



Karoo Angels Catalogue 2026/2027

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Welcome to the Angel Factory in the Karoo!

Here are some highlights of our 2026/2027 catalogue:



- ✿ This year the Angel Factory celebrates 20 years!!!
- ✿ As always - the first angel to feature in our catalogue is our Angel of the Year. In 2026 her name is Mira, and she is presented alongside the previous Year Angels - Zara, Ewa, Alora, Nala and Elsa.
- ✿ You will notice that the various angel ranges have been organized a bit differently this year, and you will also notice that the catalogue is shorter. This has mostly to do with specific beads unfortunately no longer available, and also the desire from our side to be able to have consistent stock of the most popular angels.
- ✿ Last year Siyanda had her wings updated - this year it is Kamali's turn. Kamali has got a completely new look, with wings both in 2D and 3D style, using various dyed raffia in beautiful colors. Both Siynda and Kamali are part of the Wonder Charms range.
- ✿ A full overview of the different angel names and their meanings you will find on page 13, and on pages 14-16 you can read more about the angels, our Master Crafter program, and 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 2026, 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...

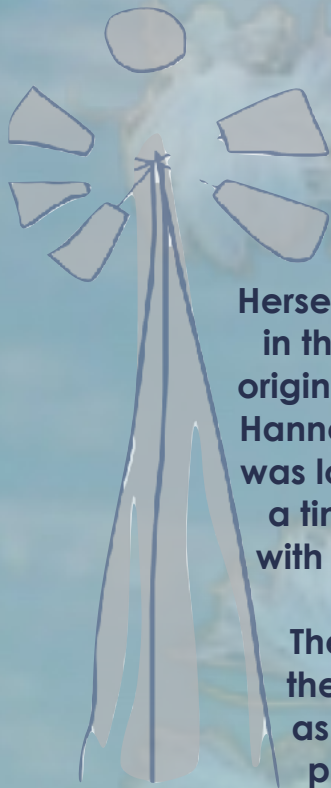
The surrounding semi-desert landscape is arid, stark and striking – endless dry vistas, mountains and scrubland.

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

you will find angels...

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

2026 is a very special year at the Angel Factory: We celebrate 20 years!



The Karoo Angels story started in 2006, when the very first angel was made in the tiny and remote village of Vondeling, with less than 300 inhabitants, as part of a local government initiative intended to use craft cooperatives as a tool for community development. Gardi Oosthuizen and Hannelie Herselman were the consultants hired to develop and oversee the initiative, and so the two gathered people in the Vondeling village interested in learning craft techniques, some of them very young at that time. The original craft products developed were not angels, but then some news from Cape Town reached Gardi and Hannelie: There was a shop in Oslo, Norway - named Isandi - selling southern African craft products and that was looking for Christmas decorations, and Gardi and Hannelie wanted to give this a try. And so it came that a tiny knitted wire angel from the remote village of Vondeling reached Norway. The angels were received with enthusiasm in Oslo and beyond, and for many years Isandi was the only client for the Vondeling angels.

The funding for Gardi and Hannelie's work soon stopped, and so Isandi's owner, Kjersti Lie Holtar, took up the task to continue and develop further the angel production in Vondeling, aided by Hannelie as trainer, as well as positive and optimistic forces in the nearby Willowmore town. And out of this Karoo Angels as a proper business was started. Due to the high demand the angel production was later joined by the craft group in the Rietbron village, also part of the same local government initiative back in 2006, and also with Gardi and Hannelie as consultants. Today Karoo Angels is 100% locally owned, with offices and storeroom in Willowmore. From here thousands of angels fly every year from the Karoo plains to people all over the world. Our angel family continues to evolve, but the angels are always rooted in the iconic Karoo landscape, which is so much part of the Angel Factory's soul.

Karoo Angels is the story about challenges meeting potential, obstacles meeting creativity, local meeting global. It is a story about the beauty of the handmade, the dedication to make a difference, daring to dream.

And above all Karoo Angels is the story about human resources. What was once regarded as an off-grid doomed village, has proven to be a testimony of the potential we as humans possess to become positive contributors. It is a true angel story.

Angel of the Year 2026

The ever-growing community of Karoo Angel collectors around the world deserves a special angel! Our Angels of the Year are made to honor our loyal clients, and in 2026 we welcome Mira to this very exclusive collection.

