

A R Archer Ltd
Finest Quality Bone Lace Bobbins



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Catalogue of Bone Lace Bobbins

Makers of finest quality bone lace bobbins for over 30 years.

All bobbins are hand made.

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Should you require a bespoke design, inscription or both please don't hesitate to contact us for an informal chat. We are always happy to look at individual design requirements.

Past Designs

If you are interested in any design from a previous catalogue that does not appear in this edition, please don't hesitate to contact us. All designs from previous catalogues are still available to order.

HONITON BOBBINS

Almost every bobbin in this catalogue is available as a Honiton.

Please mark any order accordingly.

HONITON BOBBINS



From left:
 Cottage Garden £24.50
 Wild Garden £24.50
 Vase £24.25



From left:
 Lupins £19.25
 Daffodils £15.95
 Clematis £15.95
 Forget-me-Not £16.75
 Iris £18.95



From left:
 Spring Garden £19.95
 Spring Showers £24.50



From left:
 Daisy Rings £20.95
 Fluted Flower £25.15
 Frieze £19.25
 Pink Twist £22.40
 Floral Drift £22.40
 Tapestry £18.50



From left:
 Fuchsia £15.95
 Foxgloves £19.50
 Poppies £17.75
 Bellflower £15.75
 Pansies £18.50



From left:
 Clematis Column £22.15
 Wisteria Column £22.15
 Sweet Pea Column £22.15
 Rose Column £22.15



From left:
 Apples £15.95
 Pears £15.95
 Cherries £16.45
 Strawberries £22.75
 Grapes £25.95



From left:
 Tulips £16.50
 Acorns £16.55
 Sunflowers £16.75
 Roses £15.95
 Violets £18.75



- From left:
- Serenade £17.50
 - Brambleberries £24.45
 - Climbing Rose £17.75
 - Tulip Border £24.75
 - Bulrushes £15.75

Sprays

- From left:
- pray of Roses £16.75
 - pray of Lilies £16.75
 - Mixed Spray £19.30
 - pray of Lavender £16.75



Blossoms

- From left:
- Quince Blossom £25.15
 - May Blossom £25.15
 - Cherry Blossom £25.15
 - Apple Blossom £25.15

Sweet Peas

- From left:
- Sweet Pea Blue £18.95
 - Sweet Pea Violet £18.95
 - Sweet Pea Pink £18.95
 - Sweet Pea Red £18.95



Baby bobbins inside



The Orchard

- From left:
 Cherry tree £25.95
 Pear tree £25.95
 Plum Tree £25.95
 Apple Tree £25.95



- From left:
 Festival £29.50
 Holly Berries £17.50
 Lotus £18.95
 Music Notes £17.75
 Bouquet £27.40
 Rainbow £16.75



Niches

- From left:
 Rose Niche £29.75
 Wisteria Niche £29.75
 Jasmine Niche £29.75
 Clematis Niche £29.75



Poppies

- From left:
 Californian Poppy £27.50
 Himalayan Poppy £27.50
 Welsh Poppy £27.50
 Icelandic Poppy £27.50



Baby bobbins inside



Christmas
From left:

- Christmas Cracker £22.40
- Christmas Tree £33.25
- Christmas Baubles £21.25



With Love
£27.95

Cupids arrow inside



From left:

- Happy Pansies £25.95
- Sweet Pea Profusion £29.75
- Busy Bees £29.95

Sweet pea rod inside

Bees inside



From left:

- Tumbling £27.25
- Tomatoes £27.25
- Peas

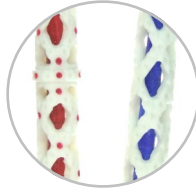
From left:

- Carved Ruffle £28.50
- Fluted Lace Column £25.95
- Pillar £37.25
- Lace Twist £25.50
- Lace Jingle £29.25
- Carved Oak Leaves £28.25





From left:
Caterpillars £19.95
Ladybirds £19.95



From left:
Queen's Lattice £39.95
King's Lattice £39.95



Mermaid £33.75
Genie £33.95



Snowman £25.75
Snow Woman £25.75

From left:
Lighthouse £29.95
Up Up and Away £38.95
Roses around the Door £35.95



Little person inside balloon basket



- 1 Sun Dance £27.25
- 2 Sweet Tulips £26.50
- 3 Pirouette £25.75
- 4 Liberty £27.75
- 5 Pink Cloud £22.40
- 6 Sweet Harmony £26.25
- 7 Sweet Bellflowers £28.50



- 8 Enchantment £29.50
- 9 Sweet Rosie £29.95
- 10 Dainty Lady £27.25
- 11 Trinket £27.25
- 12 Soft Splendour £20.50
- 13 Baluster £23.25





