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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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Bespoke Bobbins

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:
 Fuchsia £17.10
 Foxgloves £20.95
 Poppies £18.95
 Bellflower £16.95
 Pansies £19.75



From left:
 Lupins £20.65
 Daffodils £17.10
 Clematis £17.10
 Forget-me-Not £17.95
 Iris £20.35



Reinhops inside

From left:
 Spring Garden £21.25
 Spring Showers £26.25



From left:
 Foxtrot Pink £23.50
 Foxtrot Blue £23.50



From left:
 Tapestry £23.50
 Frieze £23.50



From left:
 Wild Garden £26.25
 Vase £25.95
 Cottage Garden £26.25

From left:
 Serenity £22.60
 Daydream £22.75



From left:
 Brambleberries £25.95
 Rainbow £17.95
 Music Notes £18.95



From left:
 Apples £16.95
 Pears £16.95
 Cherries £17.60
 Strawberries £24.25
 Grapes £26.95



From left:
 Tulips £17.75
 Acorns £17.75
 Sunflowers £17.95
 Roses £17.10
 Violets £19.95



Columns

- From left:
 Clematis Column £23.75
 Wisteria Column £23.75
 Sweet Pea Column £23.75
 Rose Column £23.75



Sprays

- From left:
 Spray of Roses £17.95
 Spray of Lilies £17.95
 Mixed Spray £20.65
 Spray of Lavender £17.95



Blossoms

- From left:
 Quince Blossom £26.75
 May Blossom £26.75
 Cherry Blossom £26.75
 Apple Blossom £26.75



Sweet Peas

- From left:
 Sweet Pea Blue £19.50
 Sweet Pea Violet £19.50
 Sweet Pea Pink £19.50
 Sweet Pea Red £19.50

Baby bobbins inside



The Orchard

From left:
 Cherry tree
 Pear tree
 Plum Tree
 Apple Tree

£27.80
 £27.80
 £27.80
 £27.80



Fruit Rings

From left:
 Apple Rings
 Pear Rings
 Cherry Rings
 Cocktail Rings

£22.95
 £22.95
 £22.95
 £22.95



Poppies

From left:
 Californian Poppy
 Himalayan Poppy
 Welsh Poppy
 Icelandic Poppy

£29.25
 £29.25
 £29.25
 £29.25



Niches

From left:
 Rose Niche
 Clematis Niche
 Jasmine Niche
 Wisteria Niche

£31.75
 £31.75
 £31.75
 £31.75



Baby bobbins inside



Christmas
Candle
£29.95
Front & side
view



Centrepiece
In Mauve or
Aqua
£24.95



From left:

Christmas Baubles £22.75
Christmas Cracker £23.95

Snowman £27.50
Snow Woman £27.50



Mermaid
£34.95



Genie
£35.50

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



From left:
Lighthouse £31.95
Up, Up
and Away £39.95
Roses around
the Door £38.50
Treehouse £35.25



From left:
 Blue Paradise £23.95
 Pink Paradise £23.95
 Indian Summer £29.95
 Temptation £26.25



From left:
 Bees £21.35
 Butterflies £21.35
 Caterpillars £21.35
 Ladybirds £21.35



From left:
 Tumbling £28.95
 Tomatoes £28.95
 Peas £28.95



From left:
 Rhapsody Red £25.25
 Rhapsody Mauve £25.25



From left:
 Sweet Pea Profusion £31.75
 Passion £27.25
 Busy Bees £31.95



- 8 Enchantment £31.50
- 9 Sweet Rosie £31.95
- 10 Dainty Lady £29.10
- 11 Trinket £28.95
- 12 Soft Splendour £21.95
- 13 Baluster £24.95

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- 1 Sun Dance £29.10
- 2 Sweet Tulips £28.25
- 3 Pirouette £27.50
- 4 Wildflower Drift £29.15
- 5 Pink Cloud £23.95
- 6 Sweet Harmony £27.95
- 7 Sweet Bellflowers £29.95





- 1 Pot Pourri £24.60
- 2 Joy £27.95
- 3 Dizzy £33.50
- 4 Dancing Queen £34.75
- 5 Sweetness £29.95
- 6 Elegance £31.50
- 7 Tumble Down £28.95



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- 8 Busy Blue £30.85
- 9 Linum £31.25
- 10 Pierced Periwinkle £28.50
- 11 Wild Strawberries £31.95
- 12 Twins (2 baby bobs inside) £34.95
- 13 Blue Cascade £31.35
- 14 Wraparound £29.75





From left:

