



Catalogue of Bone Lace Bobbins

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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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All designs are illustrated at actual size

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A-Z Bobbin Index

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



Frieze

Brambleberries

Bows

Jamboree

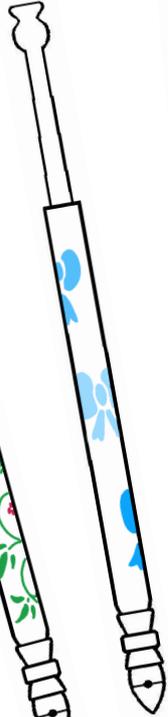
Corsage

Rainbow

Barber's Pole

Pierced Lattice

Red Flower Cascade



£15.00 £19.00 £14.20 £18.65 £15.95 £13.00 £15.90 £14.45 £13.95



Blue Pierced Beads

Daisy Star

Roundabout

Music Notes

Serenade

Umbrellas

Bobbin-in-a-Whirl

Arabesque



£16.40

£13.00

£14.45

£14.10

£13.60

£14.65

£18.75

£13.55





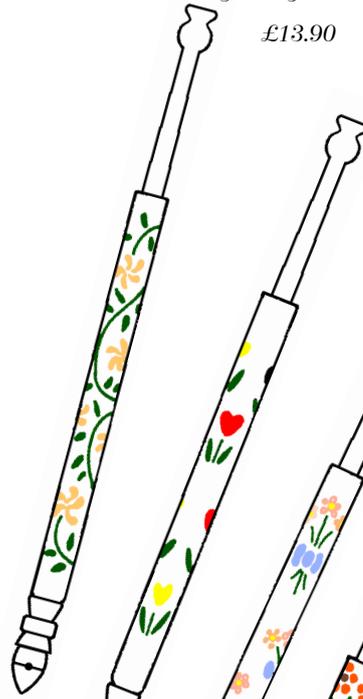
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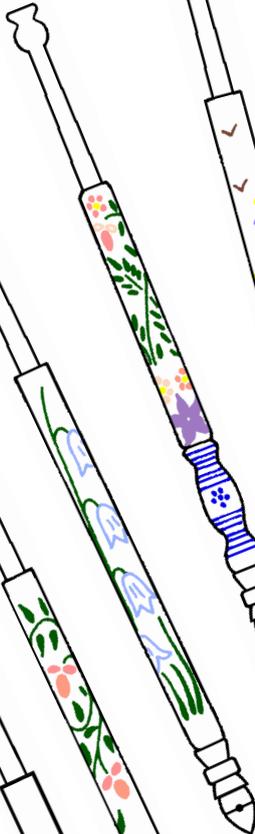
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Honeysuckle
£13.90



Vase
£17.65



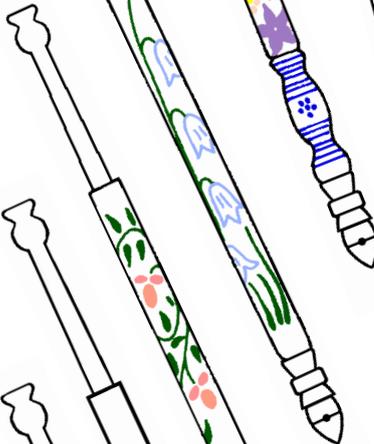
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Harebells
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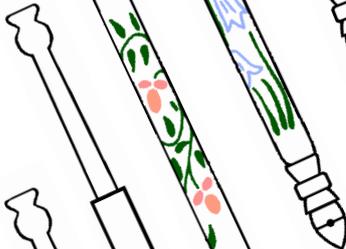
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Fuchsia
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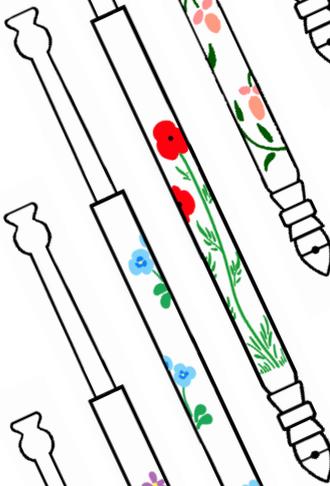
Black-Eyed-Susan
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Poppies
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Bellflower
£12.15

