



Catalogue of Bone Lace Bobbins



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All bobbins can now be supplied in a presentation box. Each box will hold up to a maximum of three bobbins.

The boxes are black cardboard with a black lift off lid and are filled with a white foam pad through which the bobbins are fastened by wire. A layer of white fleece covers the bobbin.

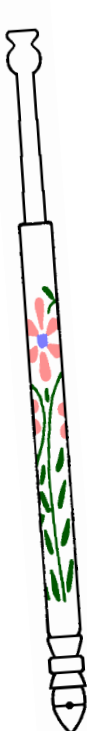
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*Fuchsia**Harebells**Poppies**Aster**Tulip Border**Foxgloves**Tulips**Alpine**Honeysuckle*

£13.25 £13.25 £14.85

£15.35 £20.75 £17.40

£13.75 £15.55 £14.95

*Violets**Brambleberries**Bellflower**Pink Magic**Pansies**Black-Eyed-Susan**Marigolds**Posy**Bell Flower Spiral*

Baby bobbin inside



£15.75 £20.25 £13.10

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Sunflowers

Clematis

Roses

Daffodils



£13.95

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Cottage
Garden



£20.75

Lupins

Climbing
Rose

Forget-
me-Not

Bulrushes

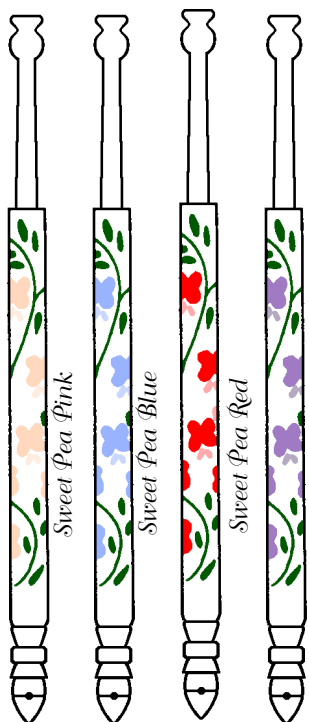


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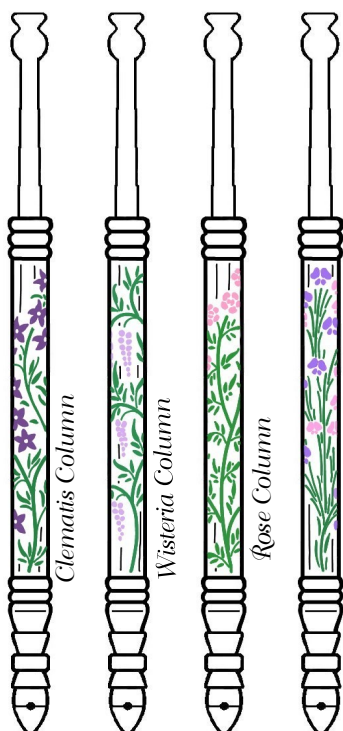


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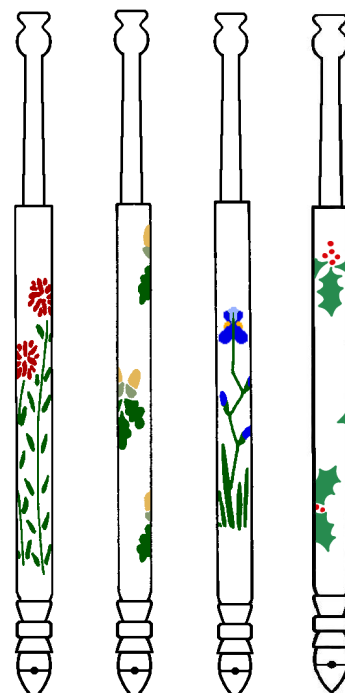
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Dahlia

