

Rocks and Minerals in our Houses

Item	Rock, Mineral, Or Metal in Each Item
Carpet	Barite
Sink	Nickel, Iron
Iron fence	Iron
Utensils	Nickel, Iron, Silver
Cement	Limestone, Gypsum, Iron Oxide, Clay
Insulation	Vermiculite
TV/Computer screens	Indium
Bricks	Clay, Shale
Doorknobs/Hinges	Copper, Iron, Zinc
Ceramic tiles	Iron (steel), Feldspar, Chromium
Telephone	Zinc, Copper, Aluminum
Window glass	Quartz, Limestone
Porcelain figurine	Silica, Limestone, Gypsum
Wallboard	Gypsum
Paint	Titanium Dioxide
Toilets	Porcelain (Clay)
Electric wiring	Copper, Aluminum
Interior walls	Gypsum

Investigation File

The Importance of Rocks and Minerals in Our Everyday Life

Describe how a house would look if it were built without using mined rocks and minerals.
