



# Catalogue of Bone Lace Bobbins

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*A.R. Archer Ltd*  
*Makers of finest quality bone lace bobbins for over 25 years.*

*Over 200 designs painted and engraved by hand are available and the full range is illustrated in this catalogue.*



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## *A-Z Bobbin Index*

Acorns	Cocktail	Jack and the Beanstalk	Roses
Alpine	Corsage	Jamboree	Roundabout
Apples	Cottage Garden	Jingle Twist	Round and Round the Garden
Arabesque	Daffodils	Juggler	Row, Row
Aster	Dahlia	King's Lattice	Serenade
Autumn	Daisy Chain	Kite	Single Fluted Spiral
Baby Bobbin (Pink)	Daisy Rings	Laburnum Walk	Skipping
Baby Bobbin (Blue)	Daisy Sash	Lace Jingle	Snowman
Ballerina	Daisy Star	Lace Twist	Snowwoman
Barber's Pole	Daisy Twist	Lacy Edged	Special Anniversary Bobbin
Bats in the Belfry	Design No. 1 Inscribed	Lanterns	Spires
Balloons	Design No. 2 Inscribed	Latin Inscribed	Spray of Carnations
Beaded	Design No. 3 Inscribed	Lighthouse	Spray of Lavender
Bellflower Spiral	Diamonds	Little Miss Muffet	Spray of Lilies
Bellflower	Double Fluted Spiral	Lotus	Spray of Roses
Black-Eyed Susan	Double Hollow Spiral	Lupins	Spring Garden
Blue Bands	Fantasia	Marigolds	Spring Showers
Blue Daisies	Festival	Maypole	Spring
Blue Daisy Jingle	Filigree	Mixed Spray	Star Sash
Blue Fancy	Floral Drift	Mother 'n' Babe with Bellflowers	Star
Blue Lattice	Floribunda	Mother 'n' Babe with Daisies	Straight Chain
Blue Pierced Beads	Flower Column	Mother 'n' Babe with Floral Ring	Strawberries
Blue Strand	Flower Jingle	Mr Bobbin	Stripy Sam
Blue Striped Jingle	Flower Lattice	Mrs Bobbin	Summer
Bobbin-in-a-Box	Flower Spiral	Music Notes	Sunflowers
Bobbin-in-a-Whirl	Flowers and Beads	One Jingle Floral Band	Sunshine
Border	Fluted Flower Column	Pageant	Sweet Pea Column
Bouquet	Fluted Lace Column	Panel of Flowers	Sweet Pea Blue
Bows	Forget-me-Not	Panel of Fruit	Sweet Pea Pink
Braid	Four Jingle Floral Band	Pansies	Sweet Pea Red
Brambleberries	Foxgloves	Pattern No. 1	Sweet Pea Violet
Bulrushes	Friendship	Pears	Symphony
Butterflies (Blue)	Frieze	Pied Piper	Tapestry
Butterflies (Yellow)	Fuchsia	Pierced Lattice	Test Your Strength
Carved Oak leaves	Garden Gate	Pierced Petals	Three Blind Mice
Carved Ruffle	Garland	Pillar	Three Jingle Floral Band
Chequered Charlie	Good Day/Bad Day	Pineapples	Tulips
Chequers Blue	Grapes	Pink Fancy	Tulip Border
Chequers Red	Grecian Swirl	Pink Magic	Tulip Drift
Cherries	Green Bobbin	Pink Twist	Turn-a-Round
Chevrons Blue	Halloween Pumpkins	Pitter Patter Pink	Twins
Chevrons Pink	Happy Birthday Inscribed	Pitter Patter Blue	Twirl
Child's Play Spring	Happy Pansies	Polka Dot Pierre	Twist
Child's Play Summer	Harebells	Polka Dots	Two Jingle Floral Band
Child's Play Autumn	Harmony	Poppies	Umbrellas
Child's Play Winter	Hatted Harry	Posy	Vase
China Blue	Hearts Entangled	Pot Pourri	Violets
Choir Boy (Blonde)	Hickory Dickory Dock	Pussycat, Pussycat	Wedding Anniversary Inscribed
Choir Boy (Brown)	Honeysuckle	Rainbow	Winter
Choir Boy (Red-Head)	Holly Berries	Rapunzel	Wisteria Column
Christmas Cracker	Humpty Dumpty	Red Flower Cascade	
Christmas Tree	Incy Wincy Spider	Red Striped Jingle	
Clematis	Initialled bobbins A to Z	Ribbons	
Clematis Column	Iris	Rose Column	
Climbing Rose	Jack & Jill	Roses Entwined	



Frieze

Brambleberries

Bows

Jamboree

Corsage

Rainbow

Barber's Pole

Pierced Lattice

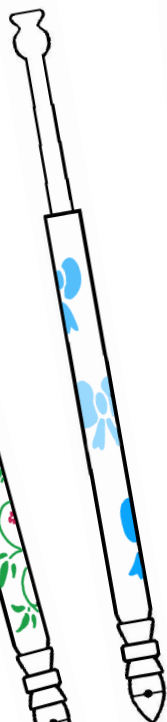
Red Flower Cascade



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£19.50



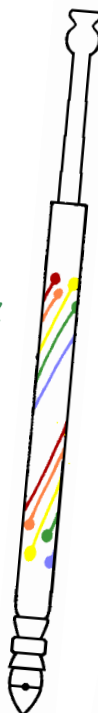
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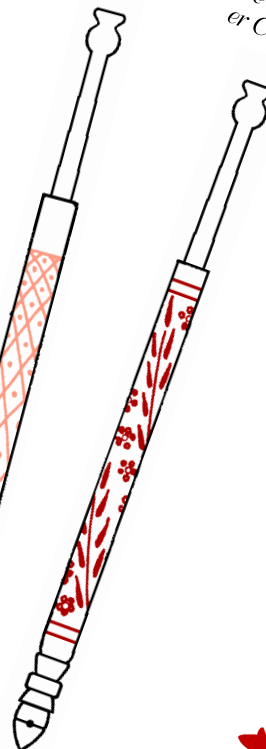
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Blue Pierced Beads

