

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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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:
Iris £18.50
Forget-me-Not £16.25
Clematis £15.50
Daffodils £15.50



From left:
Spring Showers £23.75
Spring Garden £19.50

Raindrops inside



From left:
Wild Garden £23.95
Vase* £23.50
Cottage Garden £23.95



From left:
Frieze £18.65
Floral Drift £21.75
Daisy Rings £20.50
Pink Twist £21.75
Fluted Flower £24.40
Column £17.95
Tapestry

£18.65
£21.75
£20.50
£21.75
£24.40
£17.95

* New updated Design for 2012



From left:
Fuchsia £15.50
Foxgloves £18.95
Bellflower £15.30
Poppies £17.25
Pansies £17.95



From left:
Sweet Pea Column £21.50
Clematis Column £21.50
Wisteria Column £21.50
Rose Column £21.50



From left:
Pears £15.50
Cherries £15.95
Grapes £25.25
Strawberries £22.10
Apples £15.50



From left:
Acorns £16.10
Tulips £16.10
Violets £18.25
Roses £15.50
Sunflowers £16.30



From left:
Tulip Border £24.15
Bulrushes £15.25
Climbing Rose £17.25
Brambleberries £23.75
Serenade £17.10



Sprays
From left:
Spray of Roses £16.30
Mixed Spray £18.75
Lavender Spray £16.30
Lilies £16.30



Blossoms Baby bobbins inside

From left:
May Blossom £24.45
Quince Blossom £24.45
Cherry Blossom £24.45
Apple Blossom £24.45



Sweet Peas

From left:
Sweet Pea Violet £18.45
Sweet Pea Red £18.45
Sweet Pea Blue £18.45
Sweet Pea Pink £18.45



From left:

Rainbow	£16.25
Lotus	£18.40
Festival	£28.75
Bouquet	£26.60
Music Notes	£17.25
Holly Berries	£16.95



The Orchard

From left:
Pear tree
Apple tree
Plum Tree
Cherry Tree

£25.25
£25.25
£25.25
£25.25



Four Seasons

From left:	
Spring	£21.35
Summer	£21.35
Autumn	£21.35
Winter	£21.35



Niches

From left:
Rose Niche
Wisteria Niche
jasmin
Clematis

£28.85
£28.85
£28.85
£28.85



Christmas

From left:
Christmas Cracker £21.75
Christmas Tree £32.50
Christmas Baubles £20.75



From left:
Sweet Pea Profusion £28.85
Happy Pansies £25.25
Busy Bees £29.95



With Love £27.25



From left:
Lace Jingle £28.35
Pillar £36.25
Lace Twist £24.85
Carved Oak Leaves £27.50
Carved Ruffle £27.75
Fluted Lace Column £25.25



From left:
Peas £26.50
Tumbling
Tomatoes £26.50



From left:
Queen's Lattice £38.95
King's Lattice £38.95

Bobbin-in-a-Box
£49.95

This is one bobbin with a
different character on
each side



Good Day Bad Day
£33.95



Mermaid £32.95



Genie £32.95



Carol Singers £36.95



Snowman £24.95
Snowwoman £24.95



Little person inside balloon basket

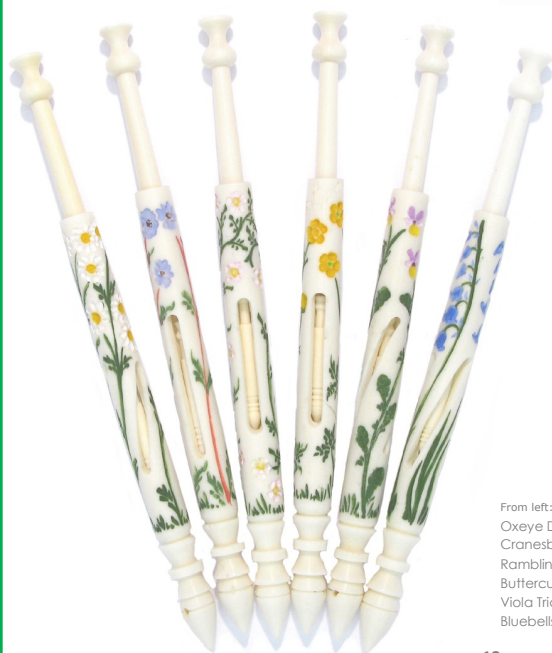
From left:
Lighthouse £29.95
Up Up and Away £38.40
Roses around the Door £35.75

From left:
 Iris & babe £23.35
 Poppies with Babe £26.50
 Pincushion Flower £26.50
 Tulips with Babe £25.75
 Angel's Fishing Rod £22.25
 Lavender Bush £23.30



From left:
 Mother & Babe with Clematis £26.50
 Mother & babe with Bellflowers £26.50
 Mother & babe with Fuchsia £26.50
 Anemone £22.25
 Holly Hocks £22.50
 Daffodils with Babe £22.35