As for her older siblings Mira has a unique glass bead pendant with our logo engraved, custom made for Karoo Angels by Preciosa Ornelia in Bohemia in the Czech Republic.

Mira is created as a Guardian angel, with 3D wings crocheted in silver coated copper wire, pearly white beads, and her special pendant is in a lustre soft pink colour.

Mira's name tag says: 'My name is Mira, and I am a Karoo Angel. Mira means 'peace'. May I be a quiet reminder that hope still lives in gentle hearts.'



✦ Mira measures approx 15 - 17 cm ✦ The packaging will include a round sticker on the front - 'Angel of the Year 2026'.

It wasn't difficult to decide the name for our Angel of the Year 2026 - because we wanted it to mean 'peace'. And peace is what Mira means. Mira is both a wish for peace for everyone who is facing difficult times, and also a token of gratitude for the peace and quiet that the Karoo landscape has blessed us with for 20 years.

Gardi, Guardian and Kiran Angels



**Gardi Silverwing
(M)**



**Gardi Gold
(M)**



**Guardian Pearly White
(M)**



**Guardian Dark Purple
(M)**

Gardi introduced what later became our signature: The crocheted 3D wings. Gardi comes in two versions: Some days she adorns her wings with a silver beaded border, other day 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'.



**Kiran Amber Clear Leaf
(M)**



**Kiran Ivory Pink Leaf
(M)**

The inspiration to develop a special Guardian Angel came from our great clients all 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'. In 2026 there are 2 Guardian angels to choose from, the classic with pearly white beads, and the more dramatic one with dark purple beads. 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 Kiran angels were developed during the difficult lockdown months in 2020, when the corona virus epidemic hit us. The challenging circumstances made us even more determined - and inspired - to launch the Angel of Hope angels, and we named them Kiran. They are also inspired by the Gardi angels, but the wings are crocheted in either ivory or amber color coated copper wire, and adorned with a leaf shaped glass pendant. 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'.

✚ The Medium Angels measure approx 15 - 17 cm

Both the Gardi, the Guardian and Kiran Angels are the perfect gifts for those special events in life.

Friendship Angels



Maria Small
(S)

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



Marlene Small
(S)

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 Small
(S)

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'.



Rafiki
(S)

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!



Gardi Small
(S)

new in
2026

Every since the Friendship angels came together, a small version of fate Gardi angel has been eagerly waiting to join the flock. And here she is!, happily flying around with her silver wings. Gardi means 'the guardian'.

✦ Small Angels (S): 11-13 cm

The Friendship range came along all by itself - we noticed that the 3 small versions of the previous Vleuel range enjoyed hanging out together, like youngsters finding their own group of friends. And when Rafiki came along a new range was born, and in 2026 Gardi joined the flock. They all feature 3D crocheted wings, but in different colours with matching halos, making them playful, stylish and noticeable at the same time.

Classic Angels w/2D wings



**Levona Felt
(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, Levona means 'frankincense'.



**Lisa Baba
(B)**



**Mia
(M)**

Mia has double heart shaped wings, filled with clear beads and sequins in the knit work, 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'.



**Skylar Dark Purple
(S)**



**Skylar Pearly White
(S)**

Skylar was originally a smaller version of the Guardian angels - but made with the simple classic knit wing, giving her an honest, 'down-to-earth'-feel. Skylar means 'protector'.



**Zona Icy Small
(S)**



**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. You can either choose her Icy style, with frost blue beads, or Ruby style, with warm red beads.

✦ Baba Angels (B): 7-9 cm ✦ 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. This year our Classic angels all feature 2D knitted wings in different shapes.

Aarde Angels



**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'.



**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 silver-lined beads, gives her a vintage touch. Ronelle means 'joyful and strong'.



**Zuri
(M)**



**Zuri
(S)**

Zuri's colours are hard to describe - stunning rich vintage pink, varying in intensity and creating a striking elegance. Her wings are made of gold-plated wire, 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 angels are 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.

Wonder Charms - Siyanda

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Siyanda introduced raffia to the Angel family, and later 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'.

✦ Siyanda is 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.