- Poppies with Babe £28.95
- Iris with Babe £26.25
- Pincushion Flower £27.75
- Tulips with Babe £28.25
- Angel's Fishing Rod £24.95
- Lavender Bush £25.65



From left:

Summer Breeze

- Pink £28.25
- Lilac £28.25
- Blue £28.25
- Gold £28.25



From left:

- Standard Magnolia £28.75
- Standard Rose £28.75
- Standard Lilac £28.75
- Standard Fuchsia £28.75

Four Seasons



- From left:
- Spring Bees inside £23.50
 - Summer Mouse inside £23.50
 - Autumn Apples Inside £23.50
 - Winter Snow inside £23.50



Sweet Seasons

- From left:
- Sweet Springtime £28.25
 - Sweet Summer £28.25
 - Sweet Autumn £28.25
 - Sweet Winter £28.25



- From left:
- Mother & Babe with Clematis £28.95
 - Mother & babe with Bellflowers £28.95
 - Hollyhocks £24.75
 - Bluebells £29.10
 - Anemone £24.75

- From middle:
- Daffodils with Babe £24.50
 - Oxeye Daisy £28.95
 - Viola Tricolour £29.10
 - Cranesbill £28.95
 - Mother & Babe with Fuchsia £28.95

Nursery Rhymes & Fairy Tales



Little Boy Blue
£33.95
 Front and side view



Little Boy Blue come blow your horn, The sheep's in the meadow the cow's in the corn.
 But where's the boy who looks after the sheep? He's under a haystack fast asleep.
 Will you wake him? No, not I - for if I do, he's sure to cry.

Humpty Dumpty
£27.00



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 Beanstalk
£39.95

Front and side view



Golden egg inside



Dr Foster
£37.75

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
£32.60

Front and side view

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
£35.50

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



Little Miss Muffet
£37.95

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**
£31.95

Front and
side view

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**
£35.25

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**
£39.95

Front and
side view

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**
£30.85

Front and
side view

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



Row, Row
£35.95

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



**Rub-a-
Dub Dub**
£38.95

View of all
3 sides

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
£38.95



**Pussycat,
Pussycat**
£39.95

Front and
side view

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.

Carved & Unpainted Bobbins



£29.95

Carved Ruffle

£38.95

Pillar

£29.60

Carved Oak Leaves

£27.25

Fluted Lace Column

£26.75

Lace Twist

Royal Baby 2015

This bobbin will be made to match the Prince George bobbin shown below.

Pierced with three windows and decorated in gold with blue or pink text accordingly.

Baby bobbin inside.

£29.95

H.R.H. Prince George



Inscribed with the text:

"H.R.H. Prince George 22.7.2013"

Pierced with three windows and decorated in gold with blue text. Baby bobbin inside.

£29.95

Special Anniversary Bobbin



Illustrated is the Golden Wedding bobbin. Silver, Ruby and Sapphire are also available.

Inscribed with two first names and two dates with appropriately coloured text with matching floral decoration.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need to talk over your requirements.

£28.75

Inscribed Bobbins

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



Baby Bobbin
Pink or Blue
£27.50

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



Pitter Patter
Pink or Blue
£24.10

Any initial from A to Z in the style illustrated.



Initial Bobbin
£19.85

A

B

C

D

E



- A £24.25
- B £24.25
- C £24.25
- D £24.25
- E £24.25

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 all major cards and UKP cheques made payable to "A R Archer Ltd".

P&P: Please email us for prices.

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.

Over the past years our waiting time has been as low as 8 weeks and as long as 14 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 long term dispatch date.

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 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 12 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.

At times we do have a waiting list to join the Bobbin a Month Club and we will advise if this is the case and the anticipated waiting time when your order is received.

Free P&P Postage and packing is free on UK orders.

International Orders postage: For International orders of two or more bobbins per month postage is free. However, on international orders of one bobbin a month we will charge the postage cost in force at the time of dispatch less the cost of our standard UK postage.

In the event of an international order going missing we will send a replacement BUT any future order will either need to be insured at the customer's expense or the risk of loss is assumed by the customer.

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 payment 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.

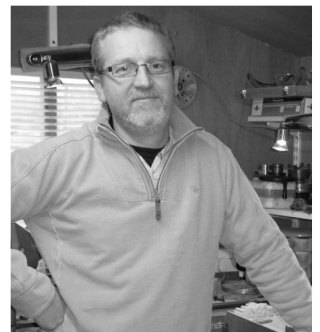
He turned his talents to bobbin making in the late 1970's after a chance enquiry from a customer in his shop. Within three months of making his first wooden bobbin he had to start a waiting list and it was only shortly after this time he embarked on making his first bone bobbin. Within a relatively short 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.

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