- 1 Pot Pourri £22.95
- 2 Joy £26.95
- 3 Dizzy £31.50
- 4 Dancing Queen £32.75
- 5 Sweetness £28.25
- 6 Elegance £29.50
- 7 Tumble Down £27.50



- 8 Busy Blue £28.95
- 9 Linum £29.50
- 10 Pierced Periwinkle £26.75
- 11 Wild Strawberries £29.95
- 12 Twins (2 baby bobs inside) £33.95
- 13 Blue Cascade £29.50
- 14 Wraparound £27.75





From left:

- Poppies with Babe £27.25
- Iris with Babe £24.50
- Pincushion Flower £27.25
- Tulips with Babe £26.50
- Angel's Fishing Rod £23.50
- Lavender Bush £23.95



From left:

- Mother & Babe with Clematis £27.25
- Mother & babe with Bellflowers £27.25
- Mother & babe with Fuchsia £27.25
- Anemone £22.95
- Daffodils with Babe £22.95
- Holly Hocks £23.25



From left:

- Rambling Rose £27.25
- Buttercups £27.25
- Cranesbill £27.25
- Viola Tricolour £27.25
- Bluebells £27.25
- Oxeye Daisy £27.25

Front View



**Ben Archer
Four Seasons**

Back View



From left:
 Sweet Springtime £26.50
 Sweet Summer £26.50
 Sweet Autumn £26.50
 Sweet Winter £26.50



**Tony Archer
Four Seasons**

From left:
 Spring £21.95
 Bees inside
 Summer £21.95
 Mouse inside
 Autumn £21.95
 Apples Inside
 Winter £21.95
 Snow inside

Four Seasons

For over three decades the set of Four Seasons bobbins (left) designed by my father has proved to be one of our most popular sets of bobbins.

This year I decided it was high time I designed my own set of four seasons and the results are pictured above. The set includes a very slightly modified version of my Sweet Springtime bobbin from last years catalogue.

Here's to the next thirty years!

* The middle section of this bobbin rotates around a central column decorated with roses.

Nursery Rhymes & Fairy Tales

Ring O' Ring of Roses*



Ring O Ring of Roses a pocket full of posies
Atishoo, Atishoo we all fall down

Humpty Dumpty



Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,
All the king's horses and all the king's men, Couldn't put Humpty together again.

Jack & The



Golden egg inside



Dr Foster

Dr Foster went to Gloucester in a shower of rain, He stepped in a puddle
right up to his middle and never went there again.



Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy Spider Climbed up the water spout, down came the rain
and washed poor Incy out. Out came the sun and dried up all the rain
Incy Wincy Spider climbed up the spout again.



Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory Dickory Dock a mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck one the mouse ran down,
Hickory dickory dock



Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet eating her curds and whey,
When down came a spider who sat down beside her,
And frightened Miss Muffet away.



Three
Blind
Mice

Three blind mice, Three blind mice,
See how they run, see how they run,
They all ran after the farmer's wife,
Who cut off their tails with a carving knife,
Have you ever seen such a thing in your life,
As three blind mice.



Ba Ba
Black Sheep

Ba ba black sheep have you any wool. Yes sir. Yes sir three bags full.
One for the master and one for the dame and one for the little boy
who lives down the lane



Little
Bo Peep

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep
and doesn't know where to find them,
Leave them alone and they will come home,
Wagging their tails behind them.



Jack
& Jill

Jack & Jill went up the hill to fetch a pail of water,
Jack fell down and broke his crown, and Jill came tumbling after.



Row, Row
£35.25

Row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream,
Merrily, merrily, merrily life is but a dream.



Rub-a-
Dub Dub

Rub-a-dub dub, three men in a tub and who do you think they be.
The butcher, the baker the candle stick maker all put out to sea.



Rapunzel
£36.95



Pussycat,
Pussycat

Pussycat, pussycat, where have you been,
I've been to London to visit the queen.
Pussycat, pussycat what did you there,
I frightened a mouse from under her chair.



Queen Elizabeth II
Diamond Jubilee
1952 - 2012

Decorated with an interpretation of the royal crown.

Pictured here from the front and back.



£29.95




Queen Elizabeth II
Coronation
1953 - 2013

Decorated with an interpretation of the Royal Orb which has been used in every coronation since 1661. Pictured here from the front and side, the bobbin is designed to match the Diamond Jubilee bobbin from 2012 (see left).

£29.95





Royal Baby Bobbin.



Design to be released after the baby is born. Price will be between £25 - £30.

We are happy to take pre orders and seek confirmation once the design is released.



