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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 40 years.*

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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 £25.50  
 Poppies £24.50  
 Daffodils £22.85  
 French Lavender £24.50  
 Iris £25.95

From left:  
 Verdant £30.75  
 Lupins £26.50  
 Foxgloves £26.75  
 Forget-me-Not £23.75



From left:  
 Rainbow £23.75  
 Music Notes £24.50  
 Tulips £23.75  
 Grapes £33.75  
 Strawberries £29.95

From left:  
 Foxtrot on Ice £29.95  
 Foxtrot Pink £29.95  
 Foxtrot Blue £29.95  
 Festive Foxtrot £29.95





From left:  
 Wildflower Drift £36.25  
 Wild Garden £33.25  
 Cottage Garden £33.25  
 Walled Garden £32.95  
 Vase £33.35

From left:  
 Bluebells £35.50  
 Daffodils with Babe £32.95  
 Oxeye Daisy £36.25  
 Anemone £33.95



**Flower Dance**

From left:  
 Sherbet  
 Marine  
 Sunlight  
 Vintage  
 Rosa  
 Teasel  
 Heaven  
 Azul

£29.50 each





## Columns

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



## Sprays

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

 £24.95 each



## Blossoms

From left:  
Quince Blossom  
May Blossom  
Cherry Blossom  
Apple Blossom

£34.60 each 

## Summer Breeze

From left:  
Pink  
Lilac  
Blue  
Gold

 £36.50 each







### The Orchard

From left:  
Cherry Tree  
Pear Tree  
Plum Tree  
Apple Tree

£35.50 each



### Hellebores

From left:  
Hellebore Cream  
Hellebore Pink  
Hellebore Green  
Hellebore Mauve



£33.75 each



### Poppies

From left:  
Californian Poppy  
Himalayan Poppy  
Welsh Poppy  
Icelandic Poppy

£35.50 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

£30.95 each



From left:  
Bees  
Butterflies  
Caterpillars  
Ladybirds

£27.50 each

### Happy Days

From left:  
Oranges  
Pinks  
Mauves  
Blues

£36.25 each





From left:  
Peas £36.95  
Tomatoes £36.95



Dizzy in Mauve £41.75  
Dizzy in Pink £41.75



From left:  
Daydream £28.75  
Indian Summer £36.75



**Floral Prints**

From left:  
Rose Print  
Purple Print  
Tulip Print  
Daisy Print

£28.50 each

From left:  
Poppies with Babe £34.50  
Iris with Babe £32.75  
Pincushion Flower £34.95  
Tulips with Babe £33.95  
Angel's Fishing Rod £31.95  
Lavender Bush £32.25  
(Lavender inside)





### 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.

£39.25 each



### Four Seasons

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

£30.40 each

### Sweet Seasons

With baby bobbin inside

From left:  
 Sweet Springtime  
 Sweet Summer  
 Sweet Autumn  
 Sweet Winter

£34.25 each





### Serendipity

From left:  
Hyacinth  
Slate  
Aqua  
Dusk  
Leaf  
Butter

£32.95 each



From left:  
Crocus  
Sky  
Forest  
Ruby  
Saffron  
Midnight



From left below:  
Mosaic  
Moroccan Sands  
Moroccan Rose  
Sahara Sands  
£39.75 each

### Repose

From left:  
Lilac  
Coral  
Mulberry  
Pink

£28.75 each





# Hooks & Divider Pins

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

Hooks are £2.00 extra simply to cover the cost of the hook.

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

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

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



Poppies Hook £30.25

Gypsy Jewel Hook £31.50

Blue Cloud Hook £27.25

Ladybirds Hook £28.25

Jasmine Hook £28.25

Beehive Hook £29.25

Roses Hook £28.75

Repose Pink Hook £29.25

Repose Lilac Hook £29.25

All these Hook designs are also available as Divider Pins, just take £2.00 off these listed prices



Bees Divider £26.25



Gypsy Jewel Red Divider £29.50



Cottage Garden Divider £29.25



Wild Garden Divider £29.25



Ladybirds Divider £26.25



Humpty Divider £29.25



Foxtrot on Ice Divider £28.25



Poppies Divider £28.25



French Lavender Divider £26.25



Sunflowers Divider £23.75



Blue Cloud Divider £25.25



Jasmine Divider £26.25

From left:

Pussycat £28.25  
Inscribed with pet's name

Dog £28.25  
Inscribed with pet's name

Baby £28.25  
Pink or Blue  
Inscribed with baby's name



All these Divider Pins are also available as Hooks, just add £2.00 to cover the extra cost of the hook



### Wild Beasts

From left:  
Hedgehog  
Rabbit  
Squirrel  
Frog  
Badger  
Owl  
Fox  
Dormouse

£39.25 each



### Gerbera

From left:  
Blue  
Pink  
Orange  
Maive

£27.95 each



### Moonlight

From left:  
Moonlight Emerald  
Moonlight Blue  
Moonlight Gold  
Moonlight White

£28.60 each



Little person inside



Decorated with rainbow coloured rain drops. Inside is a rod of gold coins that slides up and down.

