



Clay Color Inspiration

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This image covers a exposure of clay-rich bedrock on the “shore” of the northern plains, north of Mawrth Vallis. The relatively bright areas reveal a complex terrain with a range of textures and enhanced colors. We probably need to send a rover here to understand the complex history of these very ancient deposits.

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