TellTale Prints

Description: Can you determine the pattern of your fingerprint?

Materials:
• Paper
• A #2 pencil
• Roll of clear tape
• Magnifying glass

To do and notice:
Follow these directions to make a fingerprint.
1. Rub the pencil on the scratch paper until there is a dark smudge of graphite.
2. Rub one finger on the smudge until the fingertip is covered with graphite.
3. Place a small piece of tape over the fingertip. Press the tape down gently.
4. Carefully remove the tape and stick it on a piece of clean white paper sticky side down. Be sure to label your fingerprint.
5. Look at the fingerprint with the magnifying glass and try to identify what type you have. The main patterns are shown on the next page.

Are your other fingers the same?

See the next page for examples of fingerprint patterns.