



***Tatters Across Time Inc.
Tatting Proficiency Program®
Information and Application Form***

Tatters Across Time Inc. Shuttle Tatting Proficiency Program® is a non-profit organization formed to help all tatters everywhere improve their proficiency in shuttle tatting skills, techniques, and/or knowledge. The goal of our program is to promote high standards of quality workmanship and to further the appreciation of shuttle tatting through education, teaching and communication. This is not a part of any other shuttle tatting program.

This three-phase program is for people who know how to shuttle tat. Phase I is Apprentice, Phase II is Artisan, and Phase III is Master. Each phase builds on the one before it therefore must be taken in order. This helps the participant increase their skill level, knowledge, technique and quality of shuttle tatting.

All lessons can be done in the comfort of your own home, without a computer, through correspondence with a mentor if requested. There is no time limit for the completion of each phase. We do ask that if circumstances require you to take an unusual amount of time to complete, please notify the TAT Coordinator indicating you are still working on and interested in completing your phase of TAT. TAT Coordinator, Bobbie Demmer, 744 Prospect Creek Rd, Thompson Falls, MT 59873-9520. Email: bdem@blackfoot.net

Instructions for each phase will come to a participant in a notebook binder with all required information included in order for the participant to complete the required tatting. The notebook format allows each participant to create their own system of organization that best suits their needs. All tatted pieces of each phase must be submitted at the same time for evaluation.

The team members of TAT serve as contacts, mentors and evaluators. Each team member has earned awards for their tatting and is able to evaluate quality tatting and make positive suggestions. These volunteer members are very sharing and very active in furthering and improving the art of shuttle tatting. The TAT team recognizes there is more than one method and style. We do ask and expect you to use the methods presented in an attempt to reach our mutual goal of helping tatters improve shuttle tatting skills, techniques, and knowledge. TAT Team Members: Bobbie Demmer, MT, Gwen Coen WA, Karla MacSwain OK, Diane Milton MT, Tess Moffatt BC Canada, Irene Morgan OK, Sabrina Murphy ID and Teresa Woods NC.

Each evaluation phase will take about eight weeks to complete, as it must circulate from participant to TAT Coordinator, to three evaluators, to TAT Coordinator again and back to the participant. The TAT Coordinator will log your tatting as it travels through the evaluation process. You will receive a copy of each evaluator's comments, returned with your submitted tatted pieces.



All tatting must be the participant's tatting. All tatting must be clean, neat, and free of animal hairs (some evaluators may have allergies). Please use thread size as indicated in each pattern. Use solid medium shades so stitches are visible. Do not use shaded, variegated, dark, or white thread to tat the required pieces.

The first phase includes: adding threads inconspicuously, hiding ends, two methods of dimpled rings, joining pieces and elements, more than one color, opening rings and both curved and uneven split rings.

Your tatting will be evaluated based on commonly accepted standards on the following criteria: how well instructions were followed, tension of the stitch itself, tension between stitches, stitch count, overall shape and appearance, consistency, and specific details as mentioned in the pattern included for each phase.

Evaluators will note that tatting submitted has either met the requirements, or the participant needs to retat. Any tatting evaluated as retat will require a total \$15 retat fee. All the retat piece/s must be resubmitted at the same time and satisfactorily reevaluated before a Certificate of Proficiency can be sent. Upon satisfactory completion of each phase, the participant will be awarded a pin or bar addition for the pin and a Certificate of Proficiency.

Applications for the program will be accepted January 5 through November 15. All tatting submitted for evaluation will be accepted January 5 to October 1. The cost of the program is: Apprentice Phase I \$40.00, Artisan Phase II \$55.00, Master Phase III \$70.00. An additional \$5.00 for each phase or retat is to be paid by foreign participants. All fees are nonrefundable US funds. TAT is not responsible for lost mailing.

To enroll complete the application form. Once this form has been filled out and all monies received, you will be sent your tatting proficiency phase. In applying for this Tatting Proficiency Program©, we request that you respect the many hours volunteers have contributed to create this unique shuttle tatting proficiency program. As a fellow tatter, respect and integrity for this program is requested and expected. Please do not duplicate any part of this program, its materials, or instructions in any form. Thank you for your inquiry, and we on the TAT team hope to hear from you soon.

Check or money order to: **Tatters Across Time Inc.**

Mail application w/payment to: Gwen Coen, TAT Treasurer, 2300 H St SE, Auburn WA 98002

Credit/Debit card can be accepted via PayPal for an additional \$5.00 service fee per payment.

http://www.PayPal.com Account recipient is jgcoen@hotmail.com

For further information contact Bobbie Demmer, TAT Coordinator, 744 Prospect Creek Rd., Thompson Falls, MT 59873-9520. Please advise the TAT Coordinator immediately of any change of mailing address, phone number or email address. Email for Bobbie Demmer is: bdem@blackfoot.net Thank you.

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Yes, I want to participate in TAT! As a participant I will be striving to improve my skills, techniques, and knowledge of shuttle tatting. **Applications will be accepted January 5 through November 15 of each year.**

Apprentice – Phase I is \$40 US nonrefundable. Foreign participant \$45 US nonrefundable.

Credit/Debit PayPal payments, additional \$5.

Check or Money Order to: Tatters Across Time Inc.

Mail to: Gwen Coen, TAT Treasurer, 2300 H St SE, Auburn WA 98002

Participant _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Telephone _____

Email _____ Request a Mentor? Yes _____ Name _____

Where did you hear of the TAT Program? _____

For Treasurer: Amount _____ Paid by _____ Date received _____ Date sent _____