We really are crazy about these muscovite specimens offered here, from the Xanda Mine, Virgem de Lapa, Minas Gerais, Brazil. Here’s the description from “What’s New in Minerals” for the Costa Mesa Show on the Mineralogical Record web site: “The books are thick, showing many staggered “pages," and they are lustrous and look very crisp, with a hard-to-describe color that is a combination of yellow, green, brown and silvery tones.” We couldn’t describe it better!

We have specimens like the ones in the photos, with muscovite whose book-like habit is reminiscent of the hematite “Iron Roses” that also come from Brazil. We made it so the photos are scaled to the actual size of the specimen. We have:

2" across by 2" high $30
3" across by 2" high $50
3" across by 2.5" high $75
3" across by 4" high $80
4" across by 3" high $150
3.5" across by 7" high $300

Figure 1. Muscovite with minor albite, variety cleavelandite. Specimen is 2.75” across and 2” high for $70.

Figure 2. Muscovite cluster. 5.5” across and 3.75” high for $200.
We also have some pieces with smaller amounts of the muscovite books, but with crystals of white albite, variety cleavelandite for a nice touch. We have:

- 3" across by 2.5" high $45
- 4.5" across by 2.75" high $65
- 4.5" across by 2" high $70
- 3" across by 2" high $95
- 5" across by 5" high $140

**Apophyllite**, Pune, Maharashtra, India, our June 1996/June 2006 featured mineral. As you can see from the photos, these are matrix pieces with translucent green apophyllite crystals of breathtaking delicacy and beauty! They are scattered on white crystals of stilbite, an amazing combination.

Matrix pieces about 3" by 2" like the specimen in Figure 3 are $70, $80, $100, and $110.

Larger matrix pieces like the one in Figure 4 are available for $160, $210, and $260.

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**Figure 3.** Matrix is about 3" across; largest apophyllite crystal .25" high. $80 specimen.

**Figure 4.** Matrix is about 5" across; largest apophyllite crystal is about .5", $160 specimen.
**Gypsum**, Red River Floodway, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, our May 2001 featured mineral. Three things are exceptional about the specimens, as seen in the photo:

1. They form around a clay center, so that the crystals jut out in every direction.
2. The crystals are of a very pretty light yellowish to blond color.
3. The individual crystals are good sized, and some show swallowtail twinning.

We have sprays of lovely crystals about 2.5" by 2.5" and slightly larger for $60, $70, and $80. Unfortunately, because gypsum is so soft and fragile, all the specimens have minor bruises.

**Amethyst**, Veracruz, Mexico. This classic Mexican locality produces exceptionally well-formed quartz crystals with amethyst tips, as seen in the photo. Many of the larger matrix pieces have a coating of light green epidote to boot!

We have just a few left:

Matrix specimens about 1.5" by 1.5" with exceptional crystals are $60 and $75. (2 left.)

Larger matrix specimens about 2.5" by 2" to 3.5" by 3" with exceptional crystals are $70, $90, and $140. (4 left.)

Largest matrix specimens, 4" to 4.5" across with the most exceptional crystals are $130, $140, and $150. (2 left.)
**Fibrous Malachite**, Shaba Province, Democratic Republic of Congo, our February 2002 featured mineral. We’ve offered you this gorgeous material before, but as long as it continues to come out in this quality, we’re going to obtain it and offer it. This would be a great mineral to purchase a quantity of as an investment and hold for 10 years! The malachite forms as bundles of thin fibers, on which the light shimmers—stunning!

![Fibrous Malachite](image)

*Figure 7. Fibrous Malachite, 6.75" across, 3" high, $150 specimen.*

We have specimens about 2” by 3” to 2.5” by 3.5” for $55, $60, and $75. (5 left.)

And larger specimens like the one in the photo, about 4” by 3.5” to 5” by 4” and larger for $150 and $180. (3 left.)

**Hemimorphite**, Ojuela Mine, Mapimi, Durango, Mexico, our October 2000 featured mineral.

These also have exceptional crystals, long thin blades that go from clear to white in color, on an earthy brown matrix—very striking! We have specimens on matrix about 2.5” to 3” by 2”, similar in size and quality to what we sent ten years ago, for $24 and $30.

We also have some large matrix specimens that are very showy. Large matrix specimens from 4” by 3” to 4” by 4” to 5” by 4” are available for $70, $80, $90, $100, $110, and $150.

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