Wonder Charms - Kamali

*new style
in 2026*

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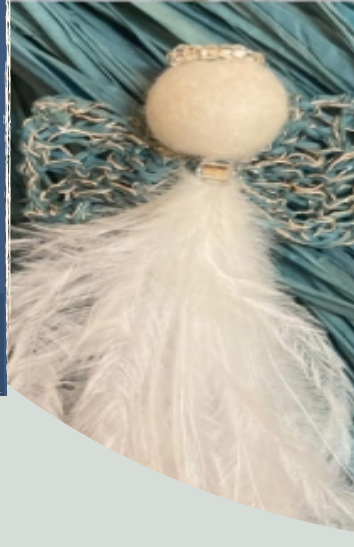
**Kamali Natural
(S+C)**



**Kamali Soft Grass
(S+C)**



**Kamali Forget Me Not
(S+C)**



**Kamali Blush
(S+C)**



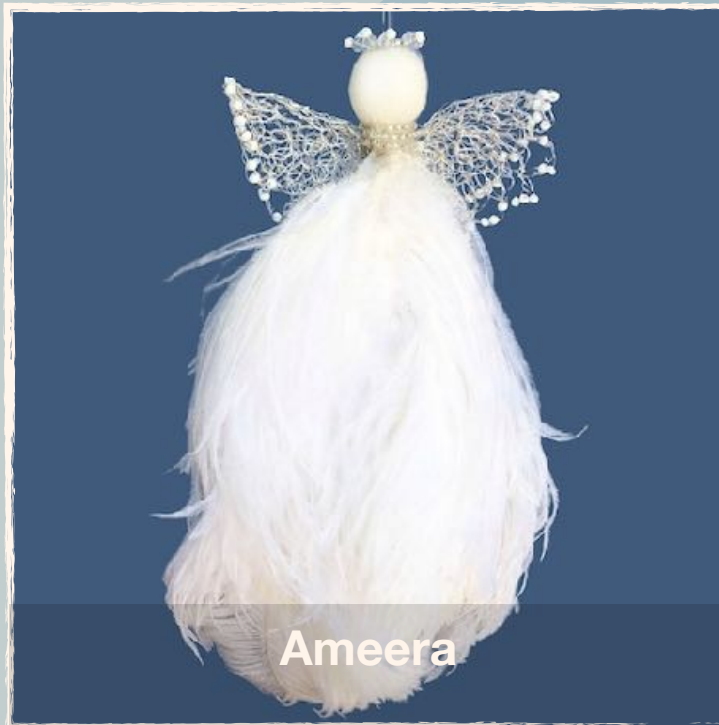
In 2026 Kamali has got a complete makeover - now also using raffia in her wings, like her sibling Siyanda. Kamali's wings are knitted in our well-known plain 2D design, and you can chose between the Small and Charm size. What makes Kamali special is the use of dyed raffia in beautiful shades, sometimes with a hint of silver. You can chose from the raffia shades Blush, Forget Me Not, Soft Grass and Natural. Kamali Blush' felted head is dyed in soft pink, whereas the other Kamali angels have felted head in natural color. With her refined look and the botanical, natural feel we hope that Kamali will appeal to many Karoo Angel lovers and collectors!

✦ Kamali Small is approx 11-13 cm tall, whereas Kamali Charm is 4-5 cm tall.

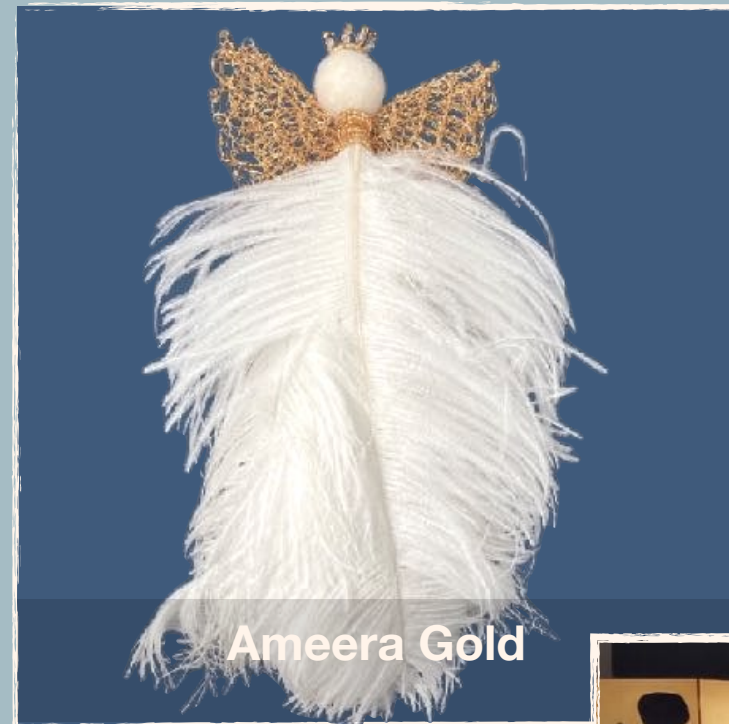
Kamali means 'protector'.

