

Conglomerate Rock



Over time, tiny, little rocks can stick together to form a conglomerate rock.

Think about what would happen if you used superglue to put these rocks together. You'd have a "conglomerate" rock. Nature doesn't use superglue but there are ways in which rocks get stuck together to form conglomerate rocks.

Usually, conglomerate rocks are formed from tiny rocks that have been broken off of bigger rocks by water or wind. The little rocks are carried away by water and eventually settle into a riverbed or beach. As more layers of little rocks are added, the weight presses the little rocks at the bottom closer and closer. Over time, the minerals in the water act like cement. The little rocks are stuck together and become one big rock called a conglomerate rock.

