

How to make a set of fingerprints:

1. Rub soft leaded pencil on a paper to create a 1/2 inch patch.
2. Press your finger pad onto the lead patch. (Don't rub your finger. Just press it flat. Down, then up.)
3. Press a piece of clear tape onto the leaded pad of your fingertip.
4. Lift off the tape careful not to touch the print.
5. Place tape on white paper.
6. Investigate lines in the print with a magnifying glass

You will see prints of these three major categories:

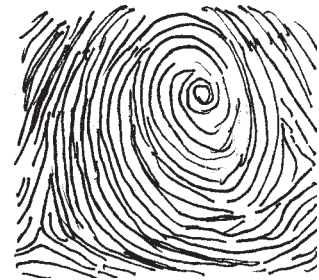
A whorl is a spiral sort of shape.



A loop goes in on one side of the print, loops around and leaves the print on the same side if entered.



An arch has the print lines going in on one side of the print and leaving on the other side.



There are of course combinations of these three basic types of fingerprints.

To purchase the Fingerprinting Teacher's Guide by Jeremy John Ahouse from the Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California Berkley, CA 94720. It is one of their LHS Gems series.

Until next month,
Shelly