Acorns

Iris

Holly
Berries



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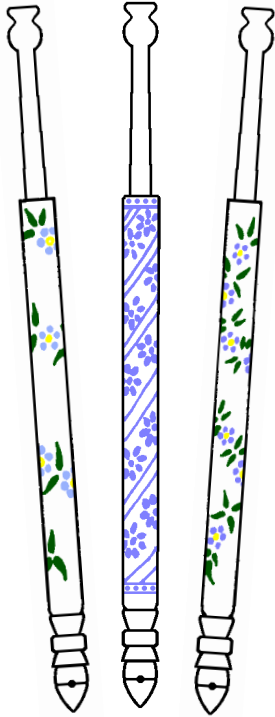




*Flower
Spiral*

Roundabout

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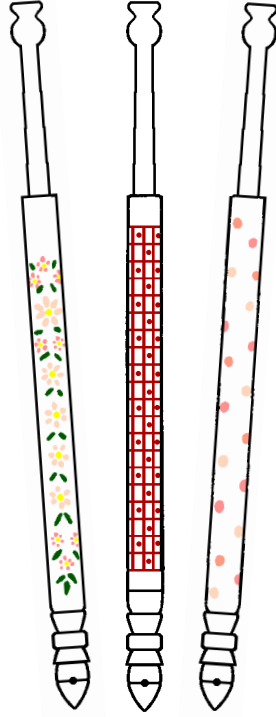


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*Straight
Chain*

*Chequers
(Red or Blue)*

*Polka
Dots*

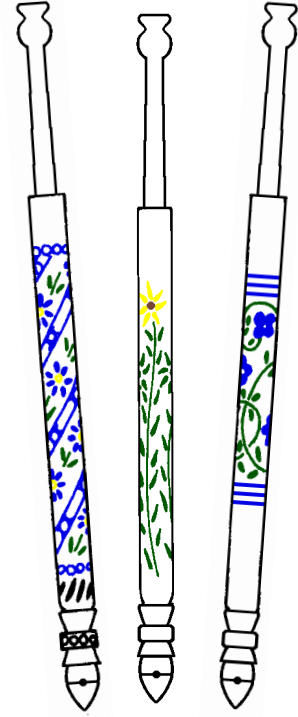


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*Blue
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*Daisy
Star*

*Pattern
Number 1*



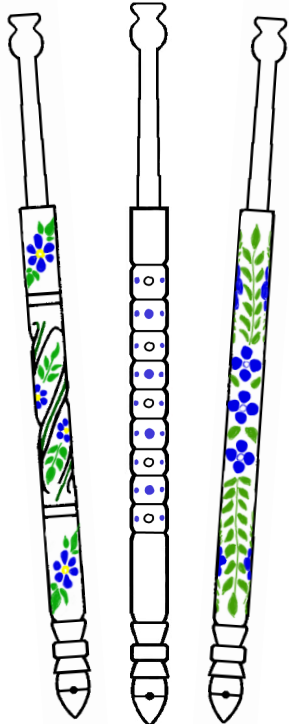
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*Floral
Drift*

*Blue Pierced
Beads*

Spires



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*Roses
Entwined*

*Red Flower
Cascade*

*Daisy
Chain*



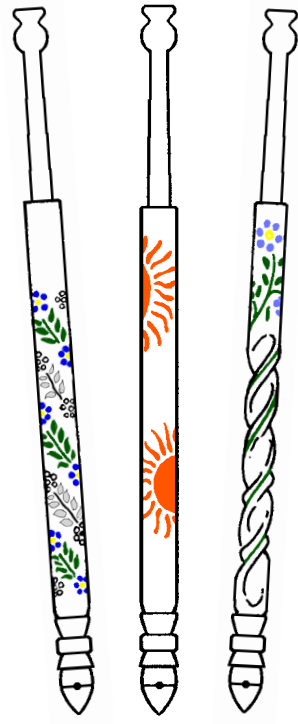
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Filigree