Pansies
£15.70



Marigolds
£20.90

Sweet Pea Column



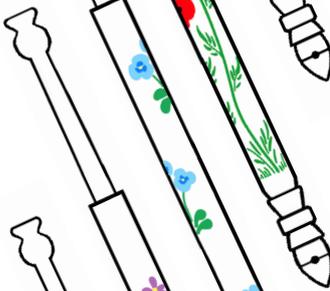
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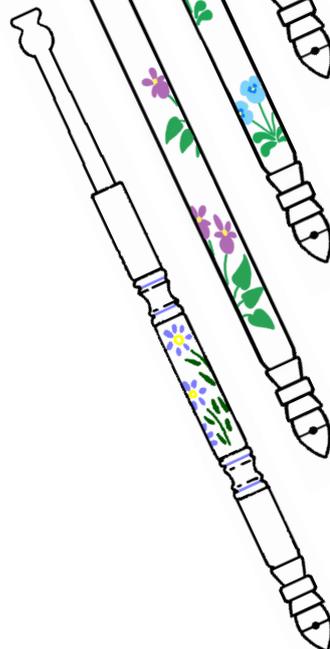
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Violets
£14.60



Alpine
£14.45

Border
£13.25



Pink Magic
£12.95





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<i>Daffodils</i> £12.15					
<i>Clematis</i> £12.15					<i>Forget-me-Not</i> £13.50
<i>Roses</i> £12.15					<i>Iris</i> £15.10
<i>Sweet Pea Violet</i> £14.95					<i>Climbing Rose</i> £13.60
<i>Sweet Pea Pink</i> £14.95					<i>Dahlia</i> £12.70
<i>Sweet Pea Red</i> £14.95		<i>Clematis Column</i>	<i>Wisteria Column</i>		<i>Acorns</i> £13.00
<i>Sweet Pea Blue</i> £14.95					<i>Holly Berries</i> £14.90
		£18.50	£18.50		





