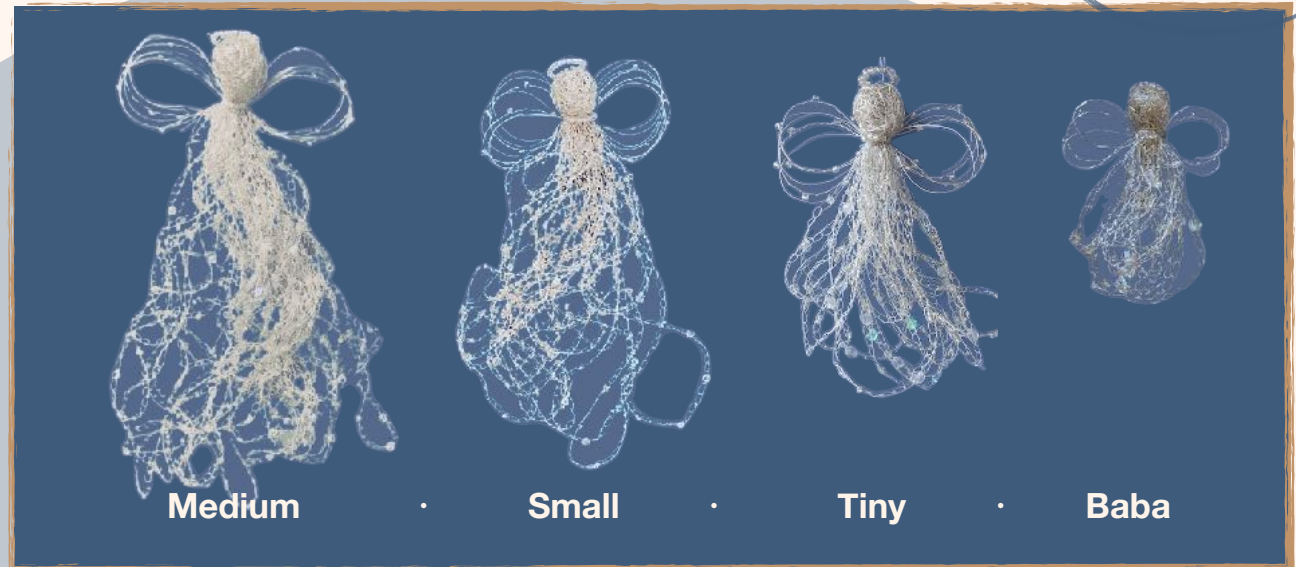
Sarie Range

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When a Sarie angel hangs in a window and is hit by sun beams, she twinkles in long strands of crocheted silver wire, clear beads and sequins. Also on a dark overcast day Sarie is strikingly beautiful and elegant in all her simplicity. Her wings underline her abundant style, and the wire head and silver halo complement it all.

Sarie Gold has a more muted look, with no beads in the crocheted wire strands - but this she compensates with an impressive crown! Sarie has a lot of siblings – she comes in 4 different sizes this year.

As Sarie has always been the shining star in the Angel family - she sparkles, twinkles and shines - she truly lives up to her name, which means 'princess'.



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

The Baba and Tiny sizes come in standard packaging, whereas the Small and Medium Saries come with a drawstring fabric bag, for safe storage. All measurements indicate approximate height of the angels.

Angel Mobiles

In 2024 we introduced our Angel Mobiles, built around wooden arches with pre-drilled holes, felted wool balls, and angels as the centerpiece. In 2025 we offer 5 different versions of the mobiles, featuring the Guardian angels, as well as Gardi Gold.

The mobiles are of course an ideal gift for welcoming newborns to the world, but we think that angel lovers of all ages will appreciate having a gentle turning and moving angelic creation as part of their everyday life.

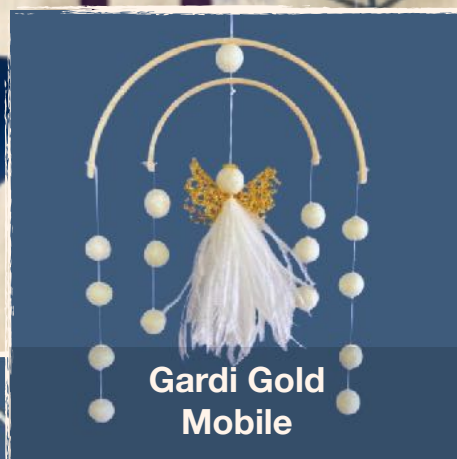
It can hang freely above a baby cot or bed, but also in a window, or any other open space, all year around. And as it turns with its soft and gentle movements the mobile invites us to reflect, to slow down a bit, and allow us to every day appreciate the precious handmade.