Sunshine

*Single Fluted
Spiral*

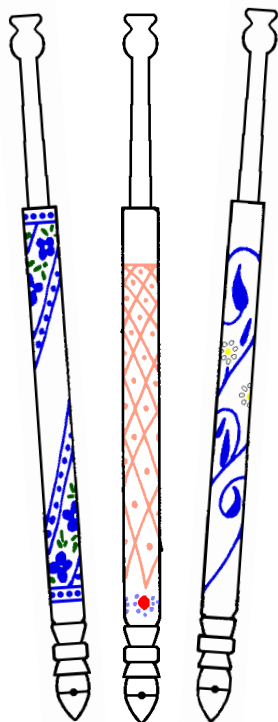


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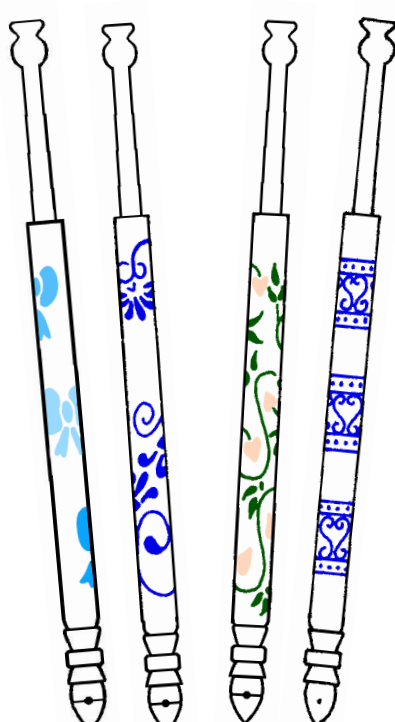
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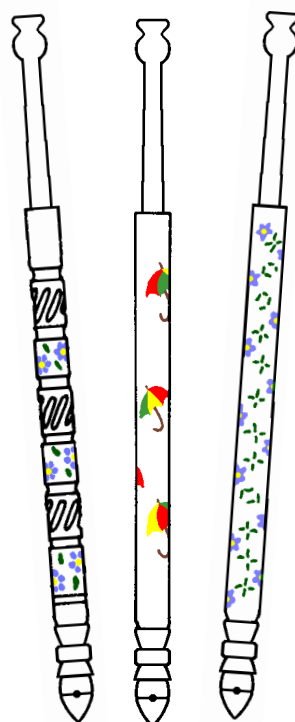
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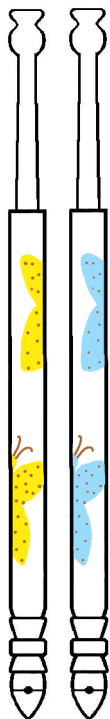
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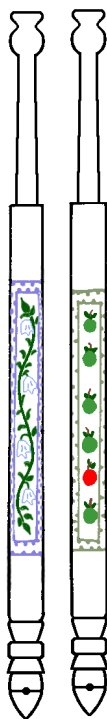


Butterflies
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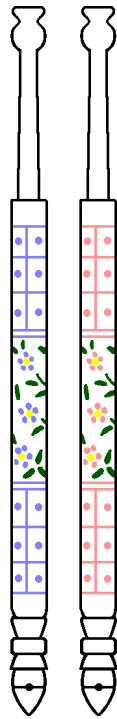
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Panel of Flowers
Panel of Fruit



£17.95 £17.95

Pink Fancy
Blue Fancy



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Corsage



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Rainbow



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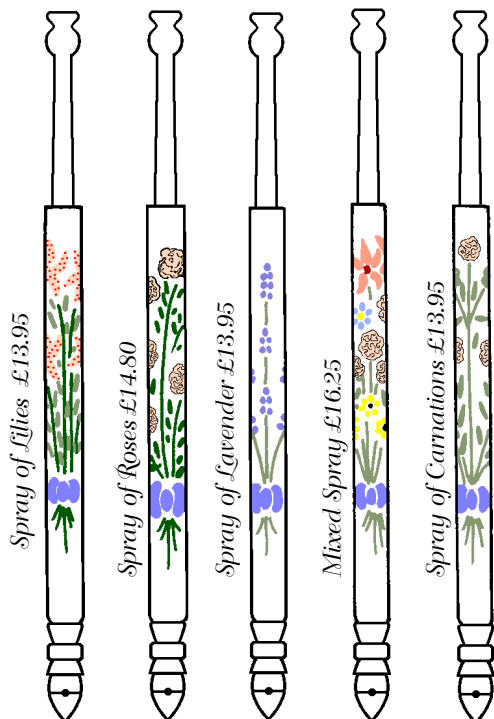
Music Notes