From left:
 Oxeye Daisy £26.50
 Cranesbill £26.50
 Rambling Rose £26.50
 Buttercups £26.50
 Viola Tricolour £26.50
 Bluebells £26.50



From left:
Elegance
Tumbledown
Sweetness
Dancing Queen
Dizzy
Busy Blue

£28.75
£26.75
£27.50
£31.75
£30.75
£28.25



From left:
Soft Splendour
Pot Pourri
Joy
Baluster

£19.95
£22.35
£26.25
£22.60



From left:
Pierced Periwinkle
Wraparound
Blue Cascade
Linum
Wild Strawberries
Twins
(2 baby bobbins inside)

£25.95
£27.25
£28.75
£28.75
£29.35
£33.95





From left:
 Sun Dance £26.50
 Pirouette £24.95
 Liberty £26.95
 Pink Cloud £21.75
 Sweet Harmony £25.50



From left:
 Sweet Springtime £28.75
 Enchantment £28.75
 Sweet Rosie £29.50
 Trinket £26.50
 Dainty Lady £26.50

Diamond Jubilee £29.95



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



From left:
Rapunzel
Jack & Jill
Ring 'O' Roses*
Rub a Dub Dub
Jack & the Beanstalk

£35.95
£27.95
£49.95
£36.95
£38.50



From left:
Little Miss Muffet
Row, Row, Row your boat
Pussycat Pussycat
Three Blind Mice
Little Bo Peep

£34.95
£34.25
£38.25
£29.35
£37.75



From left:
Doctor Foster
Hickory Dickory
Humpty Dumpty
Incy Wincy Spider
Ba Ba Black Sheep

£34.25
£32.75
£24.50
£29.50
£32.25

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 bare 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.



Pitter Patter
Pink or Blue £21.75

Baby Bobbin
Pink or Blue £24.95

Initial Bobbin £17.95

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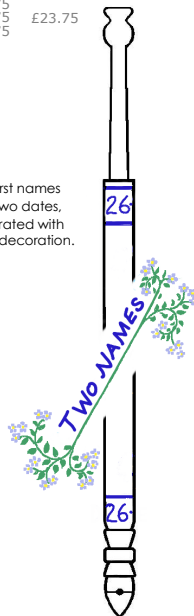
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B
C
D
E

£22.50
£22.50
£22.75
£22.75
£22.75

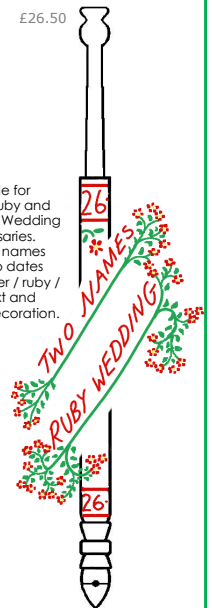
Wedding Anniversary Bobbin
£23.75

Special Anniversary Bobbin
£26.50

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



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



How to Place an Order

Bobbin-a-Month Club If you wish to join the Bobbin-a-Month Club please see next page.

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 pay over the phone with your credit card on **01886 884135**.

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

by fax: fill out the enclosed form ensuring that the credit card payment details have been completed and fax it to us on **01905 530221**.

by email: We are happy for you to send an order via email but we cannot accept credit card information via email. Please use either conventional mail, the phone or fax for sending your credit card details to us. Tel: **01886 884135**

Payment Types: We accept MasterCard or Visa cards or cheques in Pounds Sterling.

IMPORTANT

Waiting Time

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At the time of going to publication we aim to make standard orders within 8 to 12 weeks.

HOWEVER,

please be aware that this is only meant as a general guide. It has always proved extremely difficult to give an accurate delivery time and the actual time may be longer or shorter than this estimate. If you need an order by a particular date please let us know and we will do our very best to ensure your order is with you in good time.

Specials: If you have a special requirement that does not feature in the catalogue please contact us for more information. We are always happy to give a no-obligation quote.

Prices for Standard Orders

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

Order Forms

We are always happy to send out additional order forms or catalogues however now you can also download order forms and this catalogue from our website at **www.ararcher.com**

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 or fax on 01905 530221. 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 credit card payment form that will be attached to your request slip.

Free Bobbin.

If you place an order for 12 bobbins or more then you will automatically qualify for a free bobbin with you 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.

Getting Started. If we receive your order before the 15th of the month we will aim to start your order that same month.

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

by fax: fill out the form ensuring that the credit card details are completed for your first month's bobbin(s) and send it to us on **01905 530221**

by email: We are happy for you to send a Bobbin-a-Month Club order via email but we cannot accept credit card information via email. Please use either conventional mail, the phone or fax for getting your credit card details to us. 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 pay over the phone with your credit card. 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 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