Daisy Star

Roundabout

Music Notes

Serenade

Umbrellas

Bobbin-in-a-Whirl

Arabesque



£16.95



£13.40



£14.95



£14.55



£14.10



£15.25

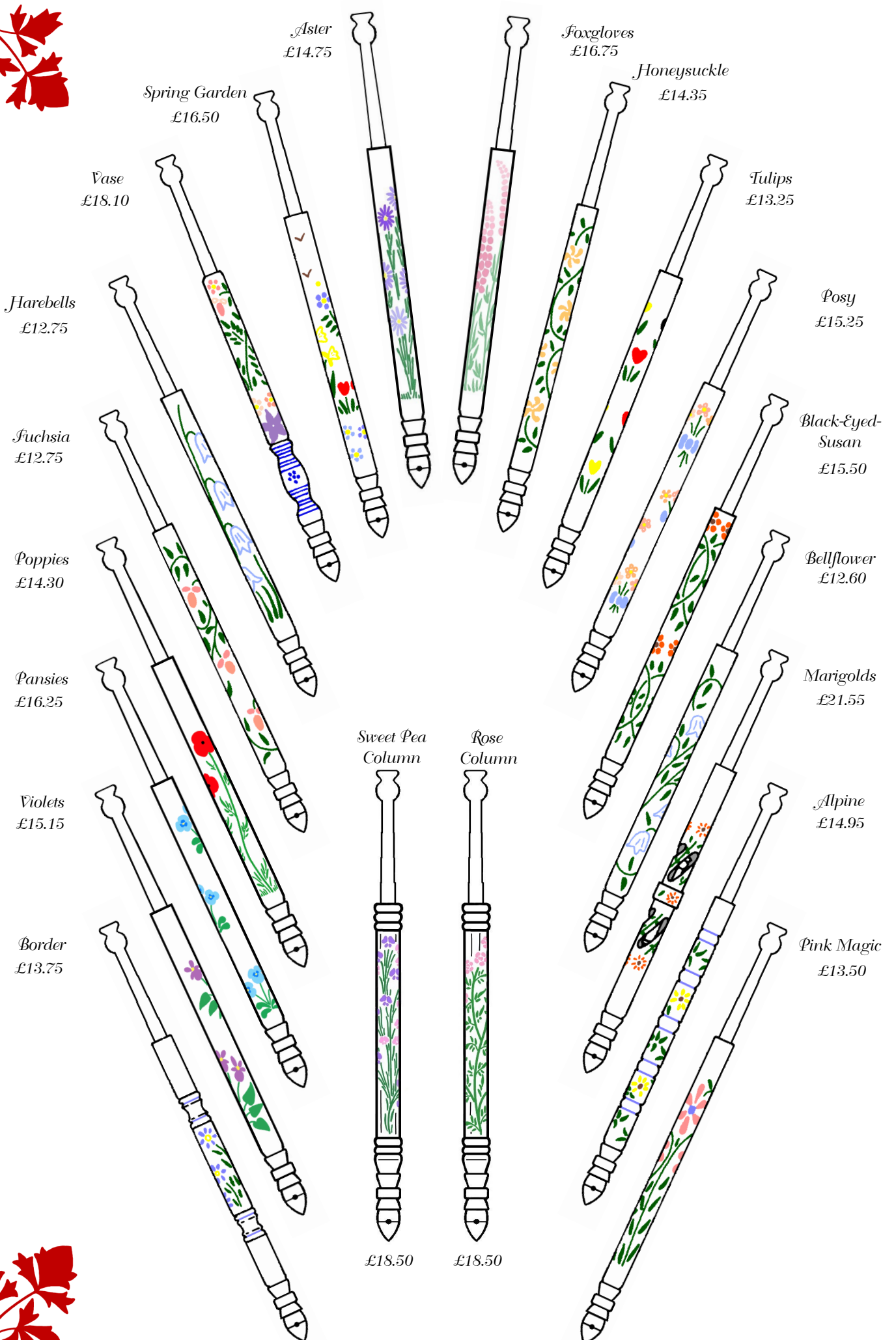


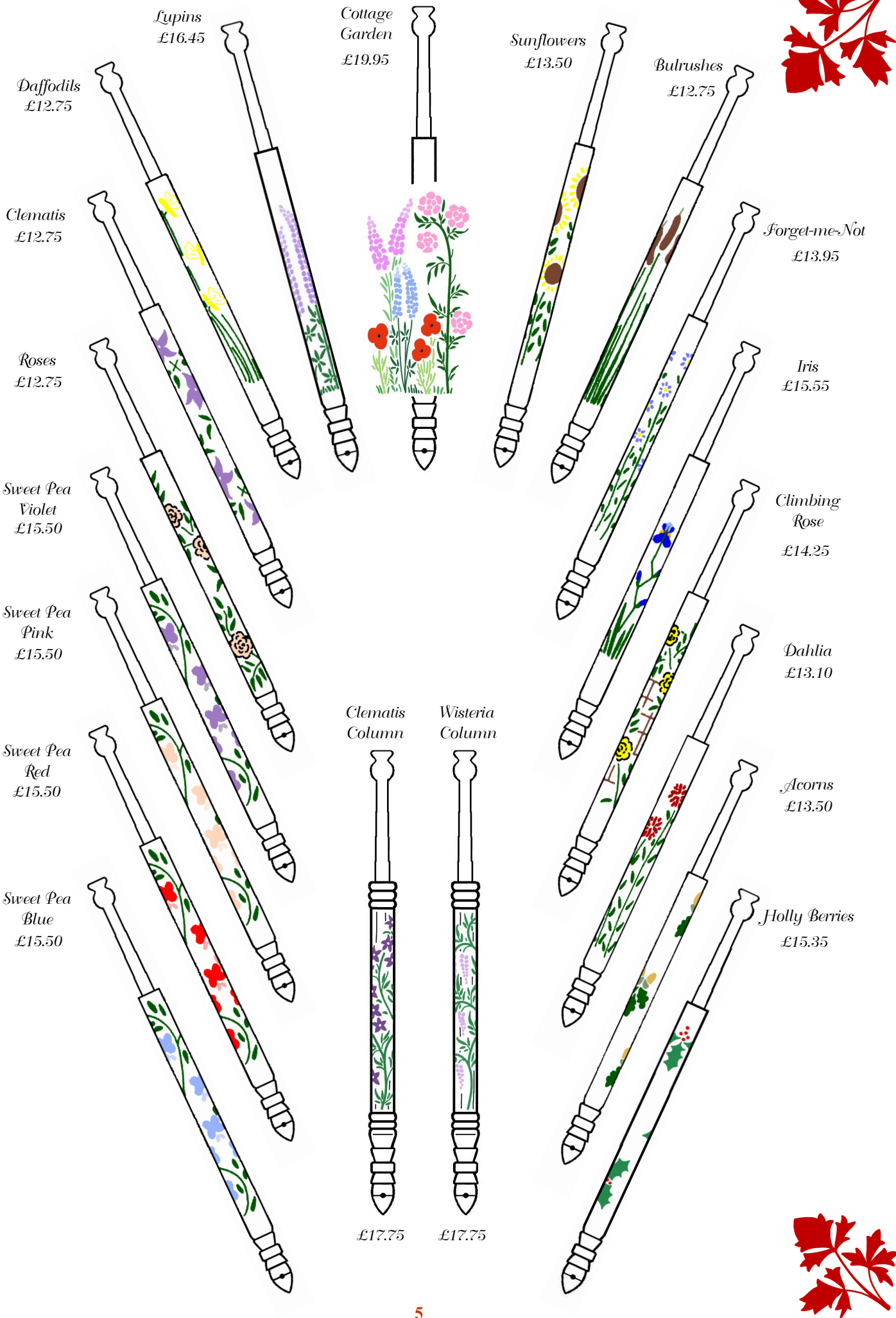
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£14.10











*Tulip Border*  
£19.25

*Daisy Chain*  
£17.10

*Bell Flower Spiral*  
£13.10

*Blue Fancy*  
£14.50

*Pink Fancy*  
£14.50

*Spires*  
£13.50

*Pink Twist*  
£17.75

*Filigree*  
£17.50

*Floral Drift*  
£17.95

*Green Bobbin*  
£18.75

*Blue Bands*  
£15.60

*Bouquet*  
£21.95

*Star*  
£17.30

*Lanterns*  
£27.30

*Cocktail*  
£13.95

*Roses Entwined*  
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*Lotus*  
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*Red or Blue Chequers*  
(please state)  
£13.80

