

## Whorls



Plain Whorl



Central Pocket Loop Whorl

A whorl can be identified by the presence of at least one ridge that makes, or tends to make a complete circuit and the presence of two deltas.

A plain whorl can be differentiated from a central pocket whorl by drawing a straight line between the two deltas. If the line comes in contact with any one of the recurving ridges around the core (center of the pattern), it is a **plain whorl**. If no spiral ridge surrounding the core is touched, it is a **central pocket loop whorl**.



Double Loop Whorl



Accidental Whorl

A **double loop whorl** is made up of any two loops combined into one print.

**Accidental whorls** either contain two or more patterns (not including the plain arch), or the pattern formed does not clearly fall under any of the other categories.



### DID YOU KNOW?

About 60% of people have loops, 35% have whorls, and 5% have arches.