

# From The Mind of:

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A NaturalVue® Multifocal Practitioner Experience



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First, I think it is great to have a contact lens that has a single universal add. It will work on a whole range of add powers, without having to have 3 or 4 times the number of trial lenses.

Also, pupil size is less critical to achieving good near vision with the NaturalVue Multifocal as its unique extended depth of focus design creates a virtual aperture, which functions as a pupil-independent design. As a further benefit, the high amount of relative plus power in the periphery of the NaturalVue Multifocal lens design would allow the use of this contact lens for myopic correction. The unique lens extended depth of focus lens design offers increased plus in the periphery while maintaining distance vision.

Second, the lens fits about 90 % of the corneal shapes we encounter, with one base curve and one diameter. Centration is usually excellent, which leads to better overall vision.

Third, the fitting guide is very straight-forward. Do a solid distance refraction but do not push plus as may be done with other multifocal contact lens designs and include the full cylinder component of the correction into the best corrected spherical equivalent lens power, vertex correct as needed, and select the lens power that you require, rounding towards minus power if needed. It does not get much easier than that.

Fourth, the manufacturing of this lens is extremely consistent from lot to lot and lens to lens. Every box yields the same great vision and comfort. Some competitors have a problem with this facet.

For all of these reasons, I reach for the NaturalVue Multifocal as the first choice for all my soft lens patients. This design is truly revolutionary.

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