



Colours of the Earth

1. aventurine, chrysocolla, chalcedony, lepidolite, rose quartz

Chrysocolla: the more blue it contains, the higher the grade it is.

Lepidolite is a form of mica.

2. jade, amazonite, chalcedony, 2x amethyst, 2x lapis lazuli (lazurite)

Jades come in huge variety, from light to dark.

Amethyst seems to be the most popular stone.

3. unakite, prehnite, chalcedony (blue lace agate), dumortierite, falcon's eye

Prehnite is usually apple-green colour.

Agate is a type of chalcedony.

4. heliotrope (bloodstone), serpentine (snake stone), aquamarine, sodalite, kyanite, moss agate, hematite

The little dots of red on heliotrope was said to be Christ's blood that got caught on stones under his cross.

Serpentine can be used as anti-venom against snake bite.

Kyanite: long time ago, every blue stone was called kyanite.

5. brown jasper, fluorite, rhyolite, quartz, ulexite, magnezite (howlite)

Fluorite is a stone with a huge colour variety - yellow, green, purple... often making stripes.

Rhyolite is of volcanic origin.

Ulexite has a peculiar optical quality, it shows whatever is behind it on its surface like a little TV - it consists of fibres which lead light, so the image can be seen only through one side, from the other sides it gives the same shiny effect like a tiger's eye.

Howlite is naturally white and sometimes is coloured blue, then it is called turquenite and is used instead of real turquoise.

6. tiger's eye, yellow jasper, smoke quartz, moonstone, almandine (indian garnet), zebra marble

There are 3 types of tiger's eye - red, blue and yellow. Blue is called falcon's and red is called bull's (but only in my country, what a shame.)

7. jasper (not sure which type), yellow calcite, citrine, agate, red tiger's eye, mahogany obsidian

Jaspers are opaque stones with an amazing variety of patterns. There is red, yellow, brown, leopardskin, picture, brecciated, dalmatine, picasso, kalahari, oceanic, jungle jasper... some are very hard to categorize. Also heliotrope and unakite belong to jaspers.

Citrine is usually artificially made from amethyst, real citrine is paler and hard to find.

8. leopardskin jasper, chiastolite (cross stone), Botswana agate, rutilated quartz, carnelian, red jasper (probably brecciated)

Chiastolite is a type of andalusite, it always crystallizes in the typical structure. If cut properly, a nice regular cross can be seen.

Quartz with needles of rutile inside is also called Venus's hair (in my country).

Carnelian can be with stripes.

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