

## Two-Piece Chased Silver Button Set

These lovely silver buttons are owned by Claudia Conway, who recently completed the set. They are two-piece silver, with air holes on the reverse and a large heavy loop shank. The top (front) piece is heavily chased, with the animals in very high relief.

Note the silver work on the trees' leaves...it is very similar to the Japanese shakudo designs. Is this sign of a Japanese influence? The chasing is unbelievable and covers the entire button surface, except for the leaves and smooth rim. Claudia feels privileged to care for these buttons in her button collection.

Claudia says they are gorgeous! Until recently Claudia had the tiger and elephant, which she purchased from an English button dealer on ebay®. Lucille Weingarten sold her the lion to complete the set.

If you have any information on the button origins or age, please share it with us! Lucille Weingarten had no idea of the buttons' age. She said there were sets in a velvet lined frame, which she purchased up at an antique show a long time ago... She never had the heart to break them up until recently.

Lucille and Claudia have no idea of the button origins, but they are aware of three sets. Claudia assumes these buttons are French because many quality two-piece French buttons have the air holes on the reverse.



*Tiger & elephant are 1-1/2 inches  
and the lion is 1-3/8 inches.*