Building Materials of Peru

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Concrete and Steel

- Limited mainly to coastal areas
- Too expensive to bring to Cusco or other high cities
Mud Brick, Stucco, Clay Tiles

- Most common Peruvian building material
- Cheap but weak
- Some poorer areas have houses made only of mud without plaster.
Stone Without Mortar

- Incan ruins
- Only most important areas
- Most difficult building method
Stone and Mortar

- Common in Incan, Pre-Incan, and Spanish construction
- Spanish re-used existing Incan foundations
Thatched Roofs

- Used by Incans and other natives
- Reconstructed in various archaeological sites
Organic Architecture

- Used by Inca
- Buildings used existing shape of rock.
- Some buildings were carved instead of constructed