*Butterflies*  
Yellow Blue

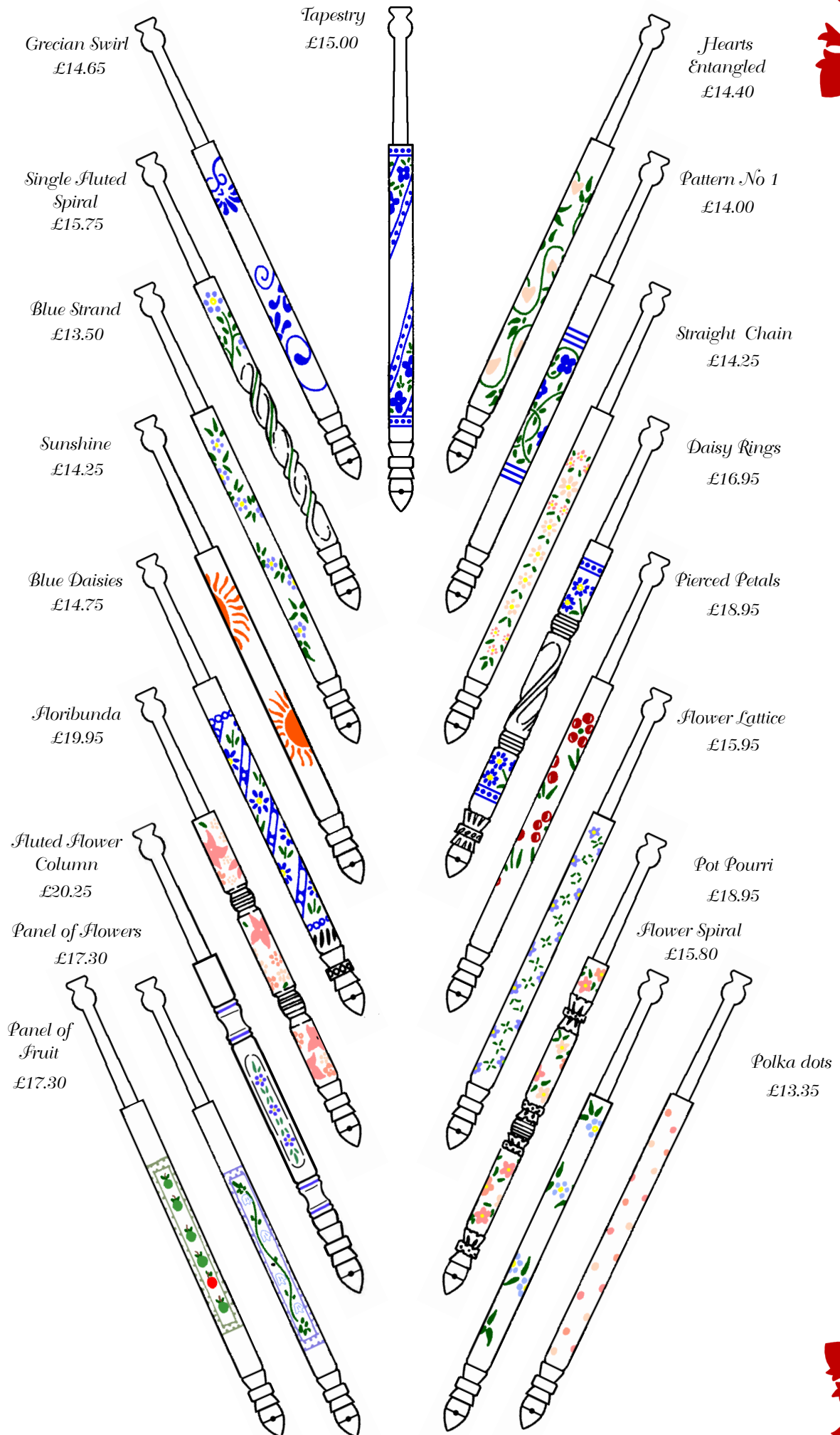


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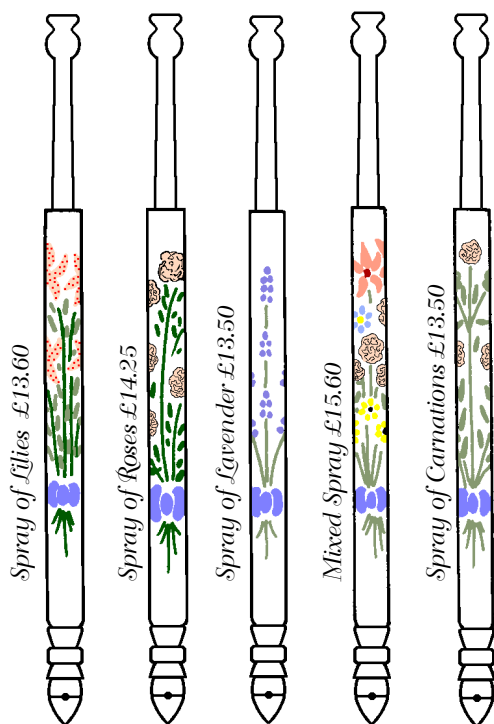


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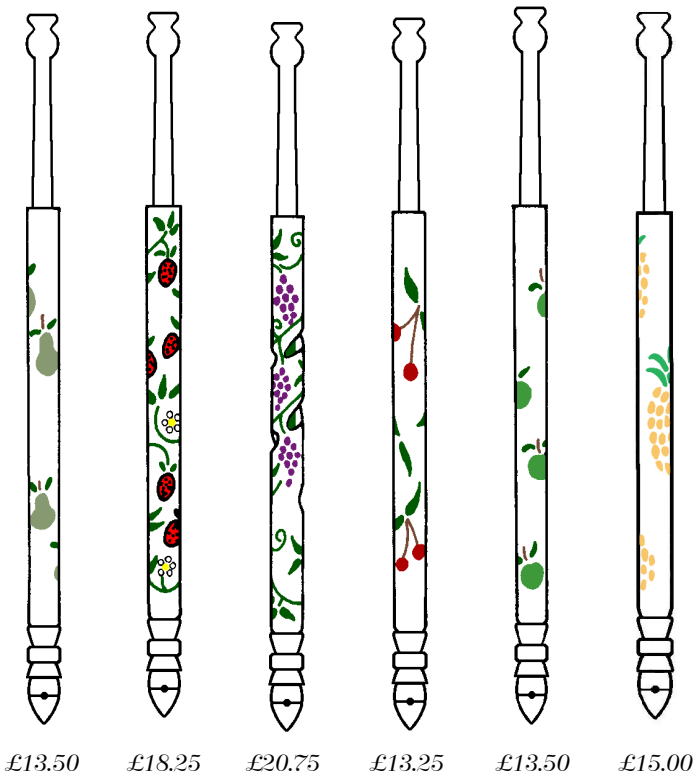
