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(b)

Plate 6. Colorful groups of crystals such as these are displayed in some of the finer museum collections. (a) Veszelyite $[(\text{Cu}, \text{Zn})_3(\text{PO}_4)(\text{OH})_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}]$ – NMNH #148368. This group of crystals from Montana constitutes a “one in a million specimen” of the quality and rarity so highly sought by mineral collectors. (b) This specimen consists of pink rhodochrosite (MnCO_3) crystals on top of a mass coated with small quartz (SiO_2) crystals – NMNH #125901. (Photographs by D. Penland, courtesy of Smithsonian Institution)