



Malachite

Gemstone Family - Copper carbonate hydroxide

Chakras - Solar Plexus (3rd), Heart (4th)

Colour - Green with banding

Found in - Russia, Zaire, Australia, and Namibia, Zaire, South Africa, Australia, Germany, Romania, Chile, Mexico and the U.S.

Element - Associated with Fire

Also known as - Malache (Greek), Molochitis (Latin), "The Midwife Stone"

Meaning - The mineral was given this name due to its resemblance to the leaves of the mallow plant

Birthstone Month - April / May

Zodiac Sign - Taurus

Chemical Composition - $\text{Cu}_2\text{CO}_3(\text{OH})_2$

Hardness on the Mohs scale - 3.5-4 (1 being softest, 10 being hardest)

Physical Healing Properties - Increases vitality, supports healing of soft tissue, aids in recovery from illness, reduces inflammation, regulates menstrual cycle, aids kidney function, strengthens memory, lowers blood pressure

Emotional Healing Properties - Builds self-confidence, encourages change and transformation, encourages expression, reduces shyness, increases empathy and friendship, helps with depression

Spiritual Properties - Aids in psychic protection and manifestation, enhances will, acts as a purger, absorbs energy, stimulates dreams

Legend has it that.... In ancient Egypt the colour green was associated with death and the power of resurrection as well as new life and fertility. They believed that the afterlife contained an eternal paradise which resembled their lives but with no pain or suffering, and referred to this place as the 'Field of Malachite'. The pharaohs often lined the inside of their headdresses with Malachite, believing it helped them rule wisely