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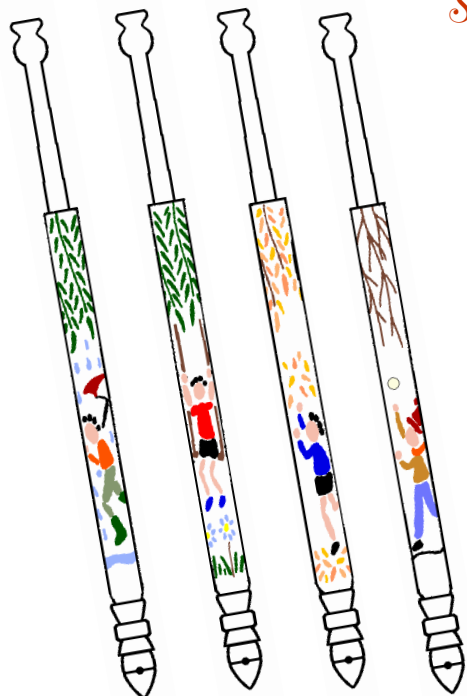
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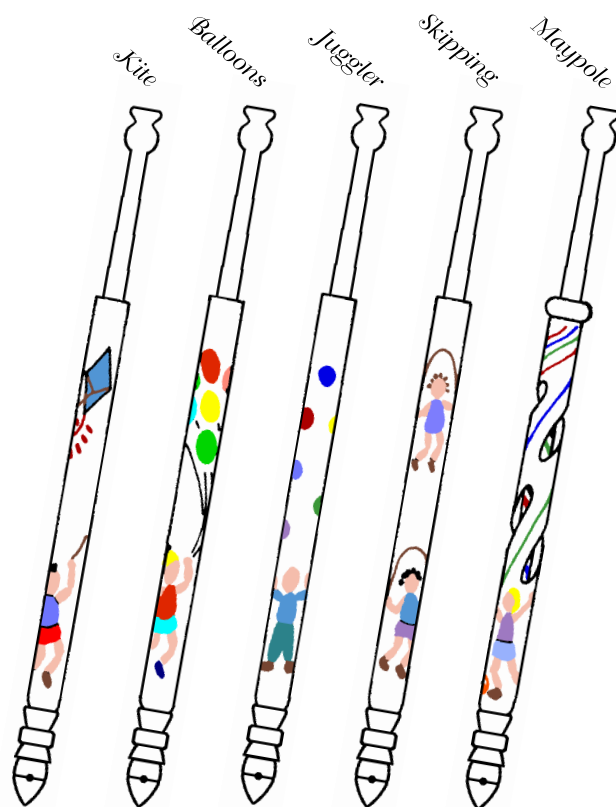
Pears Strawberries Grapes Cherries Apples Pineapples



