



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

Tatters Across Time Inc. Tatting Proficiency Program© is a non-profit organization formed to help all tatters everywhere improve their proficiency in 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 tatting through education, teaching and communication. This is not a part of any other tatting program.

This three-phase program accepts anyone who knows how to tat. All patterns used were designed by shuttle tatters, and will be evaluated on shuttle standards. 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 tatting. All lessons can be done in the comfort of your own home. A computer is not necessary, and you may correspond with a mentor if needed. 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 Coordinator at the address or email below indicating you are still working on, and interested in, completing your phase.

Instructions for each phase will come to a participant with all required information included in order for the participant to complete the required tatting. 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 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 tatting skills, techniques, and knowledge. Team members are: Gwen Coen WA, Teri Goldhahn MT, Coordinator, Deb Johnson MT, Sabrina Murphy ID, Tess Moffatt CND, Secretary, Diane Milton MT, Treasurer, Teresa Woods NC, Irene Morgan OK, Janie Christiansen MT, and Anita Barry VA.

Each U.S. participant's submission will take at least 8 weeks to complete the evaluation process, as there are 5 separate mailings involved before the return of the participant's packet. Allow additional time for International submissions.



Marchanne Bookmark, Judi Banashek ©

All tatting must be the participant's tatting. 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 even 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 patterns 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 retat fee which is based on postage costs. If there are multiple retat pieces, they 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. Program fees had not been increased since 2002, but with increased costs we must now do so. The cost for domestic participants is: Apprentice Phase I \$50.00, Artisan Phase II \$65.00, Master Phase III \$80.00, and for foreign participants is: Apprentice Phase I \$85 USD, Artisan Phase II \$100 USD, Master Phase III \$115 USD. All fees are nonrefundable US funds. TAT is not responsible for lost mailings. Should you wish to insure your submission, you will need to include 5 times that cost to cover all mailings. You have unlimited time to complete each phase, but program fees can only be guaranteed for 6 months following receipt of your application. If you take longer than that to complete your phase, you will need to contact the treasurer about any possible additional fees.

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 that volunteers have contributed to create this unique tatting proficiency program. As a fellow tatter, integrity and respect for this program is requested and expected. Please do not duplicate any part of this program, its materials, or instructions in any form. The pattern designers retain their copyrights. 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: Diane Milton, T.A.T. Treasurer, 115 Goat Trail, Whitefish, Mt 59937-8469
Credit/Debit card can be accepted via PayPal for an additional \$5.00 service fee per payment.

http://www.PayPal.com. The account recipient is miltond58@yahoo.com.

We recommend checking the website for current contact information if you print your application and don't mail it in soon afterwards. For further information or questions contact Teri Goldhahn, TAT Coordinator, 1917 7th Ave N, Great Falls, MT 59401. Email tjbagg@yahoo.com. 406-217-2085. Please advise the Coordinator immediately of any change of mailing address, phone number or email address. Thank you.

✂ KEEP TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS ✂
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Yes, I want to participate in T.A.T.! As a participant I will be striving to improve my skills, techniques, and knowledge of tatting. **Applications will be accepted January 5 through November 15 of each year.**
Apprentice – Phase I is \$50 US nonrefundable. Foreign participant \$85 US nonrefundable.

Credit/Debit PayPal payments, additional \$5.

Check or Money Order to: Tatters Across Time Inc.

Mail to: Diane Milton, T.A.T. Treasurer, 115 Goat Trail, Whitefish, Mt 59937-8469

Participant _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Where did you hear of the TAT Program? _____

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