Bell Flower
Spiral
£12.55

Daisy
Chain
£16.50

Green
Bobbin
£18.10

Blue Bands
£15.00

Bouquet
£21.00

Blue Fancy
£14.00

Star
£16.85

Pink Fancy
£14.00

Lanterns
£26.50

Spires
£13.00

Cocktail
£13.40

Pink Twist
£17.10

Roses Entwined
£14.80

Filigree
£16.80

Butterflies
Yellow Blue

Lotus
£14.80

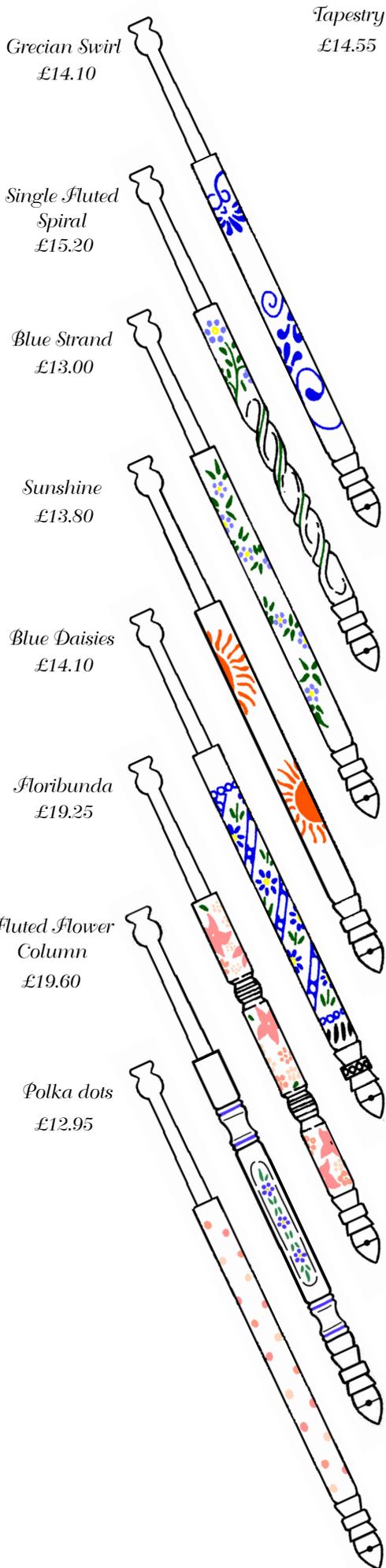
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Drift
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Red or Blue
Chequers
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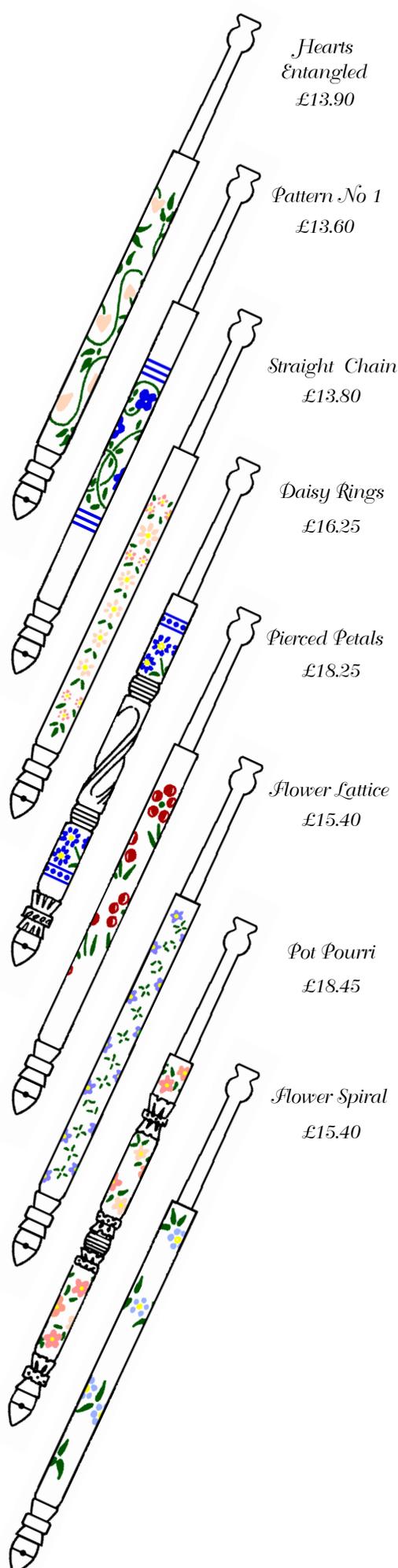
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Tapestry
£14.55



