What is claimed is:

1. A contact lens, comprising of at least one first pattern having a first color and a first shape and at least a second pattern having a second color and a second shape, wherein the second pattern is capable of imparting a shadow-effect to the first pattern.

2. The contact lens of claim 1, wherein the second shape is the same as the first shape.

3. The contact lens of claim 1, wherein the second shape is different from the first shape.

4. The contact lens of claim 1, wherein the first and second pattern are of a size so that they comprise substantially an entire iris portion of the lens.

5. The contact lens of claim 1, wherein the first and second pattern are of a size so that they comprise a portion of an iris portion of the lens.

6. The contact lens of claim 2, wherein the first and second pattern are of a size so that they comprise substantially an entire iris portion of the lens.

7. The contact lens of claim 2, wherein the first and second pattern are of a size so that they comprise a portion of an iris portion of the lens.

8. The contact lens of claim 3, wherein the first and second pattern are of a size so that they comprise substantially an entire iris portion of the lens.

9. The contact lens of claim 3, wherein the first and second pattern are of a size so that they comprise a portion of an iris portion of the lens.

10. The contact lens of claim 1, wherein the second color is of a darker color than the first color.

11. The contact lens of claim 2, wherein the second color is of a darker color than the first color.

12. The contact lens of claim 3, wherein the second color is of a darker color than the first color.

13. The contact of claim 1, wherein the first pattern, the second pattern, or both patterns further comprise a limbal ring.

14. A method of forming a tinted contact lens, comprising the steps of:

a.) providing at least one first pattern having a first color and a first shape;

b.) providing at least a second pattern having a second color and a second shape, wherein the second pattern is capable of imparting a shadow-effect to the first pattern.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein step b.) is carried out by offsetting the rotational position of one of the first or second patterns in relation to the other pattern.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the offsetting is carried out by rotating one of the first or second patterns between about 0.025 mm and 1.00 mm clockwise or counterclockwise relative to the 90 degree point on the lens.

What is claimed is:

1. A contact lens, comprising of at least one first pattern having a first color and a first shape and at least a second pattern having a second color and a second shape, wherein the second pattern is capable of imparting a shadow-effect to the first pattern, wherein the second shape is the same as the first shape.

2. The contact lens of claim 1, wherein the first and second pattern are of a size so that they comprise substantially an entire iris portion of the lens.

3. The contact lens of claim 1, wherein the first and second pattern are of a size so that they comprise a portion of an iris portion of the lens.

4. The contact lens of claim 1, wherein the second color is of a darker color than the first color.

5. The contact of claim 1, wherein the first pattern, the second pattern, or both patterns further comprise a limbal ring.

6. The contact lens of claim 1, wherein one of the first and second patterns overlies the other pattern, but the rotational position of one of the patterns is offset from that of the other to form the shadow-effect.

7. The contact lens of claim 5, wherein the color of the limbal ring is selected from any of the hues and chromas of black, brown or gray.

8. The contact lens of any one of the preceding claims, wherein the patterns are printed onto different surfaces of the contact lens.

9. A method of forming a tinted contact lens, comprising the steps of:

a) providing at least one first pattern having a first color and a first shape;
b) providing at least a second pattern having a second color and a second

shape, wherein the second pattern is capable of imparting a shadow-effect to the first pattern

wherein the first and second shape are the same.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein step b) is carried out by off setting the rotational position of one of the first or second patterns in relation to the other pattern.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the offsetting is carried out by rotating one of the first or second patterns between about 0.025 mm and 1.00 mm clockwise or counterclockwise relative to the 90 degree point on the lens.