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Sprays



Spray of Lilies £13.95

Spray of Roses £14.80

Spray of Lavender £13.95

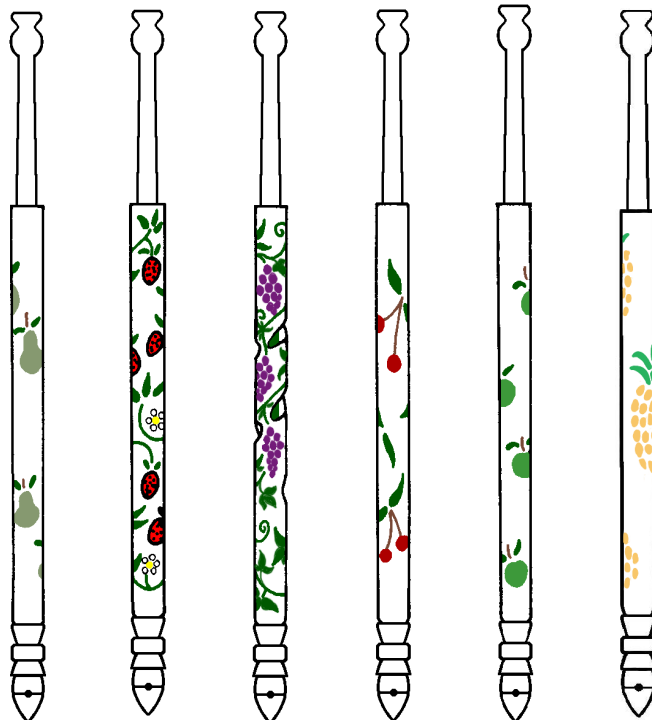
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Spray of Carnations £13.95

Fruits



Pears Strawberries Grapes Cherries Apples Pineapples



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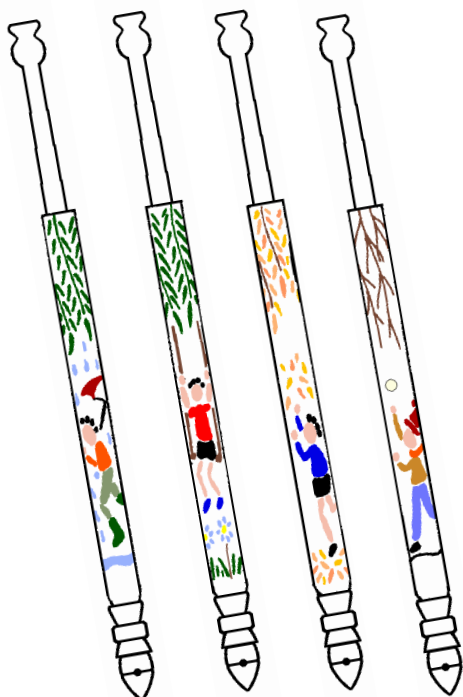
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Spring Summer Autumn Winter



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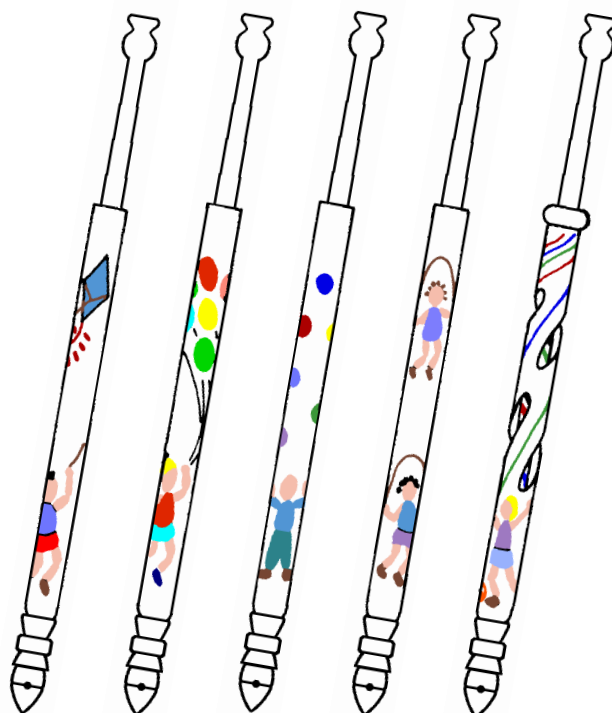
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Child's Play Seasons



