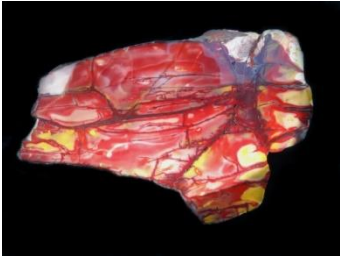




## Mookaite



Named after the creek where this Jasper is found in West Australia (Mooka Creek), Mookaite is fast becoming a well-recognised Australian semiprecious stone. The amazing colours reflect the Australian outback in its ochre hues.

Due to the flint like structure, Mookaite is tricky to cut and polish as it will easily splinter. However, when successful, cabochons can look picturesque and can be made into spectacular jewellery.

Mookaite is mined in the Kennedy Ranges about 100 miles inland from the coastal town of Carnarvon in Western Australia. The creek has many underground springs making mining a wet and messy job but the results are worth it.



It has been quarried from the area since the mid 1960's by local specimen miners. But since 2013, three miners hold leases over the entire area and the deposits are off-limits to fossickers. This

has raised the awareness of the beautiful stone.

This is the only Mookaite mine in the world.