

## Kaolin Fast Facts

### Kaolin is:

- A clay mineral, part of the group of industrial minerals, with the chemical composition  $\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4$ .
- Derived from the word -Kau -Ling or high ridge, the name given to a hill in China where Kaolin was first mined. It can also be known as 'China Clay'.
- Usually associated with laterite and bauxite and formed from weathering in wet or dry tropical climates.
- Used as filling and coating pigments for paper, in polymer and paint.
- Used in ceramics and as a hardener of natural latex to form rubber.
- Known for its superior brightness and whiteness when high quality clay.



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