Spring Summer Autumn Winter **Child's Play Seasons**



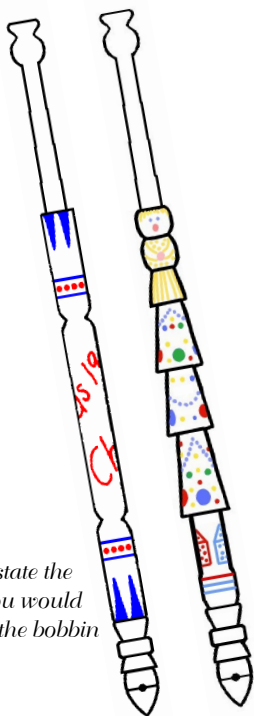
**Child's Play**





Christmas  
Cracker

Christmas  
Tree



Please state the  
year you would  
like on the bobbin

£17.75

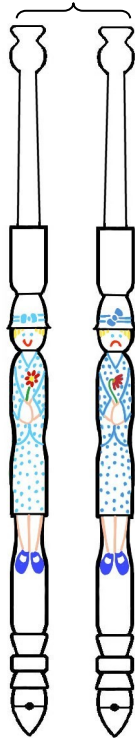
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Ballerina



£24.95

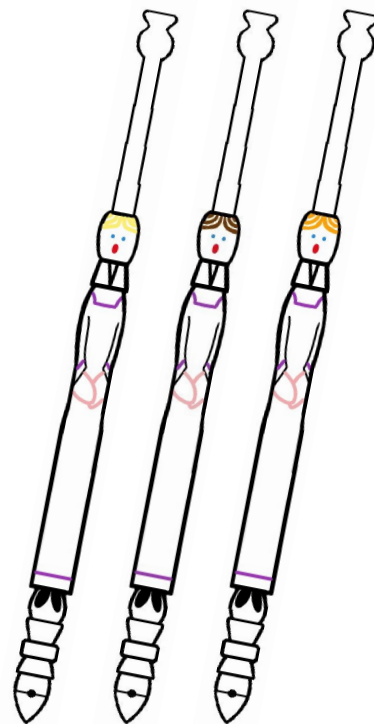
Good Day /Bad Day



£28.50

This is one bobbin -  
with a different figure  
depicted on each side

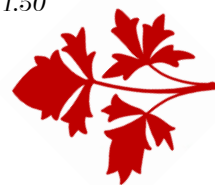
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Blonde  
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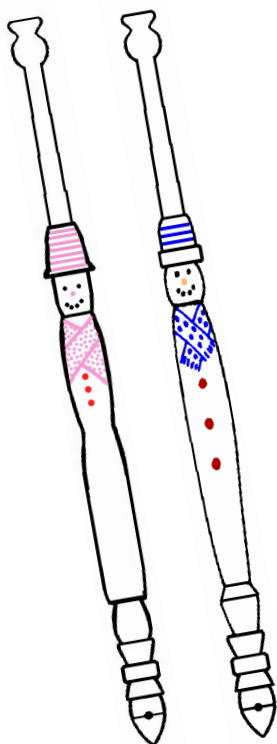
Brown  
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Red-Head  
£21.50



Snowwoman

Snowman



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Halloween  
Pumpkins

Bats-in-  
The-Belfry

Lighthouse

Test Your  
Strength



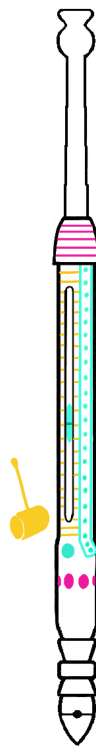
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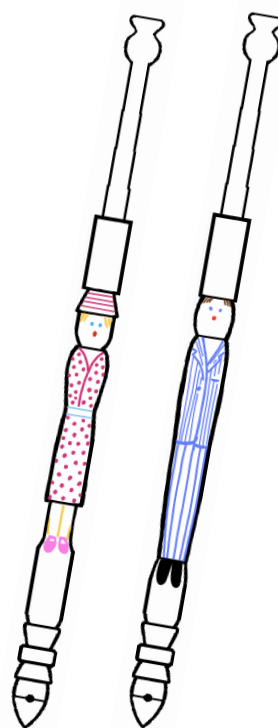
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£21.95