Child's Play

Kite Balloons Juggler Skipping Maypole



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One Jingle Floral Band



£16.25



Two Jingle Floral Band



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Three Jingle Floral Band



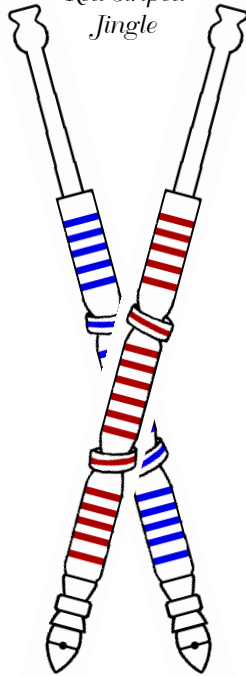
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Four Jingle Floral Band



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Blue or
Red Striped
Jingle



£18.75

Jingle Twist



£20.75

Blue Daisy Jingle



£18.95

Lace Jingle



£17.75



£24.25

Jingle Bobbins

Four Seasons



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

Spring



£18.30

Summer



£18.30

Autumn



£18.30

Winter



£18.30

Clowns



Polka dot Pierre



£22.65

Chequered Charlie



£22.65

Stripy Sam



£22.65

Hatted Harry



£22.65



Barber's Pole



£17.10

Flower Column



£23.75

Lotus



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Spring Garden



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Spring Showers



£20.75

China Blue



£24.95

Pageant



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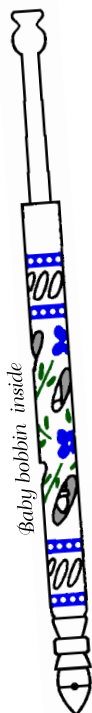
Flowers & Beads



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Friendship



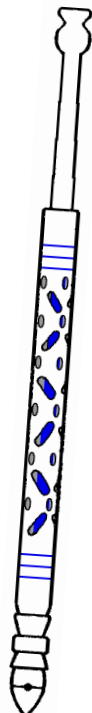
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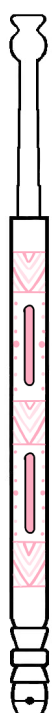
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Blue Lattice



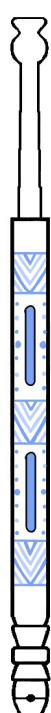
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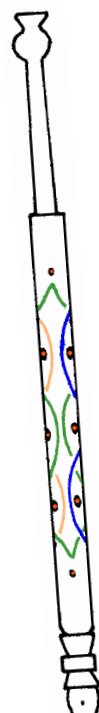
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Chevrons (Blue)



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Fantasia



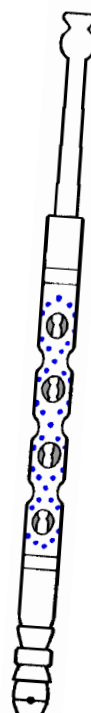
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Daisy Twist



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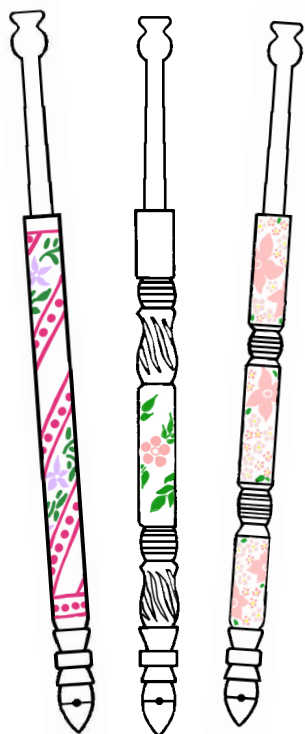
Symphony



