

Creating Tool Marks

Directions:

1. Your instructor will divide the class into five groups.
2. Each group will be provided with several different types of tools and Play-Doh[®].
3. Using the Play-Doh[®] and tools, create a tool mark for each of the tools provided.
4. Note the following information for each tool:
 - Name of the tool
 - What category would the tool be classified as (compression, flat action, etc.)
 - What type of impression was created (indentation, abrasion, cutting, etc.)
 - Was the impression difficult to create
 - Where would the impression typically be found at a crime scene
 - Where there any individual characteristics shown on the impression
5. Participate in a class discussion to share your findings with the class.