



Enamel pot and casserole lids bought at a charity shop for R5 each add a welcome pop of colour against the all-white lime-washed walls.

#### SURPRISE!

The story behind Meerkat has an amusing twist: in 2003, Erika was commissioned to paint a Prince Albert landscape for Japie van Zyl, a business acquaintance of Dewald's who regularly stayed with the Van Zyls in Lephalale, Limpopo.

When the couple made an appointment to view the property in Prince Albert in 2013, the estate agent waited for them at the house and announced that he had a surprise for them: the son of Ta' Mala (after whom the property is named and who had passed away) was in town and wanted to meet the new buyers.

"I don't like surprises," Dewald says with a laugh but they had to go inside.

Lo and behold, it was the very same Japie who had asked for the painting all those years ago. "Ta' Mala was his mother!" >>

We believe that the more you practise creativity, *the easier it becomes to be creative.* – Dewald