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Finest Quality Bone Lace Bobbins



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ORDERS**

Catalogue of Bone Lace Bobbins

*Makers of finest quality bone lace bobbins
for over 40 years.*

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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.

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HONITON BOBBINS

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

Please mark any order accordingly.

HONITON BOBBINS



From left:
 Pansies £27.95
 Poppies £26.95
 Daffodils £25.25
 Lavender £26.95
 Iris £27.95

From left:
 Verdant £32.50
 Lupins £28.95
 Foxgloves £28.95
 Forget-me-Not £25.95
 Sunflowers £26.25



Grapes inside

From left:
 Rainbow £26.25
 Music Notes £26.95
 Tulips £25.95
 Grapes £36.95
 Strawberries £29.95

From left:
 Foxtrot on Ice
 Foxtrot Pink
 Foxtrot Blue
 Festive Foxtrot
 £32.95 each





From left:
 Wildflower Drift £38.50
 Wild Garden £34.50
 Cottage Garden £34.50
 Walled Garden £35.50
 Vase £35.95



From left:
 Bluebells
 Daffodils with Babe
 Oxeye Daisy
 Anemone
 £36.95 each



Flower Dance

From left:
 Sherbet
 Marine
 Sunlight
 Vintage
 Rosa
 Teasel
 Heaven
 Azul

£32.50 each





Columns

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

£32.95 each



Sprays

From left:
Spray of Roses
Spray of Lilies
Mixed Spray
Spray of Lavender

£27.25 each



Blossoms

From left:
Quince Blossom
May Blossom
Cherry Blossom
Apple Blossom

£35.95 each



Lustre

From left:
Mauve
Pink
Rose
Silver Blue
£29.95 each





The Orchard

From left:
Cherry Tree
Pear Tree
Plum Tree
Apple Tree

£37.95 each 

Summer Breeze

From left:
Pink
Lilac
Blue
Gold

£38.95 each 



Poppies

From left:
Californian Poppy
Himalayan Poppy
Welsh Poppy
Icelandic Poppy

£37.95 each 



Niches

From left:
Rose Niche
Clematis Niche
Jasmine Niche
Wisteria Niche

£39.95 each 





Gems

From left:
Citrine
Jade
Blue Topaz
Carnelian
Rose Quartz
Aquamarine
Sapphire
Amethyst

£33.95 each



From left:
Bees
Butterflies
Caterpillars
Ladybirds

£30.25 each



Charms

From left:
Blue
Red
Mauve
Pink

£36.25 each





From left:
Peas £39.95
Tomatoes £39.95



Dizzy in Mauve £43.50
Dizzy in Pink £43.50



From left:
Daydream £31.65
Indian Summer £37.75
Temptation £36.75



Floral Prints

From left:
Rose Print
Purple Print
Tulip Print
Daisy Print

£29.95 each

From left:
Poppies with Babe
Iris with Babe
Pincushion Flower
Tulips with Babe
Angel's Fishing Rod
Lavender Bush
(Lavender inside)

£36.95 each





Monday's Child... ———●

Monday's child is fair of face,
 Tuesday's child is full of grace,
 Wednesday's child is full of woe,
 Thursday's child has far to go,
 Friday's child is happy and giving,
 Saturday's child works hard for a living,
 But the child that is born on the
 Sabbath day is bonnie and
 blithe and good and gay.

£39.95 each



Four Seasons

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

£33.50 each

Vines

From left:
 Daisy Vine
 Forget-me-not Vine
 Vinca Vine
 Bell Vine

£29.95 each



Serendipity

From left:
Hyacinth
Slate
Aqua
Dusk
Leaf
Butter



£34.95 each

From left:
Crocus
Sky
Forest
Ruby
Saffron
Midnight



From left below:
Mosaic
Moroccan Sands
Moroccan Rose
Sahara Sands

£39.95 each

Repose

From left:
Lilac
Coral
Mulberry
Pink

£31.50 each



Hooks & Divider Pins

All designs here are available as either hooks or divider pins - please specify when placing your order.