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Frieze *Pink Twist* *Floribunda*



£16.25 £18.50 £20.75

Lanterns



£28.50

Potpourri *Pierced Petals* *Serenade*



£19.75 £19.75 £14.65

Ribbons *Green Bobbin* *Fluted Flower Column*



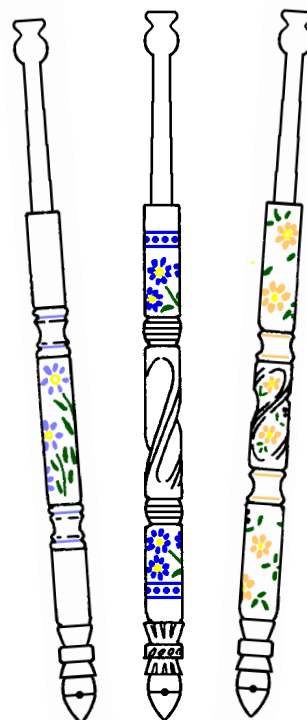
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Vase



£18.80

Border *Daisy Rings* *Jamboree*



£14.30 £17.60 £20.00



Unpainted bobbins



Pillar

£31.15



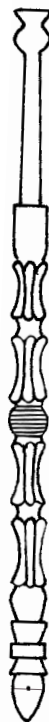
Fluted Lace Column

£21.50



Lace Twist

£21.25



Carved Ruffle

£23.85



Baby bobbin inside

£20.75

Lacey Edged



Braid

£18.85



Garland

£19.25



Twirl

£14.30



Twist

£14.30



Turn-a-Round

£14.50



Beaded

£12.35



Lace Jingle

£24.25



Diamonds

£17.60



Carved Oak Leaves

£23.65



Double Fluted Spiral












£18.80







Double Hollow Spiral

£18.80



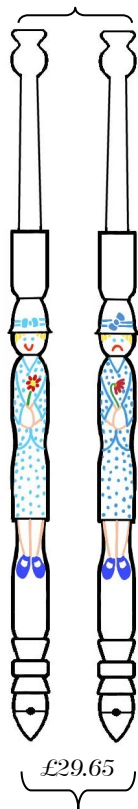
										
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£22.75	£22.75	£22.75	£21.75	£22.75	£30.50	£21.75	£24.90	£20.10	£19.25	£19.00



									
<i>Rod of sweet peas inside</i>	<i>Sweet Pea Profusion</i>	<i>Rod of lavender inside</i>	<i>Lavender Bush</i>	<i>Laburnum Walk</i>	<i>King's Lattice</i>	<i>Queen's Lattice</i>	<i>Happy Pantries</i>	<i>Tulip Drift</i>	<i>Harmony</i>
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Good Day /Bad Day



Mermaid



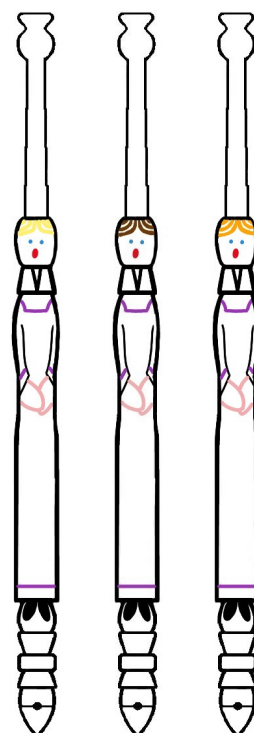
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Genie