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Illustrated below are just some ideas for inscribed bobbins. If you have your own idea for an inscribed bobbin please don't hesitate to contact us for an informal chat.

If you would like to order one of the designs below please be sure to write the text you would like clearly on the order form.

We do our best to fit all inscriptions onto a bobbin but please bear in mind that the more text there is the less room there is for decoration. If you're in any doubt please contact us for a chat about your requirements.



Space for full name and date - remaining space is filled with foot prints

Space for one first name and one date (especially long names may be a problem - please contact us if you are not sure)

Any initial from A to Z in the style illustrated.

- A
- B
- C
- D
- E



- A
- B
- C
- D
- E

Pitter Patter
Pink or Blue

Baby Bobbin
Pink or Blue
£25.75

Initial Bobbin
£18.50

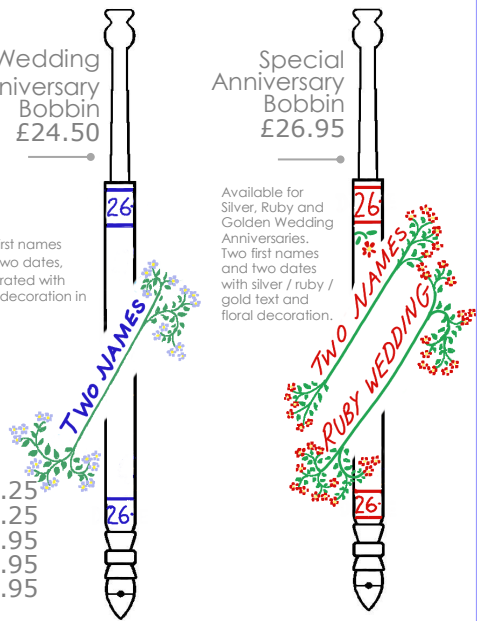
Wedding Anniversary Bobbin
£24.50

Special Anniversary Bobbin
£26.95

Two first names and two dates, decorated with floral decoration in

Available for Silver, Ruby and Golden Wedding Anniversaries. Two first names and two dates with silver / ruby / gold text and floral decoration.

- £23.25
- £23.25
- £23.95
- £23.95
- £23.95



How to Place an Order

To place a standard order and make payment:

by phone: just ring with a list of the bobbins you would like and you can either send us a cheque or make a card payment over the phone. Call: **01886 884135**.

by mail: fill out the enclosed order form and return it to us enclosing a Pounds Sterling cheque or fill in the card payment section. Send it to **A R Archer Ltd, Combe Lodge, Suckley, Worcester WR6 5DR**

by email: We are happy for you to send an order via email but we cannot accept sensitive card information via email. Please use either conventional mail or the telephone for your card details.

Tel: **01886 884135**

Payment Types: We accept MasterCard or Visa cards or cheques made payable to "A R Archer Ltd".

IMPORTANT Waiting Time For Standard Orders IMPORTANT

We make every effort to get standard orders made in a timely fashion. However, we do have pre-existing commitments to Bobbin-a-Month Club orders which take up a considerable part of each month. Consequently this leaves only a certain amount of time available each month to make standard orders. If we experience a substantial increase in demand such as we did around the Diamond Jubilee, the waiting time is affected very quickly.

Over the past year our waiting time has been as low as 8 weeks and as long as 9 months! We will of course endeavour to give you an approximate delivery time when you place an order but please be aware, with every part of the production process relying on one pair of hands, it is simply not possible to calculate a reliable

Prices for Standard Orders

All standard orders will be charged at the prices in force at time the order is placed.

Guarantee & Returns Policy

- 1) You may cancel your order at anytime within the first 14 days of placing your order.
- 2) If you wish to cancel your order after this time please contact us as soon as possible and we shall endeavour to meet your request. Please be aware that all bobbins are made to order – once an order has entered the production process (usually 14 days prior to despatch date) it may not be cancelled.
- 3) Notification of faulty goods should be made within three days of the goods being received. All goods supplied by us are subject to production tolerances and are warranted as being suitable for the purpose for which they are designed, under fair conditions.
Our liability under this warranty will be limited to the replacement and free repair against goods acknowledged by us to be faulty, providing such faults have not been caused by your misuse, negligent handling or improper care of the goods.
- 4) If you do need to return any goods, please remember to wrap the package securely as it may not be possible to offer a refund or replacement on goods which have been damaged in transit.

Should you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us on 01886 884135 between 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday. You can email us at archerbobs@aol.com or via the website.

