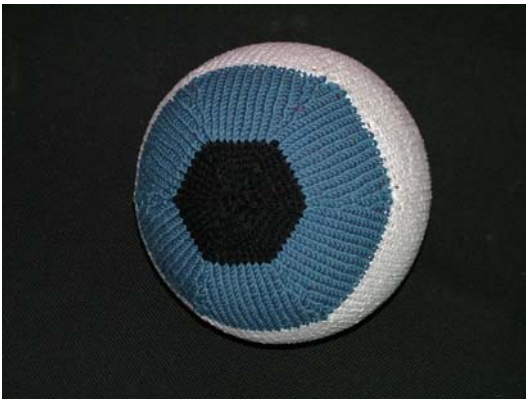## Eyeball

Ingredients

4mm/US6 or size needed to attain gauge: one 16-24" long circular needle and set of four matching size double points

Recommended yarns: any DK weight yarn available in your chosen colors:
- 70 yards white
- 30 yards color desired for iris
- 10 yards black for pupil

One 22" round inflatable ball, as sold for Pilates exercise
Darning needle

Gauge

20 sts and 28 rows over 4 inch (10cm) square. You may accommodate the difference in row gauge if you are using stash yarns as follows:
If the yarn has more rows to the inch, knit an extra plain row between decrease rounds; if fewer, skip the plain row.

Eyeball front

With white yarn, cast on 96 sts provisionally. Join round for circular knitting and place marker. Work rounds in stockinette until piece measures 3" from cast on row—96 sts

Round 1: [K14, k2 tog], rep to marker—90 sts
Round 2 and every alt round until through round 24: knit

Switch to iris color yarn.
Round 3: K14, ssk, [k13, ssk], rep to marker, drop marker and lift the white stitch below the next st to be knit onto needle and ktog with the stitch above it to complete final ssk and hide the jog of this yarn change, PM—84 sts
Round 5: [K12, k2 tog], rep to marker—78 sts
Round 7: K12, ssk, [k11, ssk], rep to marker, drop marker to complete final ssk and PM—72 sts
Round 9: [K10, k2 tog], rep to marker—66 sts
Round 11: K10, ssk, [k9, ssk], rep to marker, drop marker to complete final ssk and PM—60 sts
Round 13: [K8, k2 tog], rep to marker—52 sts

Switch to black yarn and double point needles. As you break the sts out over three DPN's on the next round, make sure the needle points are placed halfway between decreases.

Round 15: K8, ssk, [k7, ssk], rep to marker, drop marker and lift the colored stitch below the next st to be knit onto needle and ktog with the stitch above it to complete final ssk and hide the jog of this yarn change, PM—48 sts
Round 17: [K6, k2 tog], rep to marker—42 sts
Round 19: K6, ssk, [k5, ssk], rep to marker, drop marker to complete final ssk and PM—36 sts

Round 21: [K4, k2 tog], rep to marker—30 sts

Round 23: K4, ssk, [k3, ssk], rep to marker, drop marker to complete final ssk and PM—24 sts

Round 24: knit (This is the last plain knit round)

Round 25: [K2, k2 tog], rep to marker—18 sts

Round 26: K2, ssk, [k1, ssk] rep to marker—12 sts

Round 27: [K2 tog] rep to end—6 sts

Use a darning needle to pull the yarn tail through all remaining sts, working counter-clockwise. Weave in end.

Eyeball back
Remove provisional cast on and place 96 sts onto circular needle. Work the entire back of the ball in white yarn as below.

Anchor white yarn and knit one round. Rep from round 1 above until the ball opening is just large enough to pass the deflated ball through it, approx round 24 through 26. The smaller hole you pass the ball through, the easier it will be to close up. The remaining rounds will be knit after the ball is inflated.

Leaving the live sts on needles, fold the inflatable ball in thirds so that the inflation point is at the point of this wedge shape. Insert the deflated ball into the eyeball so that the inflation point matches up with the eyeball opening. Inflate the ball and plug it.

Work remaining rounds of pattern and close up the knit eyeball. Do not weave in this end so well that you cannot find it.

When the ball eventually needs re-inflating, you will need to reopen it by loosening the yarn pulled through last 6 sts, inflate, then re-close.