£29.25

The Choir



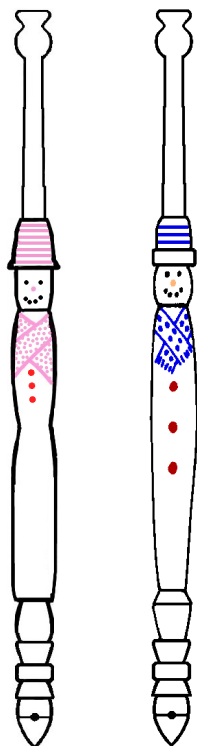
Blonde
£22.35

Brown
£22.35

Red-Head
£22.35

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

Snowwoman Snowman



£22.35

£22.35

Ballerina



£25.95

Flower Girl



£25.50

Mrs
Bobbin



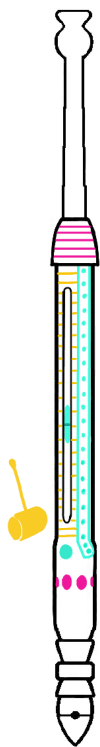
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Mr
Bobbin



£24.90

Test Your Strength



£22.80

Lighthouse



£25.95

Up, Up and Away



£33.00

Bats-in-The-Belfry



£26.95

Bobbin-in-a-Box



£43.10

Halloween Pumpkins



£21.50

Christmas Cracker



£18.50

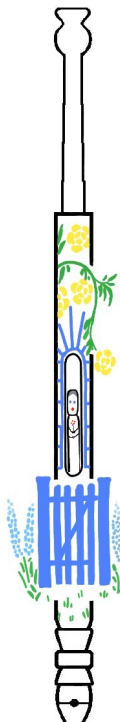
Christmas Tree



£28.95

Please state the year you would like on the bobbin

Garden Gate



£31.15

Roses Around the Door



£31.00

Two people inside looking out of the windows

Bouquet Blue



£22.85

Bouquet Pink



£22.85

Nursery Rhymes & Fairy Tales

Ring a Ring O' Roses



*Ring a ring O' roses,
A pocket full of posies.
Atishoo, Atishoo,
We all fall down.*

This bobbin has a windowed collar depicting children holding hands that rotates around the central column. Roses can be seen through the windows.

£42.00

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*

£39.50

Rub a Dub Dub

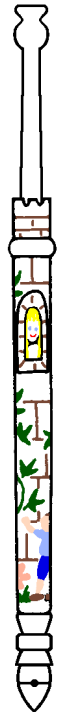


*Rub a dub dub,
Three men in a tub,
And who do you think they be?
The butcher, The baker,
The candle stick maker,
Turn them out, knaves all three.*

This is one bobbin depicting three characters.

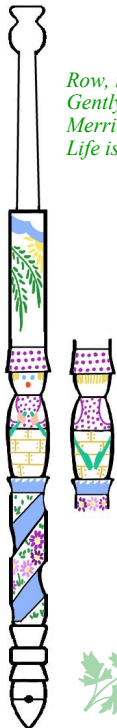
£31.50

Rapunzel



£34.95

Row, Row



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

£29.40

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.*

£25.25

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.*

£20.75



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.*



£36.95



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 brown paper.*



£23.95



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.*



£25.25



*Jack & the
Beanstalk*

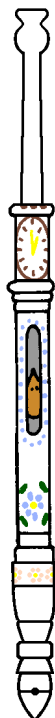


£35.50



Hickory Dickory Dock

*Hickory dickory dock,
The mouse ran up the clock.
The clock struck one,
The mouse ran down,
Hickory dickory dock*



£28.85



Little Miss Muffet

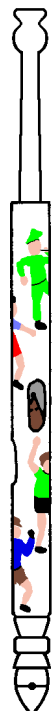
*Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet
Eating her curds and whey,
Along came a spider,
Who sat down beside her,
And frightened Miss Muffet away.*



£31.50



Pied Piper



£25.50

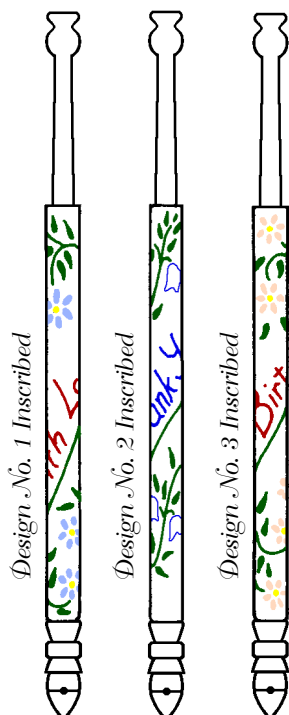




Inscribed Bobbins



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.



