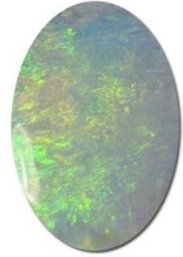




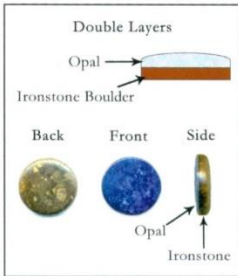
## Opal

### Solid Opal

A natural opal that is translucent and visible on both sides it is known as solid or crystal opal. If it carries a creamy appearance, it is called milky opal.



### Doublet Opal



Doublet opal which is also referred to as boulder doublet opal is a combination of a slice of natural opal and natural ironstone boulder which have been bonded together. The boulder enhances the colour of the opal brilliantly.

These opals come from Coober Pedy in South Australia, the biggest supplier of Australian opals in the world. Coober Pedy is known for its below-ground residences, called "dugouts", which are built in this fashion due to the scorching daytime heat.



A note on **Black opals** - Despite the name, black opals are not black at all. They have a dark body tone which causes the rainbow colours in a black opal to have brilliant colours. This vibrancy of colour makes black opal the most valuable of all opals. The double opal imitates this occurrence. Black opals are only found in lightning ridge, New South Wales.