Sprays



Spray of Lilies £13.15

Spray of Roses £13.80

Spray of Lavender £13.00

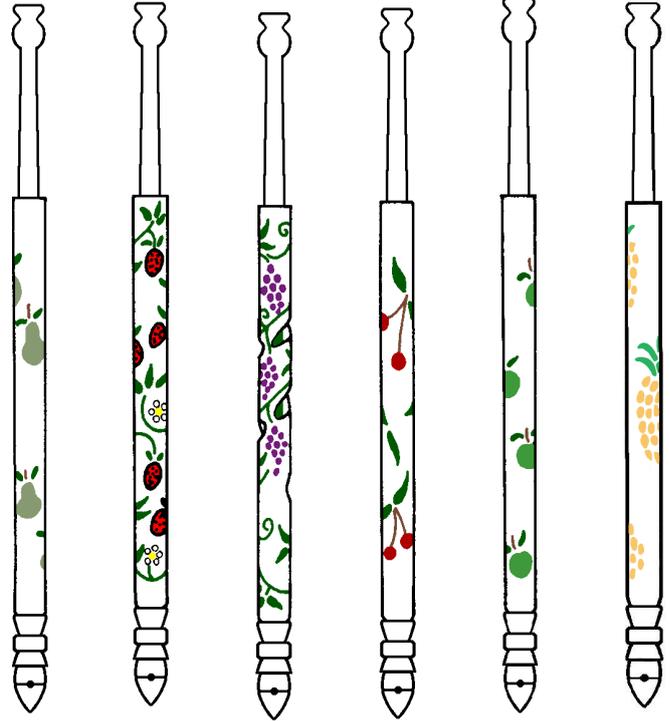
Mixed Spray £15.15

Spray of Carnations £13.00

Fruits



Pears Strawberries Grapes Cherries Apples Pineapples



£13.00

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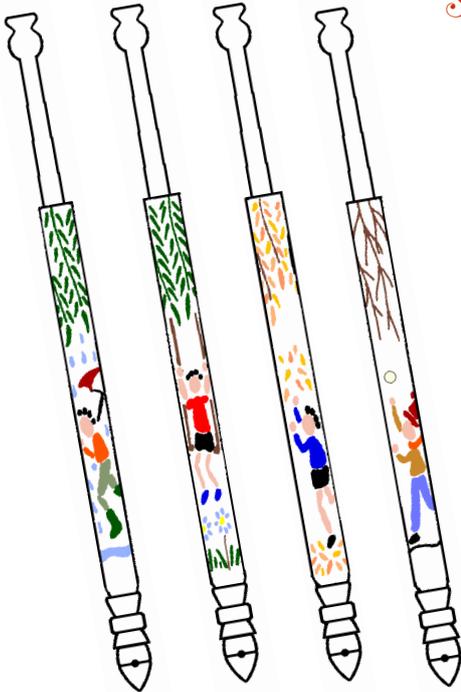
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Spring Summer Autumn Winter **Child's Play Seasons**



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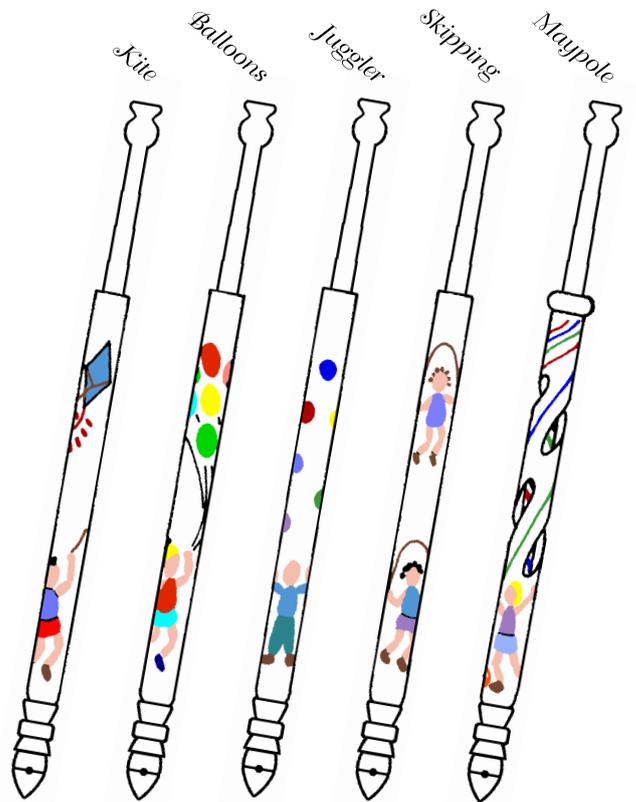
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Child's Play



£13.75

£13.60

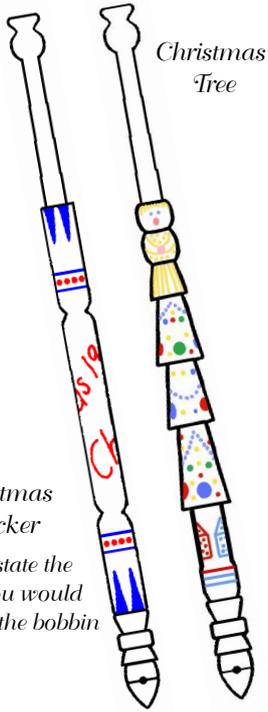
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The Choir

