

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**  
Zeeuwse Knop Brooch

**Date**  
20th Century

**Primary Maker**  
Dreese B.V. Juweliers

**Medium**  
Metal (18 kt gold)

**Description**

An 18kt gold “Zeeuwse Knop” brooch. This is a traditional button from Zeeland in the Netherlands. The design features a central ball with fine metalwork surrounded by a ring of petite balls.

**Dimensions**  
3/4 × 1 1/8 in. (19.7 × 29.3 mm)

**Historical Note**  
Given during a meeting of Dries Van Agt with Vice-President Bush 1981-03-31 “ZEEUWSE KNOPEN”, MEANS BUTTONS OR KNOTS, WAS DESIGNED AND DEVELOPED IN THE NETHERLANDS IN THE 18TH CENTURY. A MALE RESIDENCE OF ZEELAND WORE AT THE NECK TO CLOSE THEIR SHIRT, AND IS AS A PART OF THEIR REGIONAL COSTUME. WOMEN WOULD HAVE WORN THIS 18 KT. BROOCH ON THEIR HATS.

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