Claims:

1. A contact lens comprising a central portion, a tinted iris portion about the central portion, a limbal ring about the iris portion, a peripheral portion about the limbal ring, and an effect band appearing interior to the limbal ring, wherein the effect band tinting is of a brighter intensity relative to the tinting in the iris portion.

2. The lens of Claim 1 wherein the central portion is transparent or translucent.

3. The lens of claim 1 wherein the tinting in the iris portion is in the form of a pattern.

4. The lens of claim 1 wherein the effect band is a different hue from that of the iris portion.

5. The lens of claim 1 wherein the effect band tinting is of a different texture than that of the tinting in the iris portion.

6. The lens of claim 1 wherein the effect band is translucent or transparent or opaque.

7. The lens of claim 1 wherein the iris portion is translucent or transparent.

8. The lens of claim 1 wherein the limbal ring is translucent or transparent or opaque.

9. The lens of claim 1 wherein the tinting in the iris portion is discontinuous or contnuous.

10. The lens of claim 1 wherein the outer circumference of the limbal ring is in a position on the lens that would overlie the sclera of the lens wearer.

11. The lens of claim 1 wherein the inner circumference of the limbal ring is in a

position on the lens that would overlie the sclera of the lens wearer.

12. The lens of claim 1 wherein at least one of the circumferences of the effect layer is irregular.

13. A method of manufacturing a contact lens comprising a central portion, a tinted iris portion about the central portion, a limbal ring about the iris portion, a peripheral portion about the limbal ring, and a tinted effect band between the wearer's natural iris and said limbal ring wherein the tinted iris portion, limbal ring, and effect band are printed or lithographed, and wherein the effect band tinting is of a brighter intensity relative to the tinting in the iris portion.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein tinting is applied by pad printing, inkjet printing or photolithography.

15. A method of enhancing the appearance of an eye by producing a halo effect on the eye.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein the halo effect is produced by providing a contact lens with an effect band.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein the lens comprises a central portion, a tinted iris portion about the central portion, a limbal ring about the iris portion, a peripheral portion about the limbal ring, and a tinted effect band between the iris portion and the limbal ring.

18. The lens of claim 1 wherein the effect band comprises two different colors.

19. The lens of claim 15 wherein the halo effect comprises three different shades.

20. In another embodiment, the halo effect can achieve a cosmetic outcome that resembles light naturally reflecting off of the surface of the eye.

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