Snowwoman Snowman

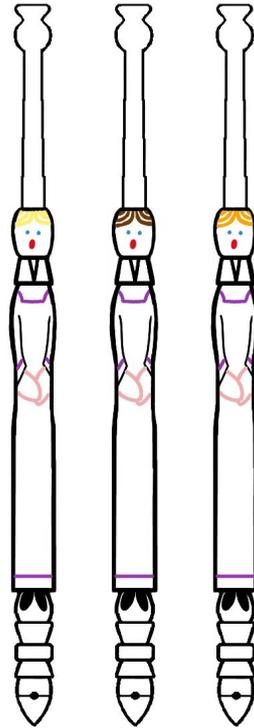


Christmas Tree

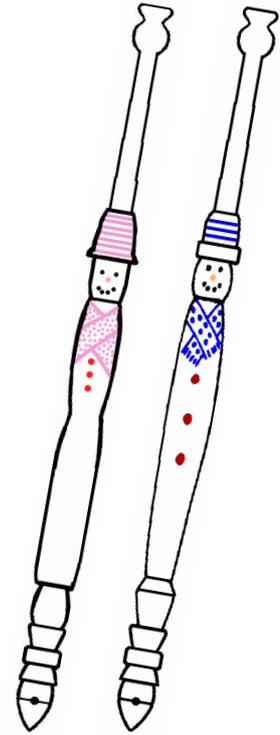
Christmas Cracker

Please state the year you would like on the bobbin

£17.10 £26.95



Blonde £20.50
Brown £20.50
Red-Head £20.50

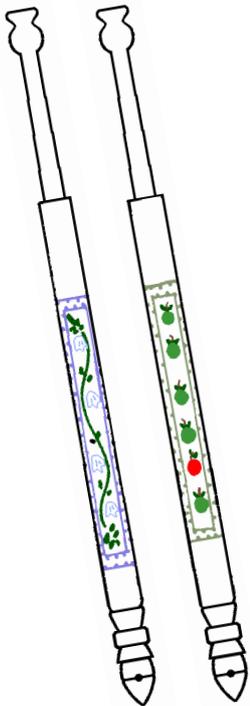


£20.75 £20.75



Panel of Flowers

Panel of Fruit



£16.80 £16.80

Halloween Pumpkins £19.95



Bats-in-The-Belfry £24.75



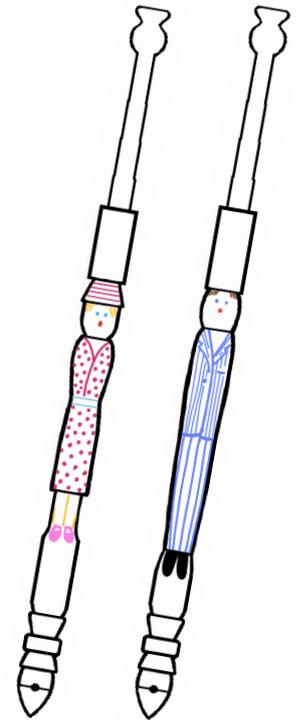
Lighthouse £23.95

Test Your Strength £21.15



Mr Bobbin £23.25

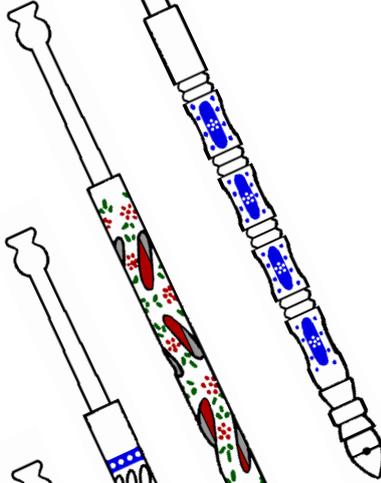
Mrs Bobbin £23.25



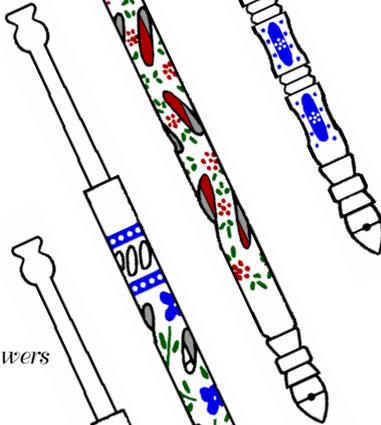
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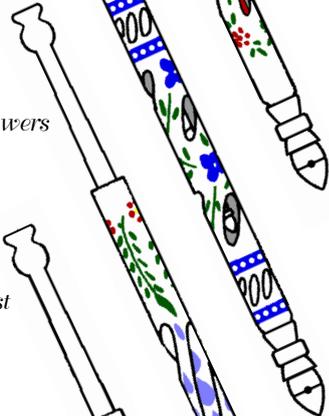
Flower Column