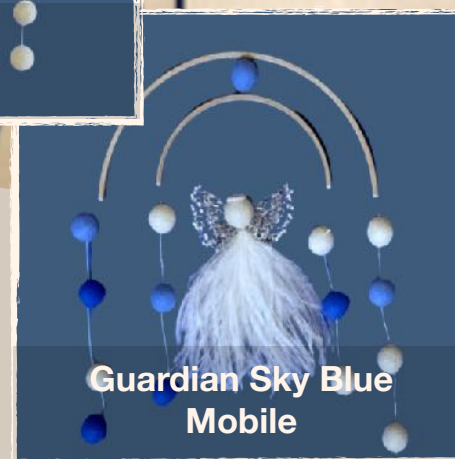
Guardian Dark Purple Mobile



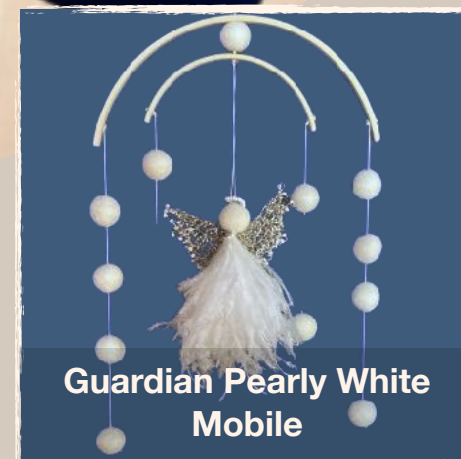
Guardian Matte Pink Mobile



Gardi Gold Mobile

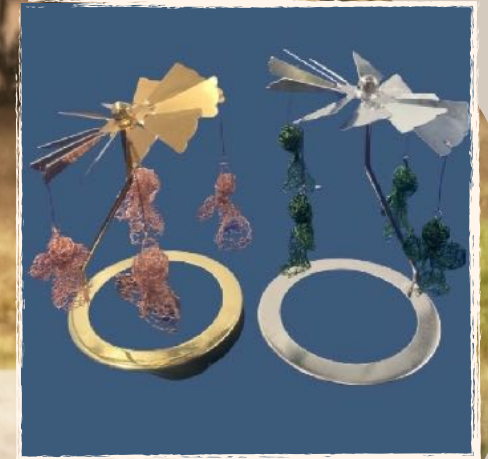


Guardian Sky Blue Mobile



Guardian Pearly White Mobile

- ✦ The big wooden arch measures 22 cm in diameter, the small 13 cm. The total length of the mobile is approx 40-50 cm.
- ✦ The Angel Mobiles come packaged with a cardboard backing and a resealable plastic pouch.



What do you get when you combine

- ✱ a Karoo windmill
- ✱ a Karoo angel factory
- ✱ a candle

You get a Karoo Engelespiel!



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

Put the Engelespiel on top of your candle jar, or simply use a tumbler 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 a 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 beautiful dream'*

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'*

Elsa means *'God's promise'*

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 and **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'*

Nala means *'queen'* and *'water'*

Natania means *'gift'*

Nelly means *'shining light'*

Olaf means *'the ancestor's heritage'*)*

Rafiki means *'friend'*

Reema means *'the antelope'*

Ronelle means *'joyful and strong'*

Rose means *'the flower'*

Sara and **Sarie** means *'princess'*

Seretha means *'peaceful'*

Sienna means *'of the earth'*

Siyanda means *'we are growing'*

Skylar means *'the protector'*

Sonia and **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'*

Zuri means *'beautiful'*

Here are all the Karoo Angels' names at one glance. All names are rooted in our communities and events in the Karoo Angels' history.

If you don't find the angel in this catalogue you will find her at our website.

*)Some years ago a group of Norwegian musicians visited the Angel Factory, giving concerts and running workshops for the children in the communities. The crafters really enjoyed this, and Olaf is named after one of the musicians.

