



The Parker Family backyard has been transformed into a little piece of Africa with lush plants, colorful animal statues, a safari Jeep, and a trio of raised bamboo huts for true kid-loving adventure including swings, a rope bridge and slides. Pictured here is the Kambata Hut, named after an Ethiopian Tribe.

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The amaZulu team's creativity and craftsmanship helped create the ultimate backyard play area themed after Disney's Animal Kingdom. The gigantic play structure stretches 46-feet long and its tallest hut is 16 feet high! Authentic materials were used from 3 different countries.

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The 8 foot long rope bridge joins the Oromo Hut and Amhara Hut together for fun in the sun under tall palm trees and a shady nearby Oak tree.

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Each hut was carefully crafted inside the amaZulu, Inc. warehouse located in Clermont, FL and then transported later to the residence for installation.

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With materials on hand and plenty of room to spread out, the amaZulu, Inc. warehouse was the perfect place to create the 12 to 16 feet tall huts.

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Carpenter Tony Sooko spent days preparing each hut with meticulous attention to detail. He didn't overlook any corner or crevice and ensured the entire structure was "finished" in every way as well as sturdy and weather-friendly.

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Once fabricated, the massive huts were transported to the Parker residence in several parts due to their weight and size. Cranes were used to move and place the thatch roofs.

Thatch reed panels, both layered and sub-roof versions were used on the roofs. This is a synthetic thatch from Jakarta that resembles the traditional thatch used in Africa and lasts many more years beyond natural material.

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Pressure-treated Eucalyptus poles from South Africa were used as structural supports, as they are a hard wood that will not rot. Each pole was sunk deep in the ground and finished with concrete for a firm foundation.

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SHOWTIME! After weeks of planning, 3 days of intense renovation, many secret backyard meetings and plenty of teamwork, the Parker Family Backyard Safari was revealed— first to the family of 8 and then to the entire neighborhood. The show aired June 13, 2011 on HGTV as part of a new series *My Yard Goes Disney*, produced by jayTV.

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