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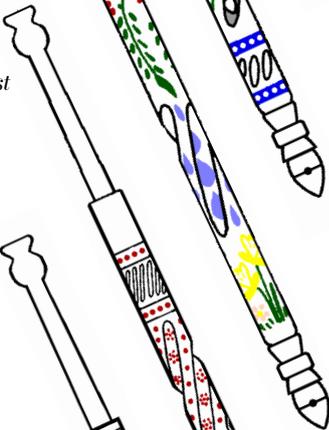
Ribbons
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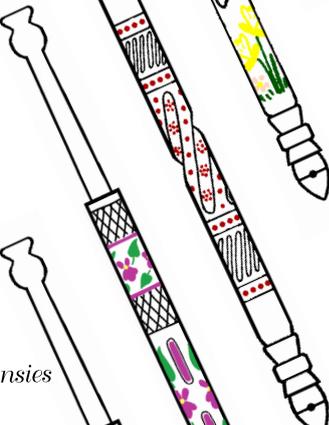
Friendship
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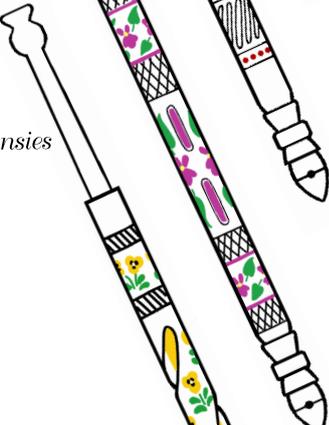
Spring Showers
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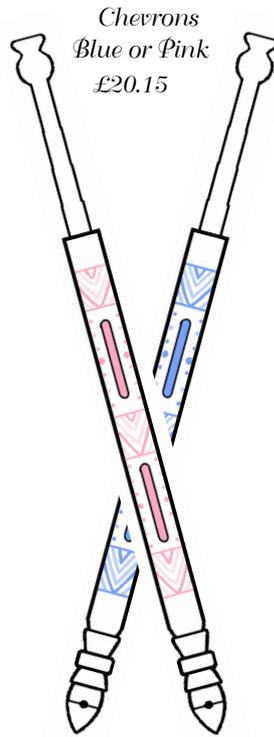
Daisy Twist
£18.85



Harmony
£20.45



Happy Pansies
£20.10



Chevrons
Blue or Pink
£20.15



Laburnum Walk
£21.25



Symphony
£22.60

Flowers & Beads
£21.90

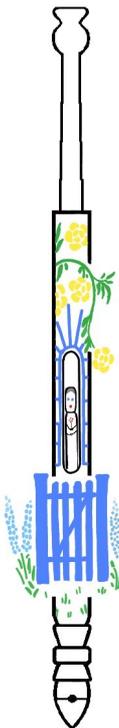
Blue Lattice
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Pageant
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Fantasia
£19.80

