

Trapuntos Japanese and Oriental Embroideries 1890s to 1939



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He was a leading manufacturer of "Trapuntos" or filled embroideries. These commemorative embroideries featured flags, coats-of-arms, eagles, dragons, anchors, ships, militaria and portraits. They were popular souvenirs for American and foreign servicemen visiting the Far East from the 1890s to 1939.



ZFC0289 U.S Trapunto with American Symbols featuring the American eagle with arrows and olive branches, three United States flags, an American shield and scroll with *E Pluribus Unum* with 13 stars seme in the background, from the early 1900s.



ZFC0284 American Nautical Trapunto featuring American Eagle with arrows and olive branches perched on an upright anchor flanked by four United States Flags, an American shield and scroll with *E Pluribus Unum*, dating from the 1900s.



ZFC1441 American Nautical Trapunto featuring American Eagle perched on an oblique, surrounded by arrows and olive branches, a United States Flag, a stylized American shield and scroll with *E Pluribus Unum*, dating from the 1900s.



ZFC3082 Irish American Trapunto featuring American Eagle with arrows and olive branches, two United States Flags and two "Irish" flags, an American shield and scroll with *E Pluribus Unum* with 13 stars seme in the background dating from the 1900s.



ZFC0150 American Nautical "Boxer" Trapunto with American and Chinese symbols commemorating America's role in the Boxer Rebellion dating from the 1900s.



ZFC3699 U.K. Royal Navy Trapunto for a crewman from the HMS Glory, assigned to the China Station. This trapunto is a panoply of naval ensigns around an exquisite embroidery of Glory, surmounted by the Imperial Crown dating from 1900 to 1904.



ZFC2429 Imperial German Maritime Trapunto featuring the Imperial German arms on an upright anchor with panoply of international ensigns from the maiden voyage to the Far East of the SS *König Albert* dating from 1900 to 1901.



ZFC2428 Imperial German Trapunto with German national flag and naval ensign behind Imperial German arms dedicated to a crewman from the German Far East Squadron serving on the gunboat SMS *Ilkis* or "polecat", 1902.



ZFC2068 Norwegian American Trapunto featuring the arms of Norway flanked by the Norwegian national flag and ensign and two stylized U.S. flags with only 9 stars and 11 stripes. The motto on the scroll *Brader Folkenes Val* roughly translates "welfare to brother nations", a motto then in use on Swedish & Norwegian coins dating from 1890s to 1905.



ZFC0742 American Trapunto eagle, arrows and olive branch and panoply of national ensigns with inserted portrait of unidentified U.S. soldier in khaki service uniform dating from 1898 to 1910.



ZFC2430 Imperial German Naval Trapunto with panoply of international flags & image of German cruiser SMS *Irene*, dating from 1911 to 1914.



ZFC1489 American Naval Trapunto containing a design introduced in 1908 for the visit of the Great White Fleet to Japan. This updated piece features 48 star flags and an embroidered image of the USS *Tennessee*, dating from 1912 to 1916.



ZFC2219 A Faux Trapunto made in China featuring flags and dragons made with traditional embroidery for Captain Allen Francis Sullivan (1897—1954) during his service in Tientsin, China, dating from 1935 to 1937.



ZFC2258 American Maritime Trapunto made for Lowell F. Bender's cruise on the S.S. *President Cleveland* to the Far East, dating from 1939.