From left:  
 Treehouse £40.95  
 Beach Huts £43.50  
 Pot of Gold £38.75  
 Lighthouse £39.95



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



Kimono

From left:  
 Cherry  
 Golden Sun  
 Ink  
 Indigo

£38.50 each



French Knot

From left:  
 Yellow  
 Pink  
 Green  
 Blue

£36.25 each



## The 12 Days of Christmas



On the twelfth day of  
Christmas,  
my true love sent to me  
Twelve drummers  
drumming,  
Eleven pipers piping,  
Ten lords a-leaping,  
Nine ladies dancing,  
Eight maids a-milking,  
Seven swans a-swimming,  
Six geese a-laying,  
Five golden rings,  
Four calling birds,  
Three French hens,  
Two turtle doves,  
And a partridge in a pear  
tree!

£38.95 Each



### Sweet Serenity

From left:  
Passion  
Lemon  
Smoke  
Peace  
Blush  
Cloud  
Brook  
Herb

£34.95 each

This is a new take on my original Sweet Pea design from many years ago.

Using a new technique of painting the body and flowers in complimentary colours it creates a very dramatic but delicate effect.



### Gypsy Jewels

From left:  
Turquoise  
Mauve  
Grey  
Cerise  
Yellow  
Green  
Lilac  
Red

£36.25 each

# Nursery Rhymes & Fairy Tales



**Little Boy Blue**  
£43.50

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**  
£34.95



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**  
£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**  
£39.95

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**  
£38.75

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**  
£44.25

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,  
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**  
£44.95

One for the master and one for the dame and one for the little boy  
Who lives down the lane

Ba ba black sheep have you any wool, Yes sir, yes sir three bags  
full.



**Little  
Bo Peep**  
£46.95

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**  
£38.75

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  
£45.75**

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



**Rub-a-  
Dub Dub**  
£48.50

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.



**Wee Willie  
Winkie**  
£41.25

Front and  
back view

Wee Willie Winkie runs through the town,  
Tapping at the windows, trying at the lock,  
Are the children in their beds, for now it's ten o'clock?



**Pussycat,  
Pussycat**  
£48.25

Front and  
back 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.

*HM Queen Elizabeth II*

From left:  
QEII Platinum Jubilee  
£37.95

HM Queen's 90th  
£36.95

QEII Sapphire Jubilee  
£36.95

QEII The Longest Reign  
£37.50

HRH Prince Philip  
Commemorative  
£36.25

QEII Diamond Jubilee  
£39.95



Snow Family  
Snow Cat  
Snow Dog  
Snowman  
Snow Woman  
Snow Child

£34.50 each

From left:  
Christmas Baubles £28.75  
Happy Christmas £28.25

Christmas Candle £37.95  
Also available in Purple, 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 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.

£35.50



Space for a pet's name and/or date - remaining space is filled with paw prints  
Please specify the colour you would like



Paw Prints  
£30.95



Pitter Patter  
Pink or Blue  
£30.95



Any initial from A to Z in the style illustrated.

Initial Bobbin  
£25.95



## 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 £29.50





## Individual Orders



All you need to do is send us a list of the bobbin(s) you would like and your contact details and we will get straight back to you.

When we are about to make your bobbins, we'll be in touch to sort out payment - we're happy to give you a ring wherever you may be in the world and take card details over the phone or we can send you a PayPal invoice if you prefer.

### Send us your order by:

**email:** [archerbobs@aol.com](mailto:archerbobs@aol.com) But don't send us sensitive card information via email - we can call you for that.

**phone:** UK - 01886 884135 International - +44 1886 884135

**mail:** A R Archer Ltd, Combe Lodge, Suckley, Worcester. WR6 5DR

**Payment Types** PayPal, Major Credit & Debit Cards, Pound Sterling cheques made payable to **A R Archer Ltd**

**Shipping:** UK orders = free  
International orders under £175 = £4.95 Orders over £175 = free

**Prices for Individual Orders** All individual orders will be charged at the prices in force at time the order is placed.

**Waiting Time** We usually have a bit of a wait for individual orders to be made – we'll let you know when you place your order.

#### 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](mailto: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 can have one, two, three or more each month. Every month when we send your bobbin(s) we will also enclose a payment request slip for the following month's order.

If you wish to pay each month by card, once we have your details all we need is a monthly email or call saying you're happy for us to take the next payment.

If you would rather, we can send you a PayPal invoice each month or, if you're in the UK, we will also accept a Pounds Sterling cheque made payable to A R Archer Ltd.

If you'd like to make your monthly payment by post you can also choose to complete and return the card payment form that will be attached to your payment request slip.

## Free P&P

Postage and packing is totally free on all UK orders.

Free on international orders of two or more bobbins.

### International Orders

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 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 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.

## Join the Bobbin-a-Month Club

**By phone:** UK - 01886 884135 International - +44 1886 884135

**By mail:** Send your list to us: **A R Archer Ltd, Combe Lodge, Suckley, Worcester WR6 5DR**

**By email:** email: [archerbobs@aol.com](mailto:archerbobs@aol.com) But don't send us sensitive card information via email - we can call you for that.

### 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.

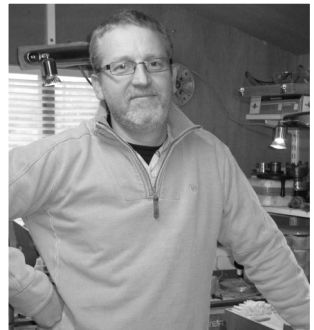
He turned his talents to bobbin making in the late 1970's after a chance enquiry from a customer in his shop. Within three months of making his first wooden bobbin he had to start a waiting list and it was only shortly after this time he embarked on making his first bone bobbin. Within a relatively short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





**FREE SHIPPING ON ALL UK  
ORDERS**

