

Forensic Fun[©] Finger Print Patterns

Instructions:

Use a pencil and scribble a small section in the Pencil Rubbing Box on your fingerprint template. Next, rub your right thumb over the pencil scribble mark. Finally, take a piece of clear tape and stick it to your finger to "lift" the print. Stick the tape over the appropriate box to leave your print. Once you have "lifted" your fingerprints for each finger, compare your fingerprints to the Finger Print Patterns worksheet.

Science Behind It:

Dermatoglyphics is a really big word for fingerprints! Everyone has their own unique fingerprints. No two fingerprints are ever exactly alike in every detail. It wasn't until the late 1800's that fingerprints were used as evidence to link a perpetrator to a crime.



