

METAMORPHIC ROCK INFORMATION

SOAPSTONE—This soft rock, with a slippery feel, is composed mostly of the pure mineral talc.

WHITE MARBLE—This is a white, sugary-textured marble used for building and statues.

GRAY SLATE—This was formerly a black clay or mud containing organic matter. It is commonly used for roofing in other countries or as floor tiles.

GRANATOID GNEISS—This rock was formerly granite.

QUARTZITE—This was once a sandstone. Heat and great pressure have made it more compact and it is difficult to distinguish the original sand grains.

BIOTITE GNEISS-- This rock may have originally been granite. The minerals of the original rock have been crushed and squeezed by pressure.

RED SLATE—Once a red clay or shale, this rock is now hard and compact and splits into flat pieces.

MICA SCHIST—This is a schist that shows the obvious flakes of mica and often has garnet crystals inside of it.