Eyeball With Nerve Endings

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Materials:

- DMC Size 8 Perle Cotton Thread (1 ball each color [1]) – White (0001), Black (0310), Variegated Garnet (0115)
- For Iris: Any Variegated Colorway in DMC Size 8 Perle Cotton Thread (1 ball) or Artfabrik Size 8 Thread http://www.artfabrik.com/index.html (1 hank)
- US 6 Steel Hook
- Embroidery Needle
- Fiberfill

Abbreviations:

ch – chain	st – stitch
rnd – round	sts - stitches
sc – single crochet	tog – together
sl st – slip stitch	

Gauge:

12 sts x 12 rows = 1"

Directions:

* Pattern is worked in the round. Each round begins with ch 1 and ends with sl st in first sc of round to join. First st in round is worked in same st as slp st to join previous round.

Rnd 1 - Foundation (Black) – ch 2; 8 sc in first ch; sl st to join rnd; break off black

Rnd 2 (Iris Color) – attach iris color; ch 1; 2sc in every st in rnd; sl st (16 sts total)

Rnd 3 – ch 1; (sc next st; 2 sc in next st) – repeat to end of rnd; sl st; break off iris color

Rnd 4 (White) – attach white; ch 1; 1 sc in every st in rnd; sl st (24 sts total)

Rnd 5 – ch 1; (sc in next 2 sts; 2 sc in next st) – repeat to end of rnd; sl st

Rnd 6 – ch 1; 1 sc in every st in rnd; sl st (32 sts total)

Rnd 7 – ch 1; (sc in next 3 sts; 2 sc in next st) – repeat to end of rnd; sl st

Rnd 8 – ch 1; 1 sc in every st in rnd; sl st (40 sts total)

Rnd 9 – ch 1; (sc in next 4 sts; 2sc in next st) – repeat to end of rnd; sl st

Rnd 10 – ch 1; 1 sc in every st in rnd; sl st (48 sts total)

Rnd 11 through Rnd 15 – repeat Rnd 10

Rnd 16 – ch 1; (sc in next 4 sts; sc next 2 sts tog) – repeat to end of rnd; sl st

Rnd 17 – ch 1; 1 sc in every st in rnd; sl st (40 sts total)

Rnd 18 – ch 1; (sc in next 3 sts; sc next 2 sts tog) – repeat to end of rnd; sl st

Rnd 19 – ch 1; 1 sc in every st in rnd; sl st (32 sts total)

Rnd 20 – ch 1; (sc in next 2 sts; sc next 2 sts tog) – repeat to end of rnd; sl st

Rnd 21 - ch 1; 1 sc in every st in rnd; sl st (24 sts total)

* Before beginning next round stuff with Fiberfill

Rnd 22 – ch 1; (sc in next st; sc next 2 sts tog) – repeat to end of rnd; sl st

Rnd 23 – ch 1; (sc 2 sts tog) – repeat to end of rnd; sl st; break off white

Rnd 24 (Variegated Garnet) – attach garnet; ch 1; 1 sc in every st in round; sl st (8 sts total)

* Begin Nerve Endings

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[1] Enough thread to make more than one eyeball.

Rnd 25 – ch 1; 1 sc; ch 21; (3 sc in second ch from hook; 3 sc in each ch as you work your way back down ch to Rnd 25); 2 sc; ch 31; repeat instructions in parentheses; 2 sc; ch 16; repeat instructions in parentheses; 2 sc; ch 21; repeat instructions in parentheses; 1sc; sl st; fasten off

Finishing:

Weave in ends. Using single strands of variegated garnet thread, beginning at nerve ending base row, embroider veins on white portion of eyeball using embroidery chain stitch (I recommend the Embroiderers' Guild website for detailed directions on embroidery chain stitch: http://www.embroiderersguild.com/stitch/stitches/chain.html). Add as many veins as desired.

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