Mrs  
Bobbin

Mr  
Bobbin



£23.95

£23.95



*Flower Column*  
£22.80

*Festival*  
£23.95

*The Garden Gate*  
£29.95

*China Blue*  
£23.95

*Laburnum Walk*  
£21.95

*Ribbons*  
£22.75

*Symphony*  
£23.50

*Friendship*  
£23.95

*Flowers & Beads*  
£22.75

*Spring Showers*  
£19.95

*Blue Lattice*  
£22.95

*Daisy Twist*  
£19.50

*Pageant*  
£22.75

*Harmony*  
£21.25

*Fantasia*  
£20.50

*Happy Pansies*  
£20.95

*Tulip Drift*  
£20.25

*King's Lattice*

£33.00





### Pussy cat, Pussy cat

*Pussy cat, Pussy cat where have you been,  
I've been to London to visit the Queen.  
Pussy cat, Pussy cat what did you there,  
I frightened a mouse from under her chair.*



### Round and Round the Garden

*This bobbin has a collar with windows  
depicting a teddy bear that rotates around a  
central column decorated with flowers.*

*Round and Round the garden like a teddy bear,  
One step two step tickly under there.*



### Incy Wincy Spider

*Incy Wincy spider climbed up  
the spout,  
Down came the rain and  
washed poor Incy out.  
Out came the sun and dried  
up all the rain,  
Now Incy Wincy spider  
climbed up the spout again.*



### Jack & Jill

*Jack and Jill went up the hill  
to fetch a pail of water,  
Jack fell down and broke his crown  
And Jill came tumbling after.  
Up got Jack, and home did trot  
As fast as he could caper,  
He went to bed and bound his  
head*



*With vinegar and*

### Little Miss Muffet

*Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet  
Eating her curds and whey,  
Along came a spider,  
Who sat down beside her,  
And frightened Miss Muffet away.*



### Jack & the Beanstalk



£34.25

### Rapunzel



£33.95

### Pied Piper



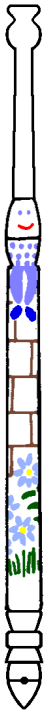
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### Three Blind Mice

*Three blind mice, 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,  
Did you ever see such a thing in your life,  
As three blind mice.*

£24.25



£19.95

### Humpty Dumpty

*Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the King's horses, And all the King's men,  
Couldn't put Humpty together again.*



£35.75

38.00

£24.25

£22.95

£30.35

### Row, Row

*Row, row, row your boat,  
Gently down the stream.  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,  
Life is but a dream.*

£28.25



## Nursery Rhymes & Fairy Tales



# Jingle Bobbins

One Jingle Floral Band



£15.60

Two Jingle Floral Band



£16.75

Three Jingle Floral Band



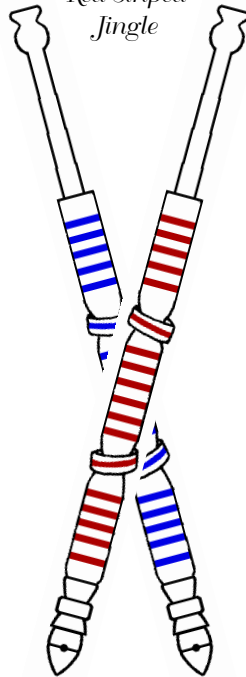
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Four Jingle Floral Band



£20.25

Blue or Red Striped Jingle



£18.10

Jingle Twist



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Blue Daisy Jingle



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Lace Jingle



£17.10



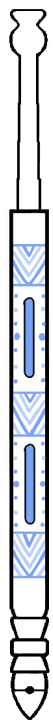
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Chevrons  
Blue or Pink

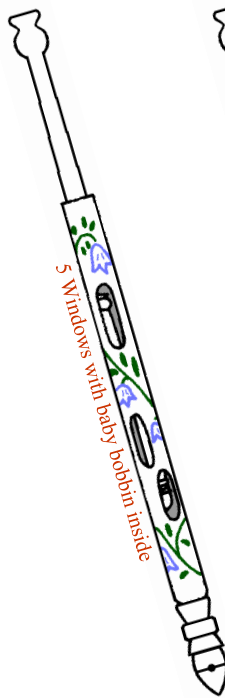


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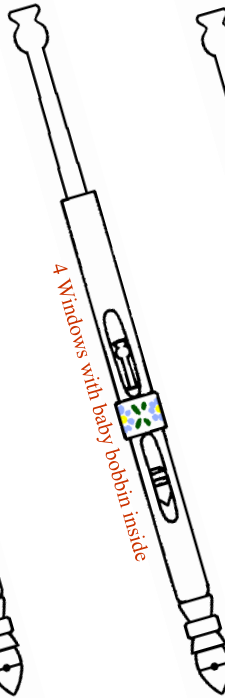
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Mother 'n' Babe  
with Bellflowers



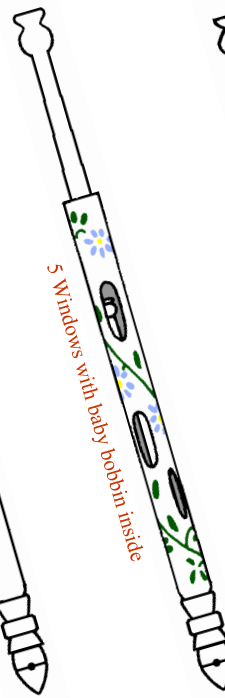
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Mother 'n' Babe  
with Floral Ring



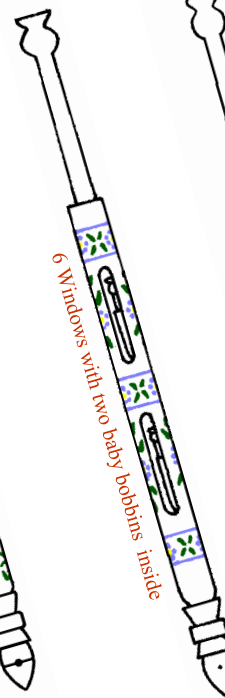
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Mother 'n' Babe  
with Daisies