Bobbin-a-Month Club



How it Works

The Bobbin-a-Month Club is very simple - all that's required is a minimum order of six bobbins. You may distribute your bobbins in any way you wish, two one month and one the next for example. Every month when we send you your bobbin(s) we will also enclose a payment request slip for the following month's order. You can either send payment in the form of a Pounds Sterling cheque or complete and return the card payment form that will be attached to your request slip.

We endeavour to start each order as soon as it is received however occasionally we do have a waiting list to join the Bobbin a Month Club and we will advise if this is the case when your order is received.

Free Bobbin.

If you place an order for 12 bobbins or more then you will automatically qualify for a free bobbin with your first month's order. The bobbin (illustrated left) depicts a bunch of flowers and is available only to Bobbin Club members.

Free P&P. Postage and packing is free on both UK and international Bobbin-a-Month Club orders.

We are happy to send out international orders free of charge. However, in the event of a package going missing we will send a replacement BUT any future order will need to be

To join the Bobbin-a-Month club please fill in the enclosed order form and send it to us either:

by mail: send it to us enclosing a cheque or fill in the card details for your first month's bobbin(s)
to: **A R Archer Ltd, Combe Lodge, Suckley, Worcester WR6 5DR**

by email: We are happy for you to send a Bobbin-a-Month Club order via email but we cannot accept sensitive card information via email. Please use either conventional mail or the phone for your card details. Email: **archerbobs@aol.com**

by phone: just ring with a list of the bobbins you would like and you can either mail us a cheque for your first month's bobbins or make a card payment over the phone. Call: **01886 884135**

Pricing Policy for Bobbin-a-Month Club Orders

Any Bobbin-a-Month Club orders that bridge the price review on January 1st each year will benefit from receiving the first 3 month's orders of the New Year at the previous year's prices. We always endeavour to keep any price increase to a minimum.



About A R Archer



A R Archer takes its name from my father Anthony Archer. An accomplished and much respected craftsman, he spent many years making furniture before then making the slightly unusual transition to becoming a maker of chess sets. These he sold around the world but, being before the days of the world wide web, getting known was an expensive and far trickier affair than it is today. It was during these years that he learnt the fine turning skills that would later serve him so well as a bobbin maker.

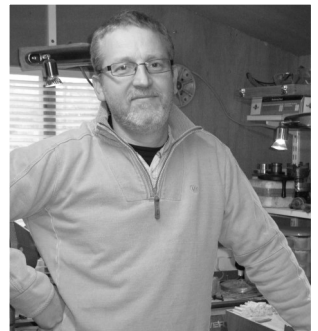
He turned his talents to bobbin making in the late 1970's after a chance enquiry from a customer in his shop. Within three months of making his first wooden bobbin he had to start a waiting list and it was only shortly after this time he embarked on making his first bone bobbin. Within a relatively short period of time the demand for bone bobbins far outstripped that of the wooden bobbins and, turning to the exclusive production of bone bobbins, the business was in need of an extra pair of hands. It was at this time that my mother Susan Archer joined the business and took on the role of preparing the bone blanks and then painting the engraved bobbins. By the mid 1980's there was a waiting list of two years and the only way of hoping to get a bobbin sooner was to find them at one of the half dozen or so lace days they attended every year. I know these were times that both my mother and father thoroughly enjoyed but sadly in 1990 my father was diagnosed with a terminal illness which left him unable to work with almost immediate effect.

It was at this time that I stepped into the breach and took on the rather daunting challenge of working to my father's standards. I had grown up around the tools of his workshop and when I left school I spent many a happy hour being taught the finer points of turning. In the last couple of years of his life he taught me the skill of freehand engraving which, little did we realise then, was rather sadly in the nick of time. We were fortunate that my father was with us for a further year and in this time I also had the benefit of being able to use him as the ultimate quality control for my work. In early 1991 my father died and I carried on the business as a partnership with my mother until the mid 1990's when she decided it was time to hang up her paint brush and devote more time to her life long passion of gardening. I now run the business with my wife Vicky, who between looking after our two children, keeps on top of all the administration.

In these twenty plus years that I've been running the business the advent of the digital age has changed the world of the craftsman in many ways, not least by giving many of us international exposure via the internet. However, I like to think that if my father were to walk in to my workshop today he would be able to recognise every tool in front of him. He was a great believer in taking the very best skills and techniques and developing them to achieve new and exciting things. With the increased pressure the digital age has brought to move to more automated means of production my ambition is that the words "hand made" should always be synonymous with the best of what is possible and combine skills and technique with innovative design.

I hope this brief history of the business is of interest and helps explain how Archer bobbins came about, who my father was and how I fit into the picture. I hope you enjoy this catalogue and if you have any comments or feedback please get in touch.

Ben Archer



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