Malaika Range

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Ameera



Ameera Gold

Ameera is our very first Malaika angel: A stunning and impressive angel, so gracious with her 3D crocheted wings, adorned with beads. She wears a crown and a choker of beads around her neck. 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. You can choose between the plain hanging version or the Ameera Tree-topper, which features a hidden wire coil for attaching to the treetop. The tree-topper version can also stand on its own, making Ameera ideal as a centre piece on your festive 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 making of these angels requires that crafters with different master skills contribute. True team work - and a lot of logistics!

Wire Angels



Estalien Gold



Estalien Silver



Estalien Rose

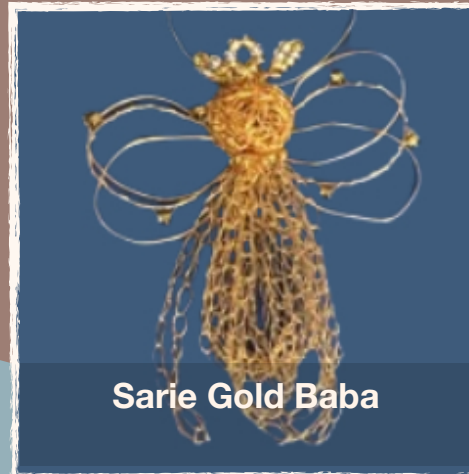
Estalien is a hidden gem from the past... Originally created almost 20 years ago she has made a true statement comeback, with 3 different wire colours to choose from. Estalien is a remarkable angel: The knitted dress, the heart shaped wings, the feather collar and the beautiful beads. And the most unique feature of them all: SHE CAN STAND! Estalien means 'to flourish'



Sarie Silver Baba



Sarie Silver Tiny



Sarie Gold Baba



Sarie Gold Tiny

Sarie has always been the shining star in the Angel family - she sparkles, twinkles and shines - and truly lives up to her name, which means 'princess'. The Sarie angels are made up of strands of crocheted wire, in the silver version the strands include clear beads and sequins. The wings underline the abundant style. The silver version has a silver beaded halo, whereas the gold version has an impressive crown. Bigger sizes of Sarie and Estalien are available upon request.

✦ Estalien: 7 cm ✦ Sarie Baba: 7 cm ✦ Sarie Tiny: 17 cm

The wire angels were the very first angels to be made at the Angel Factory, dating back to 2006. Both the Sarie and Estalien angels were part of these true pioneer angels, and at the time they came in 5 different sizes.. Truly impressive knitted angels, originally made out of the iconic easicoil steel wire and with attention paid to details. Sarie's wings became a prominent feature in other angels, and Estalien's ostrich feather collar hinted at what would later become the signature of Karoo Angels - namely the ostrich feather angels.

Angel Mobiles

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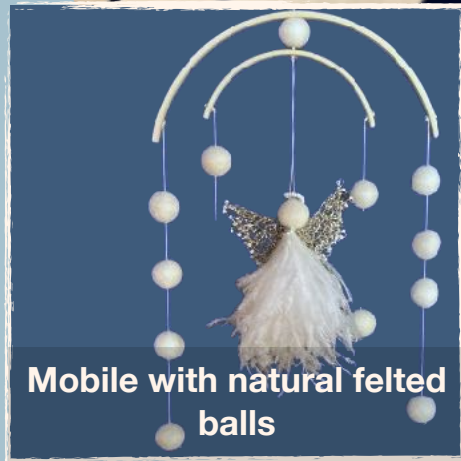
Our mobiles come in 4 different versions, built around the Guardian Pearly White angel, as well as Gardi Gold. The arches are made of wood, with 4 strands of felted wool balls adorning the angel.

