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Catalogue of Bone Lace Bobbins

Makers of finest quality bone lace bobbins for over 40 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.

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HONITON BOBBINS

Almost every bobbin in this catalogue is available as a Honiton. Please mark any order

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Columns

From left: Clematis Column £27.95 Wisteria Column £27.95 Sweet Pea Column £27.95 Rose Column

£27.95



From left: Spray of Roses Spray of Lilies £22.50 Mixed Spray £23.95 Spray of Lavender £22.50





Blossoms

From left: Quince Blossom £31.75 £31.75 May Blossom Cherry Blossom £31.75 Apple Blossom £31.75



From left: ---

Summer Breeze £33.50 £33.50 £33.50 Pink Lilac

Blue Gold £33.50



The Orchard

The Ordinal From left:
Cherry Tree \$32.50
Pear Tree \$32.50
Plum Tree \$32.50
\$32.50

Hellebores

From left: Hellebore Cream £30.75 Hellebore Pink Hellebore Green £30.75 Hellebore Mauve £30.75

£30.75

Poppies

From left: Californian Poppy £33.75 Himalayan Poppy £33.75 Welsh Poppy £33.75 Icelandic Poppy £33.75

Niches

From left: Rose Niche £36.95 Clematis Niche £36.95 Jasmine Niche £36.95 Wisteria Niche £36.95





Floral Prints

From left: Rose Print

Purple Print Tulip Print Daisy Print

£26.25 £26.25 £26.25 £26.25



From left:

Moonlight Emerald £26.25 Moonlight Blue £26.25 Moonlight Gold £26.25 Moonlight White £26.25



From left:

Bees £25.25 Butterflies £25.25 Caterpillars£25.25 Ladybirds £25.25



From left: £33.25 £33.25 £33.25 Oranges **Pinks** Mauves Blues £33.25







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.

£35.95 each

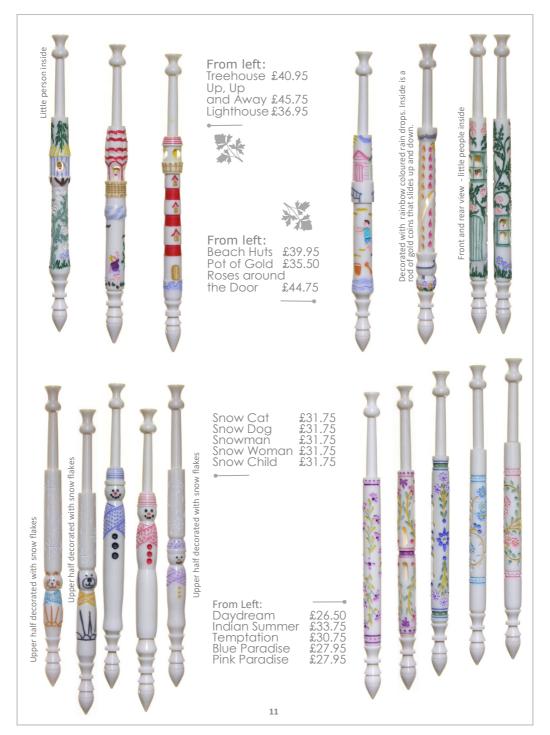








Reflection Yellow £32.50 Reflection Mauve £32.50









Little Boy Blue £39.75 Front and side view Nursery Rhymes & Fairy Tales

Little Boy Blue come blow your hom, 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.







JHM Queen Elizabeth II

From left:

HM & HRH Prince Philip Platinum Wedding £32.50

HM Queen's 90th £33.75

HM QEII Sapphire Jubilee £33.75

HM QEII The Longest Reign £34.25

HM QEII Coronation bobbin £37.25

HM Diamond Jubilee £36.95





From left: Harry & Meghan Wedding £34.75 Harry & Meghan Engagement £34.75 HRH ? £34.75



Special Anniversary Bobbin

Illustrated is the Golden Wedding bobbin. Ruby and Sapphire are 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.

£32.50



In Loving Memory



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

£28.25

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





Bobbin £23.75







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 £28.50

Wedding Day - - Congratulations - - Happy Birthday



.How to Place an Order

Shipping: UK orders = free

International orders under £175 = £6.50 Orders over £175 = free

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

Waiting Time For Standard Orders

We make every effort to get standard 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 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 6 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 is free on UK orders.

International Shipping: 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

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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

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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



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