Claims:

1. A contact lens comprising a center, a central portion about the center, and a peripheral portion disposed about said central portion; wherein said peripheral portion is brightly colored with a random pattern that graduates to transparent towards the outer diameter of the lens.

2. The lens of claim 1 wherein the brightly colored portion is opaque near the inner diameter of said peripheral portion.

3. The lens of claim 1 wherein the brightly colored portion is translucent near the inner diameter of said peripheral portion.

4. The lens of claim 1 wherein the brightly colored portion is selected from the group consisting of white, near white, off white, light yellow, pale blue, light pink, light green and combinations thereof.

5. The lens of claim 1 wherein the brightly colored portion is off-white.

6. The lens of claim 1 wherein the brightly colored portion is light pink.

7. The lens of claim 1 wherein the brightly colored portion is pale blue.

8. The lens of claim 1 wherein the brightly colored portion is light yellow.

9. The lens of claim 1 wherein the brightly colored portion is light green.

10. The lens of claim 1 having a natural appearance.

11. The lens of claim 1 further comprising a limbal ring.

12. The lens of claim 1 having a brightly colored portion that graduates from opaque to semi-opaque to translucent to transparent from the inner diameter of said peripheral portion to the outer diameter of said peripheral portion.

13. The lens of claim 1 having a colored portion that substantially corresponds to the portion of the lens overlying the iris of a wearer when said lens is on eye.

14. The contact lens of claim 13 further comprising a limbal ring.

15. The contact lens of claim 1 wherein said peripheral portion is colored according to a geometric pattern.

16. A method of manufacturing a contact lens comprising a comprising a center, a central portion about the center, and a peripheral portion disposed about said central portion; wherein said peripheral portion is brightly colored with a random pattern that graduates to transparent towards the outer diameter of the lens and wherein said pattern is printed on said lens by pad printing, ink jet printing or photolithography.

17. A method of enhancing the appearance of a wearer's eyes by providing a contact lens comprising a comprising a center, a central portion about said center, and a peripheral portion disposed about said central portion and brightly colored with a random pattern that graduates to transparent towards the outer diameter of the lens.

Claims

1. A contact lens comprising a coloured center, a central portion about the center, and a peripheral portion disposed about the central portion, wherein the peripheral portion is brightly colored with a pattern that graduates to transparent towards the outer diameter of the lens.

2. The lens according to claim 1, wherein the colored center may be an area of translucent or opaque color or any combination of opaque and translucent colors.

3. The lens according to claim 1, wherein the brightly colored portion is opaque or translucent near the inner diameter of the peripheral portion .

4. The lens according to claim 1, wherein the brightly colored portion is selected from the group consisting of white, near white, off white, light yellow, pale blue, light pink, light green and combinations thereof.

5. The lens according to claim 1, wherein the brightly colored portion is off-white.

6. The lens according to claim 1, wherein the brightly colored portion is light pink.

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10. The lens according to claim 1, having a natural appearance.

11. The lens according to claim 1, further comprising a limbal ring.

12. The lens according to claim 1, having a brightly colored portion that graduates from opaque to semi-opaque to translucent to transparent from the inner diameter of the peripheral portion to the outer diameter of the peripheral portion.

13. The lens according to claim 1, having a colored portion that substantially corresponds to the portion of the lens overlying the iris of a wearer when the lens is on an eye of a wearer.

14. The contact lens according to claim 13, further comprising a limbal ring.

15. The contact lens according to claim 1, wherein the peripheral portion is colored according to a geometric pattern.

16. The contact lens according to claim 1, wherein the peripheral portion is colored according to a random pattern.

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