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.

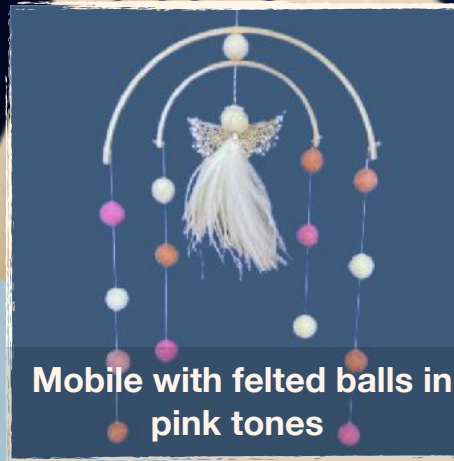
It can hang freely above a baby cot or bed, but also in a window, or any other open space, all year around. And as it turns with its soft and gentle movements the mobile invites us to reflect, to slow down a bit, and allow us to every day appreciate the precious handmade.



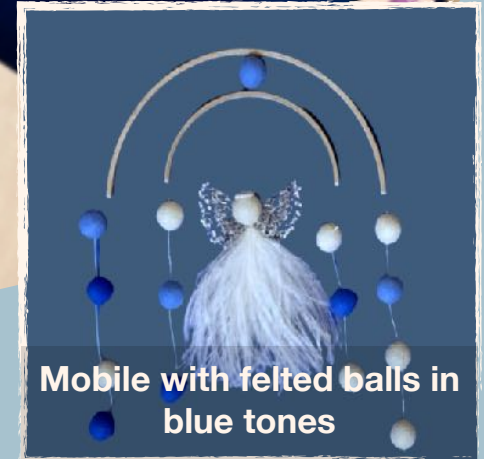
**Gardi Gold
Mobile**



**Mobile with natural felted
balls**



**Mobile with felted balls in
pink tones**



**Mobile with felted balls in
blue tones**

- ✦ 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.

Karoo Engelespiel

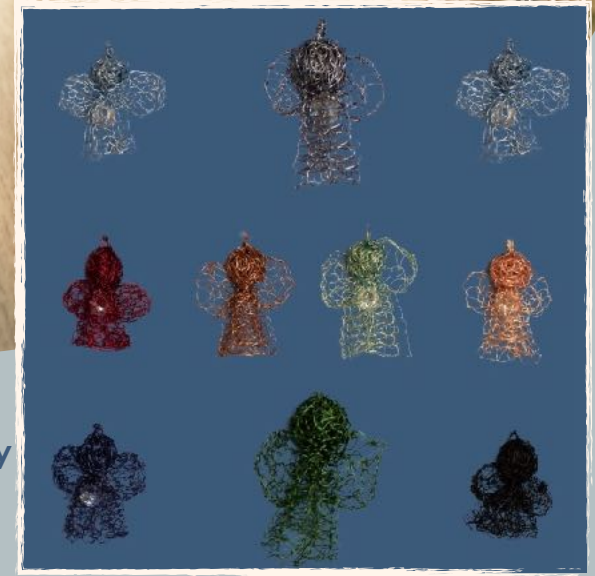
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What do you get when you combine

- ✱ 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.

Packaging and Extras

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The angels are packed in a reusable plastic pouch, with name tag and a card, telling the Karoo Angels story. At an additional cost we can supply the angels in a pillow style gift box, suitable for angels up to Medium size.

The Ameera angels come with a drawstring bag as standard.

We also supply you with gift tags at no additional costs, as well as foldable display cards. Other cards are also available, free of charge.

Our tote bags come in 2 sizes, and we also have available a solid box with lid for storage.

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'*

Mira means *'peace'*

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.

Many of the angels you will not find in this catalogue you can see - and admire them all :) - on 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 20 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. The wire will not tarnish, however, it 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

Meet the Karoo Angels Team!

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The Crafters



the Admin Duo

The Crafters: Anna * Brenda * Charlene * Janine * Jodene * Levona * Trudie * Ronel * Valenta * Violet * Veronica
The Admin Duo: Janine * Nathon

The Master Crafter Program

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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 realize that this 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 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 the 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 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.



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