

How do I get Minecraft Amethyst Shards and how to make use of them

Minecraft Amethyst Shards are obtained through mining amethyst clusters that are found in geodes. They can be used as a fancy ornament or as a resource to make a Spyglass or Tinted Glass. If you're planning to look for the purple crystal shards you'll need to know the specifics of how you can find Amethyst Geodes and how to maximize your shard gains. Here's what you should know about finding and mining Amethyst Shards in Minecraft, and what you can do with them.

Where can I find Amethyst Geodes in Minecraft

It's easiest to go underground and begin mining in Minecraft to find an Amethyst Geode. You don't necessarily have to go very deep, however: Amethyst geodes can spawn between Y-level -64 and Y-level 30. Geodes aren't difficult to recognize either, as they're very big and often cracked, which means that you might be able to see the glowing light from a distance.

Keep an eye out for smooth basalt while mining. This is the dark layer in an Amethyst Geode. Break through this initial layer to uncover calcite and then move on to the amethyst. You'll find Blocks of Amethyst and Budding Amethyst as well as Amethyst Buds and Amethyst Clusters. Let's see which one is which:

How to obtain Amethyst Shards in Minecraft from Amethyst Clusters

Minecraft Netherite is very valuable but a lot harder to get Amethyst Shards!

Amethyst Shards can be retrieved from growing amethyst clusters. They are found in Amethyst Geodes. If you mine amethyst clusters, you get Minecraft Amethyst Shards in return, and they can be used to create certain items.

It is essential to only mine fully grown ones. The smaller Amethyst Buds in Minecraft will not drop any Amethyst Shards. An Amethyst Bud goes through three stages before becoming an Amethyst Cluster. You can see them in the photo above.

Fully formed Amethyst Clusters drop two Minecraft Amethyst Shards, when broken using any other tool and four when extracted with the aid of a pickaxe. The Fortune enchantment can increase the amount of Amethyst Shards you get. Use the Silk Touch enchantment to pick up the cluster.

Budding Amethyst blocks are the best way to grow Minecraft Amethyst Clusters or Buds. They can be identified by the cross-shape at their sides. Budding Amethyst is not possible to mine, however you are able to return to find new-spawned Amethyst Buds. The other solid amethyst block is referred to as the 'Block of Amethyst' and can be mined with the help of a pickaxe. The block is only decorative, and cannot grow Amethyst Buds. If you want to make use of Amethyst Shards to create additional Minecraft Blocks of Amethyst, you can use them to create them.

You can make anything you want with Minecraft Amethyst Shards

In addition to being a fashionable new building material, Amethyst Shards may be used to craft the following items:

Spyglass: One Amethyst Shard placed on top of two copper ingots creates Spyglass. Spyglass. Spyglasses can be used to zoom in to view far objects. Tinted Glass: Two blocks of Tinted Glass will be made out of one glass block and an Amethyst Shard on each side. Minecraft Servers Tinted Glass is a building material which blocks all light (but you can still see through it). It doesn't choke mobs, however it is able to be reused if broken.

Block of Amethyst: As mentioned before it's purely decorative. You can make a Block of Amethyst with four Amethyst Shards.

It's time to locate some Amethyst Shards so you can create your dream amethyst house!

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