£21.95

Twins



£29.25

Bobbin in a Box  
£41.50

Threaded bone tail with removable decorated baby bobbin inside



## Unpainted bobbins

Carved Oak Leaves



£22.75

Pillar



£29.95

Fluted Face Column



£20.75

Face Twist



£20.40

Braid



£18.10

Garland



£18.50

Twirl



£13.75

Twist



£13.75

Double Hollow Spiral



£18.10

Double Fluted Spiral



£18.10

Lacy Edged



£19.95

Diamonds



£16.90

Carved Ruffle



£22.95

Beaded



£11.90

Turn-a-Round



£13.95

## Four Seasons

Spring: Bees between stems  
Summer: Harvest mouse and nest  
Autumn: Apple trees and apples  
Winter: Snowdrops and snow

Spring



£17.60

Summer



£17.60

Autumn



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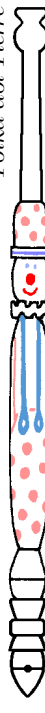
Winter



£17.60

## Clowns

Polka dot Pierre



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Chequered Charlie



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Stripy Sam



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Flatted Harry

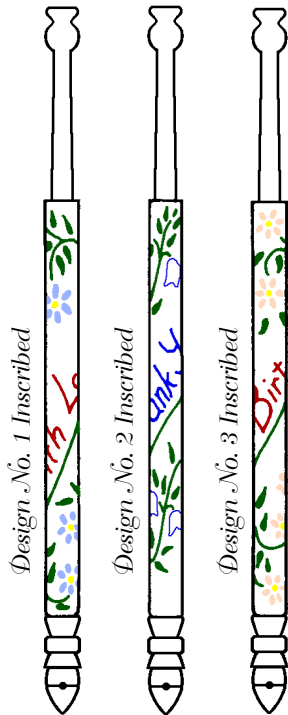


£21.75



## Inscribed Bobbins

Below we have illustrated a selection of the most commonly requested inscribed designs to give you an idea of the designs that are available and their prices. If you would like to order any of the bobbins illustrated just enter the bobbin name onto an order form as you would normally but please be sure to add the text you would like and write it clearly in block capital letters.



Design No. 1 Inscribed - Blue Daisies  
Design No. 2 Inscribed - Bellflowers  
Design No. 3 Inscribed - Pink Daisies

These three designs are available with an inscription of your choice. Select the design you would like and clearly write your inscription on your order form in capital letters. Most simple inscriptions of two words can be made to fit e.g. "Thank You", "With Love", "Happy Birthday" (as illustrated) as can long single word inscriptions such as "Congratulations". If you are in any doubt please contact us first.

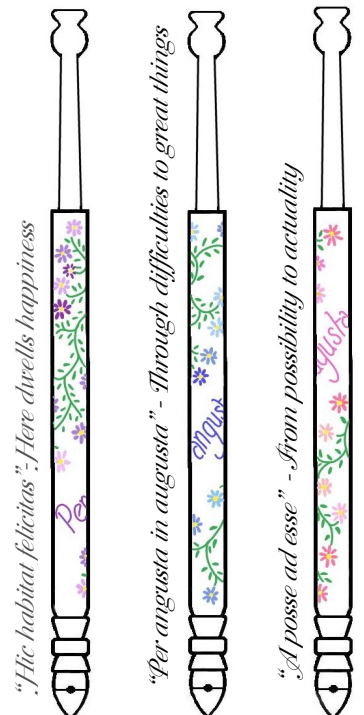


£16.95 £16.95 £16.95

### Latin Inscriptions

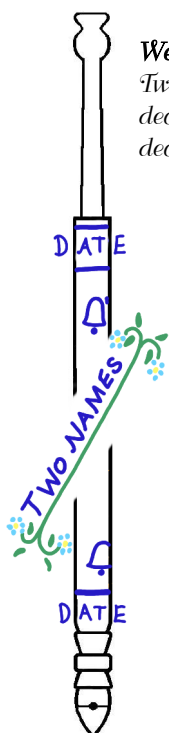
Please feel free to mix and match the different inscriptions and colours.

You can also use any of these floral designs for an inscription of your own.



£18.75 £18.75 £18.75

Wedding Anniversary  
Inscribed



**Wedding Anniversary Inscribed**  
Two first names and two dates – decorated with bells and floral decoration.

£19.50

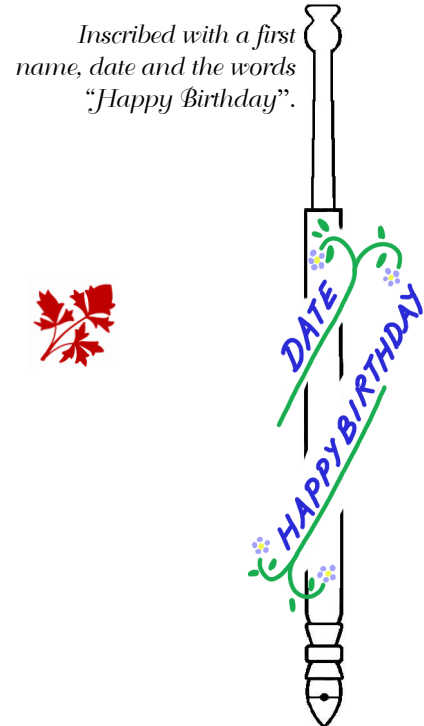
Special Anniversary  
Bobbin



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

£21.75

Happy Birthday

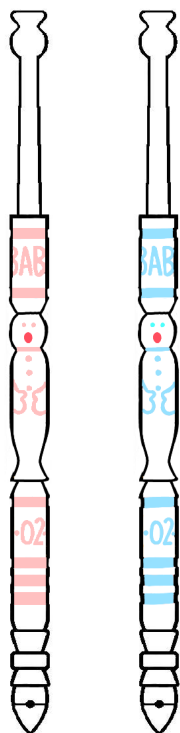


Inscribed with a first name, date and the words "Happy Birthday".