Simply add £2.00 extra if you want a divider design made as a hook or deduct £2.00 if you want a hook design made as a divider

All hooks are .40mm and come with covers—other sizes available upon request.

Including handles, all hooks are approx 92mm (3.75") long.

Including handles, all divider pins are approximately 100mm (4") long.



Repose Pink Hook

Rose Hook

Bees Hook

Jasmine Hook

Ladybirds Hook

Blue Cloud Hook

Poppies Hook

Repose Lilac Hook

All these hooks: £31.50 each



Cottage Garden

Wild Garden

Bees

Ladybirds

Blue Cloud

Jasmine

Foxtrot-on-Ice

Poppies

Lavender

Sunflowers

£33.95 each

All these Dividers: £29.50 each

Short Pins



IMPORTANT:

These pins are only available to buy in pairs. State colours on your order*

All pins are approximately 5.5cm long (just over 2")



Juliette Pins
 £34.95 pair
 *Red, Lilac, Pink, White, Blue or Mauve



Mr & Mrs Pins
 £38.95 pair

Children:
 Please specify when ordering
 £38.95 pair

* Choose any colour
Music Note Pins
 £28.95 pair

Blue, Red, Pink or Mauve*
Sweet Pea Pins
 £28.95 pair



Jolly Mixture

From left:
 Lilac
 Rose
 Scarlet
 Pool
 Sorbet
 Willow
 £36.95 each



French Knot

From left:
 Yellow
 Pink
 Green
 Blue
 £39.50 each



Wild Beasts

From left:
Hedgehog
Rabbit
Squirrel
Frog
Badger
Owl
Fox
Dormouse

£42.50 each



Gerbera

From left:
Blue
Pink
Orange
Mauve

£29.95 each



Crazy Daisy

From left:
Blue
White
Pink
Mauve
£29.95 each



From left:
Treehouse £42.50
Beach Huts £45.50
Pot of Gold £39.95
Lighthouse £39.95



From left:
Busy Bees £39.95
Sweet Pea Profusion £39.95



Kimono

From left:
Cherry
Golden Sun
Ink
Indigo

£39.95 each



Cheers
From left:
Red
White
Sparkling
Rosé

£39.95 each



The 12 Days of Christmas



The 12 Days of Christmas

£39.95 each



Juliette

From left :
Blue
Lilac
Mauve
Pink
Red
Yellow

£37.75 each



Hellebores

From left:
Green
Pink
Cream
Mauve

£36.95 each





Sweet Serenity

From left:
Passion
Lemon
Smoke
Peace
Blush
Cloud
Brook
Herb

£37.50 each



Gypsy Jewels

From left:
Turquoise
Mauve
Grey
Cerise
Yellow
Green
Lilac
Red

£38.95 each

Nursery Rhymes & Fairy Tales



Little Boy Blue
£45.50

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
£37.95



Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,

Jack & The Beanstalk
£48.25

Front and side view



Golden egg inside

Dr Foster
£47.50

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
£43.95

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.



Mary Mary Quite Contrary
£42.50

Mary, Mary quite contrary, how does your garden grow,
With silver bells and cockle shells and pretty maids all in a row.



Hickory Dickory Dock
£44.50

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



Little Miss Muffet
£46.95

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**
£39.95
Front and
side view

Three blind mice, Three blind mice,
See how they run, see how they run,
They run here they run there,
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**
£45.50

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



**Little
Bo Peep**
£47.50

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**
£39.95

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
Row, Row**
£45.75

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



**Rub-a-
Dub Dub**
£49.95

View of
all 3 sides

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



**Wee Willie
Winkie**
£42.50

Wee Willie Winkie runs through the town,
His pans are a-dancing the night long,
The peacocks are at the window cry,
Are the children in their bed, for now it's ten o'clock?