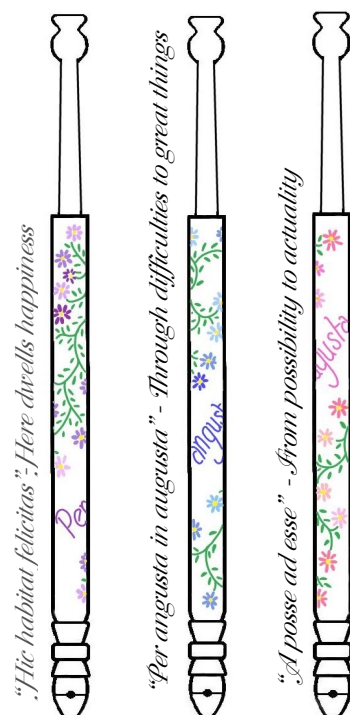
Design No. 1 Inscribed - Blue Daisies
Design No. 2 Inscribed - Bellflowers
Design No. 3 Inscribed - Pink Daisies

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.

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.



£17.60 £17.60 £17.60

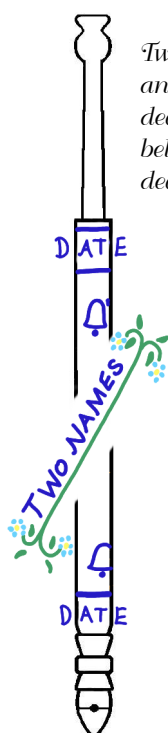
£19.50 £19.50 £19.50

Wedding Anniversary
Inscribed

Special Anniversary
Bobbin

Happy Birthday

Bride and Groom



Two first names and two dates - decorated with bells and floral decoration.

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



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



This is one bobbin with the bride on one side and the groom on the other. There is room for one date between the two gold rings at the bottom.



£20.25

£22.65

£18.20

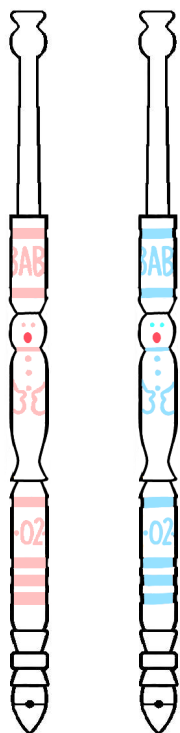
£31.50





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)



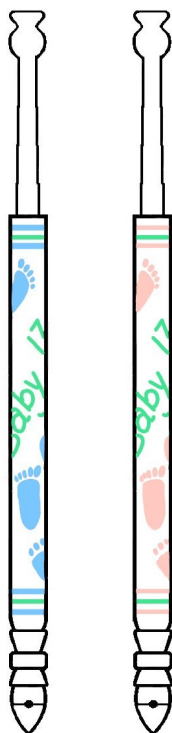
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Pitter Patter Bobbins - Pink or Blue

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



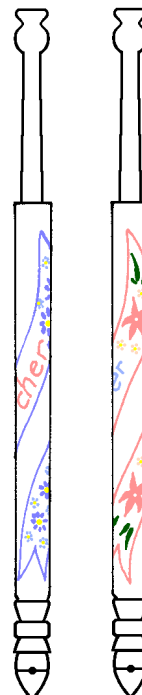
£18.80

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Daisy Sash and Star Sash

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



£17.60

£17.60

Initialed Bobbins

Any initial from
A to Z in the
style illustrated.

£15.55 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 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 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 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 both national and international orders, 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:
UK: FREE
International: FREE

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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 17 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 fun 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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