Tulip Drift
£19.60

The Garden Gate

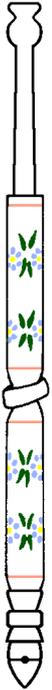


£28.95



Jingle Bobbins

One Jingle Floral Band



£15.15

Two Jingle Floral Band



£16.25

Three Jingle Floral Band



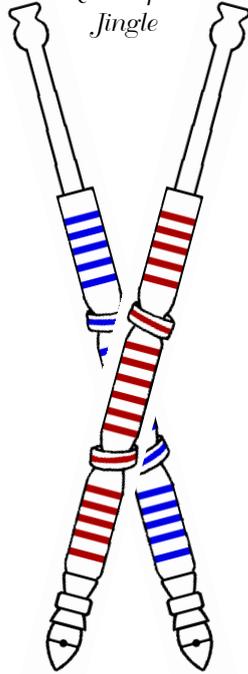
£17.65

Four Jingle Floral Band



£19.50

Blue or Red Striped Jingle



£17.35

Jingle Twist



£19.25

Flower Jingle



£17.50

Blue Daisy Jingle



£16.55

Lace Jingle

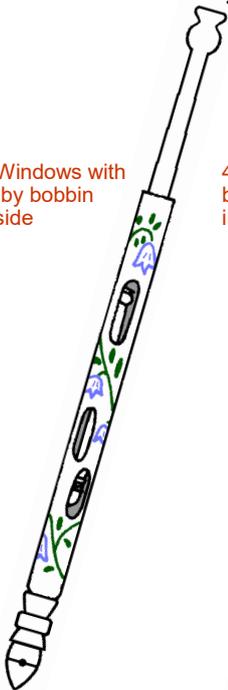


£22.15



Mother 'n' Babe with Bellflowers

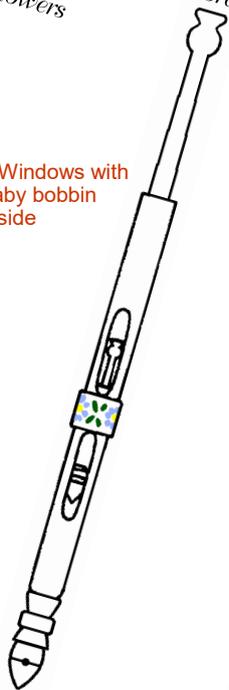
5 Windows with baby bobbin inside



£21.30

Mother 'n' Babe with Floral Ring

4 Windows with baby bobbin inside



£20.25

Mother 'n' Babe with Daisies

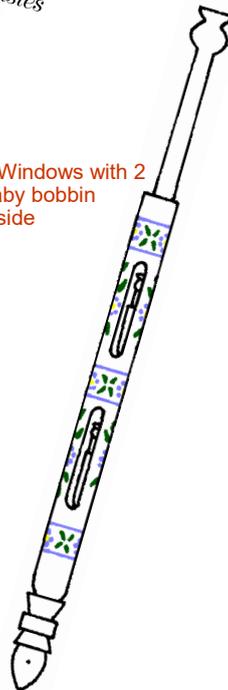
5 Windows with baby bobbin inside



£21.30

Twins

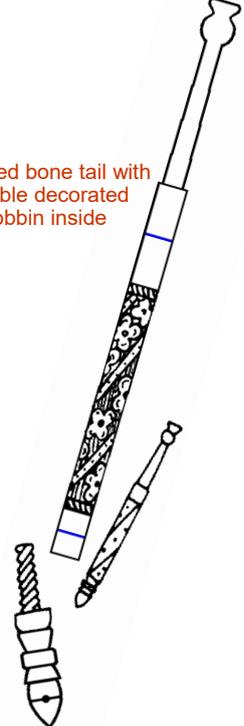
6 Windows with 2 baby bobbin inside



£28.35

Bobbin in a Box

Threaded bone tail with removable decorated baby bobbin inside



£39.95

Four Seasons

Spring



£17.00

Summer



£17.00

Autumn



£17.00

Winter

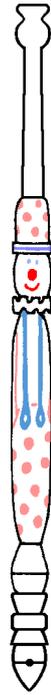


£17.00

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



Polka dot Pierre



£20.95

Chequered Charlie



£20.95

Stripy Sam



£20.95

Hatted Harry



£20.95

Clowns



Carved
Oak Leaves



£22.00

Pillar



£28.60

Beaded



£11.55

Fluted
Face Column



£19.95

Lace
Twist



£19.80

Braid



£17.65

Garland

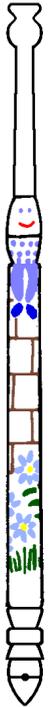


£17.90

The following
 bobbins are
 unpainted:

