



FINGERPRINTING

Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) Take a clear set of prints. Use both rolled and plain impressions. Make these on an 8-by-8-inch fingerprint identification card, available from your local police department or counselor.
- 2) Do the following:
 - A) Name the surfaces of the body where friction or papillary ridges are found.
 - B) Explain why plain impressions must be taken on a card.
- 3) Show you can identify the eight types of fingerprint patterns.
- 4) Give a short history of fingerprinting. Tell the difference between civil and criminal identification. Point out the purposes of each.

Requirement 1

__ Obtain some 8x8 fingerprint identification cards from your counselor or your local police department.

__ Using your fingerprint identification cards, take a clear set of prints using rolled impressions.

Briefly explain the process of taking prints using rolled impressions: _____

__ Using your fingerprint identification cards, take a clear set of prints using plain impressions.

Briefly explain the process of taking prints using plain impressions: _____

Requirement 2

Name the surfaces of the body where friction or papillary ridges are found:

On the _____ surfaces of the _____ and on the _____ surfaces of the _____.

Explain why plain impressions must be taken on a card: _____

Requirement 3

Below you will find pictures of the eight types of fingerprint patterns. Show that you can identify each type by placing the name of the type under the picture.
















