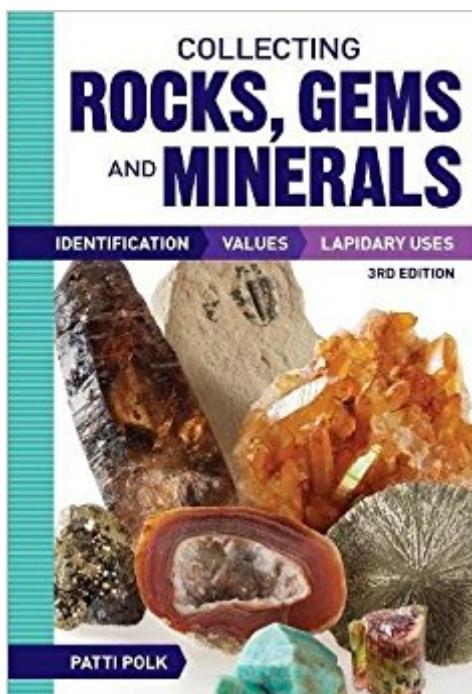


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# Collecting Rocks, Gems And Minerals: Identification, Values And Lapidary Uses



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A rockhound's must-have resource! Easy to use and lavishly illustrated, this new and completely revised and expanded edition of Collecting Rocks, Gems, and Minerals is designed with beginners in mind, yet filled with valuable technical information for seasoned collectors. This guide takes you from being simply someone who enjoys rocks to a knowledgeable enthusiast in no time and features:  
An easy-to-use, quick reference format arranged by category and color of stone  
800+ beautiful color photographs  
Values and tips for locating, buying and collecting  
Both lapidary and mineral display materials  
Decades of rock-collecting know-how of the author  
Foreword by Johann Zenz, world-renowned agate expert, author and lecturer.

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Author Patti Polk is recognized as one of the top agate collectors in the world (as noted in the highly respected reference book *Agates III* by Johann Zenz). She has been collecting, cutting and polishing rocks for jewelry and display for more than 20 years. She has been published in Rock & Gem magazine and numerous other periodicals; she speaks at rock and mineral club programs and frequently serves as a trail guide for visitors to Arizona. Patti is a skilled lapidary artist, which includes the cutting and polishing of the stones into display specimens or cabochons for jewelry making. She also designs and creates fine silver jewelry with the gemstones. She continues to study the earth sciences to keep abreast of any new findings, and to further her knowledge of rocks

and minerals in general.

This product with the tumbler, rough stones, magnifying glass and polishing grit will help my Grandkids expand into understanding lapidary work, precious metal smithing for jewelry and Geology. They may even learn some Geography and know where other countries are. Imagine that.

Great book for local rock collecting!

Great book for a beginner, perfect for granddaughter

Very helpful and informative.

This was a gift for my brother who is interested in lapidary matters. He says this is a very useful book for someone just getting started..Gave him this one and 'Gemstone Tumbling, Cutting, Drilling, & ...: Good combo.

Informative

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