

10 Crystals Every Witch Should Have

While you don't need any tools, herbs, or crystals to perform witchcraft, there are some crystals that can enhance your spells and rituals greatly. There are hundreds of crystals out there to choose from, so how do you figure out which ones you should keep on hand? Lucky for you, I have done the heavy lifting. Below is a list of 10 crystals every witch should have. Some of the crystals come with suggested alternatives, so if you are unable to find one of the crystals or you find the crystal doesn't resonate with you, feel free to grab the alternative instead.

Clear Quartz: This is an absolute MUST have for any witch. If you are only going to have one crystal, this is the one to have. Quartz is the most versatile of crystals, and it is able to do just about everything you need. It boosts the powers of other materials like herbs and other crystals, focuses and directs energy, especially quartz points, and can be used for protection balancing, meditation, and dispelling negative energy.

Citrine: Citrine is a yellow/orange variety of quartz and, like clear quartz, is very powerful. It is second on my list because it is well-known for its cleansing ability and can be used to cleanse you, your magical tools, other crystals, or even to diffuse a situation or disturbance in your home such as nightmares. Furthermore, it can be used to enhance psychic ability, making it a great companion to divination. Suggested Alternative Crystal: Yellow or Orange Calcite

Rose Quartz: Ah, another quartz crystals! Like I said, quartz is the most versatile of crystals, making it a witch's greatest companion. As the name suggests, this quartz crystal has a rose or red hue, making it perfect for spells and rituals involving emotions, especially love. Use it to attract romance, affection, and friendship, bring soothing, healing energy to your home, diffuse situations, and bring peace to those fighting or suffering a great loss. Suggested Alternative Crystal: Pearl or Ruby

Amethyst: Okay, I promise this is the last of the quartz crystals. Amethyst is a light to dark purple variety of quartz and because of its color, it is great for use in magical workings. It helps deepen meditation, improves psychic ability, and aids in the remembrance of dreams. Wearing the crystal or placing it on your nightstand or altar will produce the greatest effect. If you have deities in your craft, it also makes a great offering, especially in cracked geode form. Suggested Alternative Crystal: Lapis lazuli or Moonstone

Amber: Amber is not technically a crystal, but instead fossilized tree sap. Of course, I would put a fossil on the list, and honestly I would have put more, but I picked the crystals that pack the most bang for their buck for this list. Amber is highly prized among witches, partly because of its association with the Sun and partly because of the amount of work that is required of the Earth to make it. Most people only associate amber with the Sun due to its yellow and orange color. One legend suggests amber to be the tears of the Sun, but if you know how amber is made you will find it has a deep connection with the Earth as well. Being blessed by both the Earth and the Sun makes this crystal an extremely powerful protection gem. I'd venture to say it is more powerful than quartz when it comes to protection. Suggested Alternative Crystal: Clear Quartz or Garnet

Malachite: Known for its deep emerald hues, malachite is perfect for prosperity magic. It is also a great crystal for protection, supposedly warding off evil and allowing the bearer to sense danger to come. It is also due to its green hues that many witches, especially green witches, use it in grounding rituals or spells. There are plenty of green crystals you can use, but I personally find malachite to be one of the prettiest out there. Suggested Alternative Crystal: Green Agate or Aventurine.

Obsidian: This glass-like, black crystal is sacred to Hecate, the goddess of witches, and a favorite crystal for scrying mirrors. It can also be used for protection, boosting strength, and breaking down obstacles due to its volcanic origins. Being black, you can also use it in banishing magic. Since this crystal is sacred to Hecate, I couldn't leave it off the list, although I don't use my obsidian crystal often. Suggested Alternative Crystal: Onyx

Tiger's Eye: "It's the eye of the tiger; it's the thrill of the fight; risin' up to the challenge, of our rival." Yes, I just quoted Survivor, but it is perfect for this stone.

Tiger's eye, which gets its name of the bands from from the gold in a base of brown, is used for strength, courage, good fortune, and boosting self confidence. Roman soldiers used to carry it in their pockets when they went off to battle. Whenever I do something new that makes me uncomfortable, I carry my Tiger's Eye with me. Suggested Alternative Crystal: Onyx or Bloodstone

Bloodstone: Well, as its name suggests, this crystal is is associate with health, especially in regards to blood. However, the crystal is green with red flecks, not red as you may have guessed. It is also a great stone for protection, good luck, success, and courage like the Tiger's Eye. I added this one to the list because it is great for female witches if you know what I mean. Suggested Alternative Crystal: Tiger's Eye or Red Coral

Moonstone: This crystal is milky white in color and ruled by the Moon. Like amethyst, it aids in dream recall and increases intuition. It also calms emotions, like rose quartz, and benefits women's health like bloodstone. I added this one to the list because I have crystals from the Sun and Earth, and you can't leave out the Moon in witchcraft. This is a great crystal to use in place of amethyst, rose quartz, and bloodstone if your budget is tight or you don't have a place to store so many crystals. Suggested Alternative Crystal: Opal