

MINERALS AT HOME

Roof
(shingles are asphalt; color from silicate minerals)

Windows
(made of sand—silica and feldspar)

Insulation
(in walls—silica and feldspar)

Paint
(titanium oxide, clays, mica, talc, silica...)

Electrical Wire
(copper, coated with plastic or rubber)

Automobile
(at least 15 different minerals)

Plumbing Pipes
(made of copper, zinc, iron, nickel, and chromite)

Toilet (made of porcelain—clays and silica)

Linoleum Tiles
(calcium carbonate and clays)

Carpet
(calcium carbonate and fibers)

Plasterboard
(on inside walls—made of gypsum)

Bricks
(clay minerals)

Door Knob & Hinges
(copper, zinc, and iron)

Foundation
(cement—clays, gypsum, calcium carbonate)

Glass, Ceramics
(silica sand, limestone, talc, lithium, borates, soda ash, feldspar)

Toothpaste
(calcium carbonate, limestone, sodium carbonate, fluorine)

Television
(at least 35 different minerals)

Baby powder (talc)

Lipstick
(calcium carbonate, talc)

Potting Soil
(vermiculite, perlite, gypsum, peat)

Plant fertilizers
(potash, phosphates, nitrogen, sulfur)

Kitty litter
(pumice, volcanic ash, diatomite, zeolites)

Pencils
(graphite, clay)

Jewelry
(gold, silver, precious and semi-precious stones/gems)

Pots & Pans
(aluminum, iron)

Cake, Bread
(gypsum, phosphates)

AND LOTS MORE!