Nursery Rhymes & Fairy Tales

Humpty Dumpty



£19.30

Little Miss Muffet



£29.45

Rapunzel



£33.00

Pied Piper



£23.65

Jack & the Beanstalk



£33.00

Pussycat Pussycat



£34.45

Jack & Jill



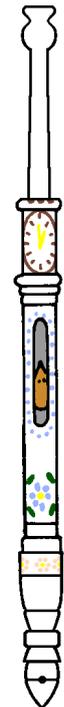
£22.15

Incy Wincy Spider



£23.25

Hickory Dickory Dock



£26.95

Twirl



£13.35

Twist



£13.35

Double Hollow Spiral



£17.40

Double Fluted Spiral



£17.40

Diamonds



£13.35

Carved Ruffle



£21.95

Turn-a-Round



£13.45

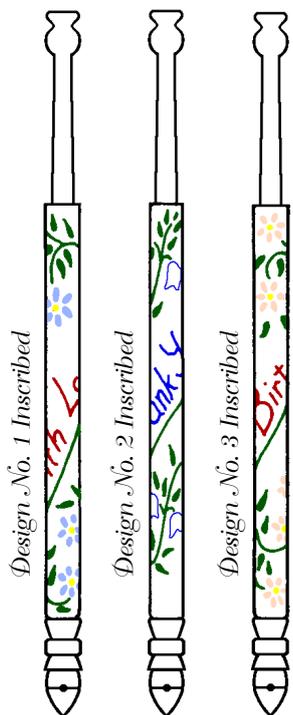
Lacy Edged



£19.15

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.



£16.30 £16.30 £16.30

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

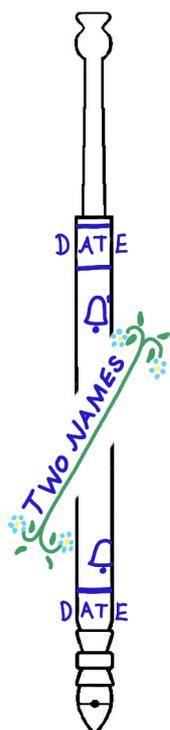
These three designs are available with an inscription of your choice. Select the design you would like and clearly write your inscription on your order form in capital letters. Most simple inscriptions of two words can be made to fit e.g. "Thank You", "With Love", "Happy Birthday" (as illustrated) as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



£16.80

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

Wedding Anniversary
 Inscribed



£18.75

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



Special Anniversary
 Bobbin

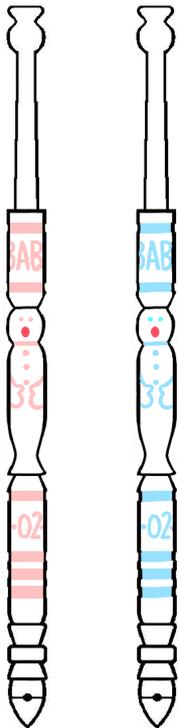


£20.95

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.

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)

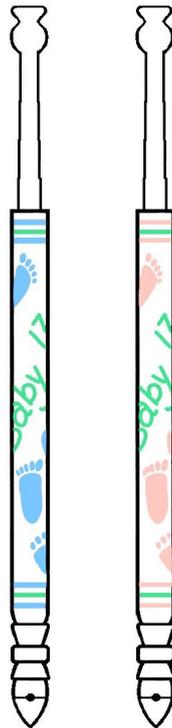


£19.75

£19.75

Pitter Patter Bobbins - Pink or Blue

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

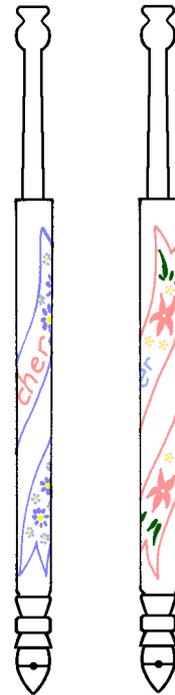


£17.50

£17.50

Daisy Sash and Star Sash

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



£16.25

£16.25

Initialed Bobbins

Any initial from
A to Z in the
style illustrated.

£14.50 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.

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 only.

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. We will send you an acknowledgement of your order upon receipt at which point we will endeavour to give a more accurate delivery time.

Specials

If you have a special requirement that does not feature in the catalogue please contact us for more information.

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 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 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. In the interests of keeping the club running smoothly prompt payment is appreciated. We accept MasterCard and Visa.

If at anytime you anticipate not being able to make your payment by the requested date – if you are going on holiday for example – contact us and we will be happy to either suspend that month's order for you or make alternative arrangements.

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 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.

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.

Bobbin-a-Month Club Postage & Packing:

For UK 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 £3.00



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 15 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 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 six months where it currently stands. Having said that it is now creeping up again and alas my daughter is only four and a half month's old so is still just a little young to be put to work - maybe next year!

I hope this brief history of the business is of interest - over the past year 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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For technical reasons our on-line catalogue has been out of action for some months. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. We are currently developing a new website and we hope to have it up and running just as soon as we can so please check in from time to time.