
STONES AND CRYSTALS

Agate is a member of the [quartz](#) family of stones, and often you will find agates with bands of [quartz](#) and [chalcedony](#) layered through it. Agates are found all over the world. Africa, Asia, Brazil, Egypt, Germany, England, India, Italy, Mexico, Nepal, Canada, and the United States all have varieties of Agates that are found there. Agates are most often found round instead of any other shape.

Agates are for the most part quite durable stones. They can be dyed different colors, sliced exceptionally thin, and aside from doing a real number on your blades because they're so hard, are quite nice to work with in jewelry.

Amber

Amber is fossilized sap or pitch from trees, and is usually golden brown and [translucent](#). It can contain bits of plant material or insects that were trapped in the sap and became fossilized with it. Amber has been used in jewelry for thousands of years.

Amber carries the energy of the sun, warmth, and wellbeing. It is nurturing and good for people recovering from illness or who are needing comfort. It can transmute negative or stagnate energies into positive energy like a sunny day lifts the spirits.

Apache Tears

A form of [obsidian](#), these nuggets are usually round or oval, black-brown in color, and semi-[transparent](#). The name is the result of a legend surrounding the grief of the wives and families of a group of Apache warriors who leapt to their death from a cliff after being surrounded and outnumbered in a battle with the U.S. cavalry in the 1870s.

Apache Tears are helpful for surfacing grief held in the emotional body in order to cleanse and heal old trauma or wounds from a previous life.

Bloodstone

Bloodstone is a forest green variety of [jasper](#) (a type of [chalcedony](#)) with red inclusions that give it its name. Its mineral name is heliotrope. Sometimes yellow [jasper](#) is also found in bloodstone, but it is not typical.

Bloodstone has a unique and uncommon color combination, which can sometimes make it challenging to combine with other beads in jewelry without the results seeming too "busy". Therefore it may be best suited as a solo piece such as in a [pendant](#).

Carnelin

A reddish-orange, or reddish-brown colored [gemstone](#) from the chalcedony family of [quartz](#). It has a warm, uniform, and easily distinguishable color.

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The best quality carnelian is found in India but it is also found in many other parts of the world including Uruguay, Brazil, Japan, Botswana, and Madagascar. In the United States, carnelian can be found in Texas, North Carolina, Colorado, and Florida.

Chrysocolla

Chrysocolla grows in large sizes and is not considered rare or hard to find. It is found in the Czech Republic, Israel, England, Congo, and the United States. In the U.S. Chrysocolla is found in Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Pennsylvania. Chrysocolla is often found alongside [quartz](#), [copper](#) minerals, [azurite](#), and limonite.

Chrysocolla is very soft, which makes it difficult on its own to work with. This beautiful stone can be found, however, mixed with [quartz](#) or in a [druzy](#) style that is attractive and easier to work with.

Fluorite

Pure fluorite is actually white or colorless, but trace minerals give it many colors. Fluorite is [transparent](#) in most cases. The most commonly recognized fluorite color is a purple-blue mix but it is also found in blue, green, red and yellow colors.

Fluorite is found in many parts of the world including Germany, Austria, Switzerland, England, Norway, Mexico, Canada (Ontario), and the U.S. The largest producer of fluorite in the U.S. is Illinois, and is in fact their state mineral. Fluorite is also found in Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Kentucky, Arizona, Ohio, New Hampshire, New York and Texas.

Hematite

Hematite is the most powerful [gemstone](#) to use for grounding. It can help you clear away confusion and orient you toward practical action in the real world.

Hematite is the mineral form of iron oxide. Hematite beads are striking, being shiny and black when polished. They are heavy for their size.

There are man-made stones called magnetic hematite, hematine, hemalyke, or hemalike that look very similar to hematite and are far more commonly sold for jewelry-making than natural hematite. Some are made of a mixture of ground up hematite and other minerals, and some are made entirely of other minerals.

Jade

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Jade is actually two different minerals referred to by the same name. It seems that for years two separate minerals were referred to and traded as jade because of their amazing similarities. By the time anyone realized they were dealing with two different gems, it was too late. Today, they are differentiated into jade classes, called jadeite and nephrite. Jade has long been revered by the Chinese, where it is called 'Yu'. It is believed to reduce stress, and prolong life. Due to jade's toughness, it can be worn virtually any where. It is often carved, and cut into [cabochon](#) styles for [pendants](#), earrings, and rings.

Lapis Lazuli

Lapis lazuli is a stone with royal energy, in that it helps you uncover and access your inner noble and Divine nature. It activates psychic abilities and intuition, connecting you to spiritual