£17.50

### **Baby Bobbins - Pink or Blue**

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

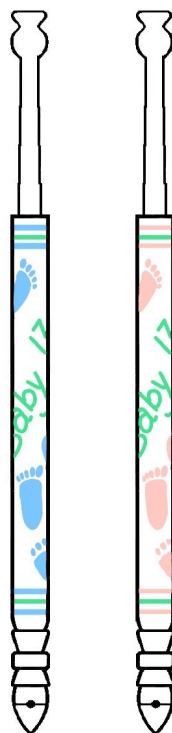


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### **Pitter Patter Bobbins - Pink or Blue**

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

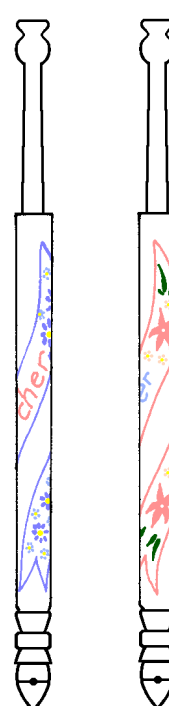


£18.10

£18.10

### **Daisy Sash and Star Sash**

Inscription of your choice. Up to 10  
letters including spaces.



£16.95

£16.95

### **Initialed Bobbins**

Any initial from  
A to Z in the  
style illustrated.

£14.95 each



to



### **Lace Groups and Organisations**

We are often asked to make a larger order of the same bespoke design to commemorate the anniversaries of lace groups and organisations. If your lace group or organisation would like to order a special bobbin to commemorate an anniversary or a special occasion please contact us with an idea of the details that you might like on the bobbin and a rough idea of the number of bobbins you might require. We will then be happy to discuss your requirements and give you a price. We are also happy to undertake logos and emblems but the success of these depends on whether the design will lend itself well to the engraving process.

If you're in any doubt about what ideas might be possible or how much space is available for inscriptions etc, please contact us.

If you have a particular date for which you require your bobbins to be ready, then the sooner you can contact us with your requirements the more likely it is that we can have it ready for you in good time for the special date. Please bear in mind that at present we have a waiting list of approximately six months.

**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 bespoke designs and discuss prices.



# *How to Place an Order*

## **Placing an Order and Making Payment**

**by phone:** just ring with a list of the bobbins you would like and you can either mail us a cheque or pay over the phone with your credit card.

**by mail:** fill out the enclosed order form and return it to us enclosing a Pounds Sterling cheque or fill in the credit card detail section.

**by fax:** fill out the enclosed form ensuring that the credit card payment details have been Completed and fax it to us on **01449 736462**.

**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.

## **Payment Types**

We accept MasterCard or Visa credit cards or cheques in Pounds Sterling.

## **Waiting Time**

**Important:** We endeavour to complete all orders just as soon as possible. However with the workload changing from month to month it is very difficult to anticipate an accurate waiting time. The current waiting time is between three and six months.

## **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 but now you can also download order forms and this catalogue from our website at:

**[www.ararcher.com](http://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 21 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 01449 736564 between 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday or fax on 01449 736462. 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 designed for people who would like to start or expand their own collection of Archer bobbins but would prefer to spread the cost at a level of their choice. It is also a convenient way for existing customers to increase their collection with regular deliveries of bobbins throughout the year.

All that's required is a minimum order of twelve bobbins. You may distribute your bobbins in any way you wish, two one month and one the next for example. With postage and packing free on all UK orders and a reduced rate for overseas customers, membership of the Bobbin-a-Month Club is a cost-effective way to build your bobbin collection.

Every month when we send 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. We accept MasterCard and Visa.

## **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.

**To join the Bobbin-a-Month club** please fill in the enclosed order form and send it to us either:

**by mail:** return it to us enclosing a pounds sterling cheque or fill in the credit card details for your first month's bobbin(s) – see below for post & packing details.

**by fax:** fill out the form ensuring that the credit card details are completed for your first month's bobbin(s) – see below for post & packing details

**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 sending your credit card details to us.

**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.

## **Bobbin-a-Month Club Postage & Packing:**

For UK Bobbin-a-Month Club orders postage and packing is FREE

For overseas orders a charge of only £2.00 will be made as opposed to the standard charge of £3.60

## **Order Forms**

We are always happy to send out additional order forms or catalogues but now you can also download order forms and this catalogue from our website at:

**[www.ararcher.com](http://www.ararcher.com)**



## *About A R Archer Ltd*



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 to this day the waiting list has remained a necessary evil. It was 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 on my own albeit with a helping hand from my wife Vicky who keeps on top of the administration for me. Over the past 16 years I am proud to say that I have increased the range from some 70 bobbins when I took on the business to over 200 designs in this catalogue. I like to think that I do justice to the much respected work of my father and follow in his tradition of combining quality with innovative design - not to mention the element of humour that appears in some designs of which I know he would have whole heartedly approved.

Another aspect of the business that has changed is the waiting list. A two year wait was, I felt, an unreasonable amount of time to ask people to be patient so it was with reluctance that we gave up attending lace days and used the time saved to cut the waiting list. This did have a beneficial effect but it was only with the introduction of the Bobbin-a-Month Club in the late nineties that it was brought down to the more sensible three to six months where it currently stands.

I hope this brief history of the business is of interest - over recent years I've been contacted by a growing number of people seeking to know more due to an increasing level of interest in Archer bobbins on internet auction sites. I thought therefore that this would be a good opportunity to 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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