



Birds in my Window

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN SISTERS.

AN ILLUSTRATOR. A GOLDSMITH.



A collection of small hand illustrated prints and brass birds indigenous to Southern Africa.

Each print is individually wrapped and packaged with our story and a brass bird ornament to hang in your home. A collaboration between sisters. An illustrator. A Goldsmith. A shared love and appreciation for the natural world, a passion for conservation and the pursuit of seeking beauty in the ordinary everyday moments of our days.



Elze Eigelaar

Jewellery designer, maker, believer, wife and mother.

I am inspired by my family and my beautiful surroundings. The authenticity of nature. The seasons changing. The small details all around, when you take the time to take a closer look. Slow processes of crafting and making. The Karoo spaces I grew up with in South Africa. The Namibian landscapes and skies I now call home. These images and memories inspire my stories, told in my jewellery.



Ulrike Mieke

Freelance Illustrator & Designer

Growing up in Graaff-Reinet, surrounded by my siblings, a German mother and an Afrikaans father, our childhood was “chaotic goodness” with the freedom given to draw, paint and explore! Which has encouraged me to make a life drawing and creating! I currently live in Brighton, UK with my husband while pursuing my MA in Illustration through Falmouth University, with a specific focus on grief and mental health in picture books.





Rosy-faced Lovebird
Agapornis Roseicollis

Ulrike & Mieke



Malachite Kingfisher
Alcedo Cristata

Ulrike & Mieke



Brass African Hoopoe

Brass ornament metal thickness 0.9mm,
approximate size of 80mm x 65mm
Print 100mm x 80mm on 140gsm paper
Whole package size 110mm x 85mm



Brass Blue Waxbill

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Whole package size 110mm x 85mm



***Brass Southern Carmine
Bee-eater***

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***Brass Malachite
Kingfisher***

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Brass Rosy-faced Lovebirds

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Brass Little Bee-Eater

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***Brass Southern
Yellow-billed Hornbill***

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Print 100mm x 80mm on 140gsm paper
Whole package size 110mm x 85mm

Our story

“The brass birds were inspired by quiet moments observing the birds in the trees outside my kitchen window” - Elze.
On busy days when my mind was filled with a million thoughts and things to do, I found myself in the kitchen making a cup of tea trying to create a moment of calm. Waiting for the kettle to boil. I stood and watched the birds in the trees. I formed a daily habit of listening to their birdsong, watching the branches move and trying to spot the familiar feathered visitors. I noticed that by watching these birds and observing nature for a few simple moments, I found a little pocket of peace. I wanted to create a range of brass ornaments to hang in my window to remind myself of the beauty in stepping back from your daily task, and observing a moment in nature without getting involved or disturbing. Golden reflections of light reminding me to treasure the peace we can find in nature.

Wherever I go I find myself looking up and all around, trying to spot familiar feathered creatures. Birds play such an essential part in maintaining the ecological balance in nature. Best we make sure they are always around.

The little prints, originally hand painted with gouache by Mieke, are a beautiful accompaniment to capture the detail of these feathered creatures. A colorful depiction echoed by the brass ornament.

Where to hang

Anywhere it will reflect sunlight and bring you joy. In your window, on a Christmas tree, in your garden...Anywhere!

Cleaning

With time you may notice discoloration on the surface of the brass ornament. This is a natural oxidation reaction of the metal with the environment. This can easily be removed by rubbing a slice of lemon over the surface of the metal and rinsing with clean water. Dry gently with a dry soft cloth.





If you're interested in stocking these lovely ornaments in your store, please contact Elze, info@elzejewellery.com

Wholesale price

N\$280.00 (Packaged Size: 110 x 850mm)

For more information:

www.elzejewellery.com or www.ulrikemieke.com