**Pussycat,
Pussycat**
£48.25

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.

Royal Commemoratives

From left:
 Guardsman (left & right) £39.95 each

HM King Charles III 2022 £39.95

HM King Charles III Coronation £46.95

Taking inspiration from the Royal Sceptre, this bobbin is decorated with the King's cypher and the key elements of the Coronation emblem; the English rose, Welsh daffodil, Scottish thistle and Irish shamrock all intertwined with gold ornamentation.

Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative £49.50

Queen Elizabeth II Memorial £39.95

Prince Philip Memorial £39.95



Snow Family

Snow Cat
 Snow Dog
 Snowman
 Snow Woman
 Snow Child

£36.50 each

From left:
 Festive Cheer £29.95
 Red, Blue and Purple
 Happy Christmas £29.95

Christmas Candle £39.95
 Available in Red, Green & Mauve



Upper half decorated with snow flakes

Upper half decorated with snow flakes

Upper half decorated with snow flakes

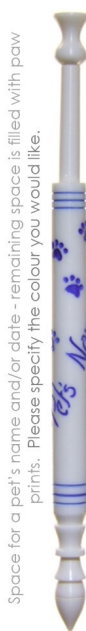
Special Anniversary Bobbin

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

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

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

£36.50



Paw Prints
£32.95



Pitter Patter
Choose any colour
£32.95



Baby, Cat or Dog Divider pins inscribed with your name of choice.
£29.95



Bespoke Commemorative Bobbins

We're often asked to make bobbins for special occasions - whether it be a birth, a wedding, in loving memory or any number of other possibilities.

If you have a special occasion or significant event you would like commemorated on a bobbin all you need to do is tell us the following:

- ***The text you would like***
- ***Any colours that you might prefer***
- ***If you would like floral decoration what kind of flowers you would like***

It's as simple as that - we will do the rest.

Starting from £30.00



How to Place an Order

Shipping: UK Orders = free

International Orders under £175 = £4.50 (standard Airmail) Orders over £175 = free

To place an order and make payment:

by phone: call us with your order and we can give a despatch time and establish method of payment when we speak. We process all payments when your order is ready to ship. Call: **44 (0) 1886 884135**.

by email/social media: send us your order but we cannot accept sensitive card information via email. Please use either conventional mail or the telephone for your card details or we can send a PayPal invoice when your order is ready.

Payment Types: We accept all major cards and UKP cheques made payable to "A R Archer Ltd" or we can send you a PayPal invoice.

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

Waiting Time

We make every effort to get individual orders made in a timely fashion. However, due to pre-existing commitments to Bobbin-a-Month Club orders our waiting time varies.

We will of course give you more information about your delivery time when you place your order.

Prices

All 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 office@ararcherltd.co.uk 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 6 bobbins. You may distribute your bobbins in any way you wish, two in one month and one in the next for example.

Every month when we send you your bobbin(s) we will also enclose a payment request slip detailing the following month's order and the amount that will be due. We process payment around the end of each month and ship orders in the first week of the following month.

You can either make a card payment each month or we can send you a PayPal invoice. If you prefer, you can send payment in the form of a Pounds Sterling cheque.

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 is free on UK orders.

International Shipping: For International orders of two or more bobbins per month standard Airmail postage is free. However, on international orders of one bobbin a month we will charge the international 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 make and 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 call or email us with the list of bobbins you would like or list in the order form (available on our website or enclosed with your catalogue) and send it to us either:

by mail: to **Ben Archer, A R Archer Ltd, Combe Lodge, Suckley, Worcester WR6 5DR, UK**

by email: to **office@ararcherltd.co.uk** We cannot accept sensitive payment card information via email. Please use either conventional mail or the phone for your card details.

by phone: just ring with a list of the bobbins you would like and we can also arrange your preferred payment method and start date. Call: **44 (0) 1886 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 thirty 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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