Good to know about our angels

- ✿ The Karoo Angels crafters have more than 15 years experience in making the angels, and we are extremely proud of being able to offer you a high quality product. Be assured that we do not compromise on our angels - we think our clients deserve only the best!
- ✿ Our angels pay tribute to the Karoo nature and its' people, by combining the both the natural and the human resources that inhabit this stunning part of the world. We use locally sourced ostrich feathers and merino wool, combined with wires, glass beads and other ornaments.
- ✿ 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. The angels come with a silver or gold thread for hanging.
- ✿ As the feather angels are packed in reusable plastic pouches, the ostrich feathers might appear a bit flat. They need air to unfold - and the longer they are exposed to air, the more fluffy and voluminous the angels will look.
- ✿ 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 more costly.
- ✿ The wires used in our angels are various colour-coated copper wire, as well as brass wire. Both types will not tarnish. However, the copper wire might bleach if exposed to intense sun over a long period of time.
- ✿ 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 the company's 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://capekaroointl.com/sustainable-farming/>

Did you know that:

- ✦ every year more than 10,000 angels are made at the Angel Factory
- ✦ the first Karoo Angel - Justine - was created in 2006
- ✦ the first ostrich feather angel - Levona - was created in 2008

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 is not something that everyone amongst us can manage to make - like the crocheting with the Ø 0.2 mm soft copper wire without breaking it, or assembling the feather dress without the feathers falling off, felting the wool heads evenly, threading the beads onto the wire while knitting - to mention some of the work steps involved in every single angel. What started as ordinary craft projects almost 20 years ago, with none of the members having any craft skills at all, has now developed into advanced hand manufacturing of high quality. This is nothing less than amazing - what a journey!

In order to acknowledge both the skills and experience, as well as always looking for things to improve on, Karoo Angels runs a yearly Master Crafter program. All crafters have to pass the yearly exam to earn their status as Master Crafters, and it is of course no surprise that so far none of the crafters have failed these exams. All 15 crafters, without any doubt, deserve their Certificate of Excellence, which is handed out at our Annual Crafters Meeting.



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.

But somehow we manage - with valuable assistance and support from the local communities in our Willowmore area.

Meet the Karoo Angels Team!

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the Admin Duo

In January our dear Elsie sadly passed away - she was a rock and a cornerstone for the Rietbron Crafters and Karoo Angels. Thank you for everything - you will always be part of Karoo Angels, Elsie!

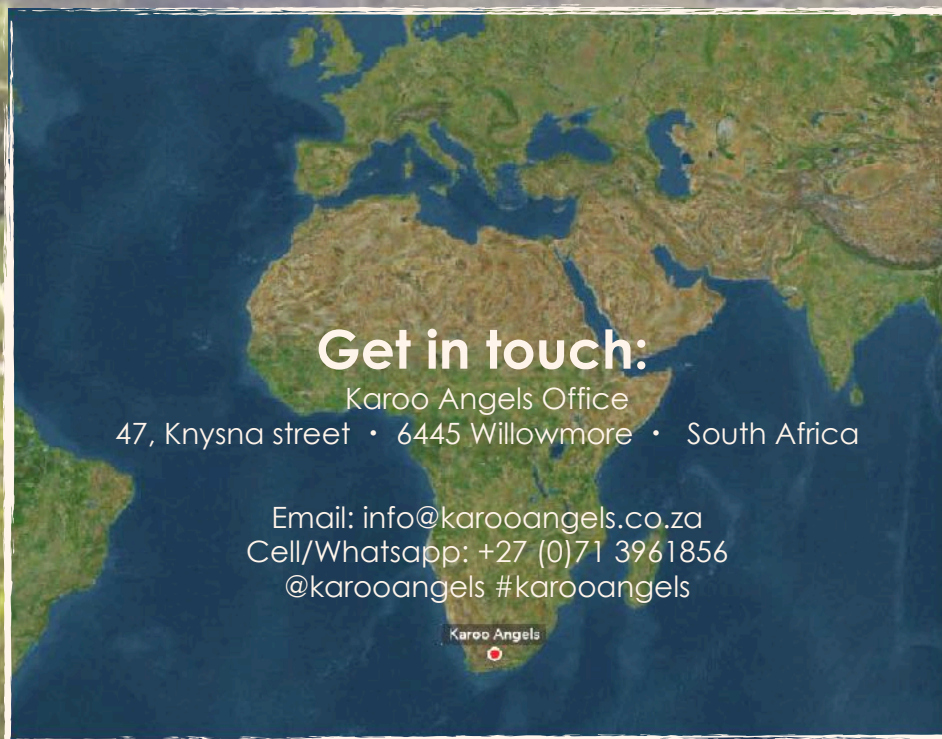
the Rietbron Crafters



the Vondeling Crafters



The Rietbron Crafters: Anna * Brenda * Estelle * Elsie * Gerrit * Juliana * Maria * Ronel * Sarah
 The Vondeling Crafters: Charlene * Janine * Levona * Trudie * Valenta * Violet * Veronica
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