## Bruce Dice MINERALOGICAL MUSEUM

## Mineral Spotlight: Okenite

Okenite may look like a cotton ball, but it is rather sharp! Its fuzzy appearance is due to numerous fibrous crystals that radiate from a single point. These fragile and flexible crystals can easily break off and cause slivers. However, okenite typically forms in geodes, so an outer layer of rock protects its delicate crystals.

## **Key Facts:**

- Okenite was first discovered and described on Disko Island, Greenland
- Okenite is always white or off-white; if you see it in other colors, it is a fake.
- The finest okenite samples, including the specimen on display at the Dice Museum, come from Maharashtra, India.



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