SCREEN BACK BUTTONS  by Yessy Byl

There are two types of buttons you can call a "screen back". One is a "back type" (under 6.-2) and is a black glass button with a metal "screen" impressed into the glass of the button back, presumably to give it strength. All the ones I have seen look like whistles from the front like the one pictured on the right below. Some have flecks of goldstone, and some are plain. I have one with a rhinestone in the middle which may have been added later. One can only wonder why there would be a middle hole if they did NOT put something in it!

The second type of "screen back" is mechanical makeup, metal back, (under 6.-5.3.2) and is made like a riveted black glass button but the glass pieces are fastened onto a screen. You can see the screen when the button is viewed from the front in the one and only sample of this technique that I own. I understand that it is considered a "counter" in a competition under 6.-5.3.2 Riveted/glued/soldered on a metal back.