

# Vision Magnification Choices



This is a bigger topic than you realize! When people think of magnifiers to see smaller print, they think of the basic magnifier in the picture. Nothing fancy, no batteries, no choices, just a magnifier. But there are so many more! This is just a brief overview, but all these devices are available from catalogs, online and some are available in local stores.



## First category – Simple

Our first choices are dome, bar and rectangular (circle) (with/without a light). These are the no frills magnifiers, but they are also limited in magnification. Usually 2x to about 4x is the maximum. If you only need minimum magnification, these are very reasonable, available locally or in catalogs or online.



## Next Level of Magnification

This is a flimsy page magnifier with a wavy plastic lens that is not sturdy but could be ok for reading a recipe or instructions for a craft project. Easily broken.

And the complement to this is a stand magnifier with a polished glass lens that is more



expensive, doesn't show as much of the page, but is high quality. Might find these in a craft/fabric store and the stand magnifier might be in a Stamp Collector store. Otherwise in catalogs and online. No prescription.

## For Distance



This is great for folks with vision loss who need to see things at a distance – great tool but expensive.

## Wearable



This funny contraction is perfect for changing the magnification for each eye – again for distance like watching a TV. Several different

styles for different uses.

## Wearable Video Magnifiers



And now we get into the state-of-the-art NEW choices. This is a virtual headset that is modified for reading. "NuEyes E2"

And the next photo illustrates distance viewing. "Iris Vision". Lots of choices for each but pricey.



## Back to Handheld Magnifiers



This is a rechargeable magnifier with a light, options for magnification, a built-in stand, several image color choices

and even a flash image. Very expensive but so portable. This is the Ruby but there is another one called Snow by another company.



## Larger Screen for Reading and Distance

Can be used as illustrated but also to read print on paper. Versatile with a much larger screen.

## Devices that connect to Computers



There are several styles with different capabilities, but all are linked to your computer so generally don't travel with you. And some will turn your print into a voice that will read

to you.

## And then there are the Desktop CCTV

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If you need magnification, these are the best style for folks who have significant vision loss. These are in the category – CCTV – closed circuit tv. Yes, this is similar to the cameras you see around stores and

homes, but the lens is so much better. You can magnify up to 35x and some have even more. See the photo on the bed of the CCTV? That is being magnified on the screen. Awesome! Again, these generally stay home and in one place.

And there is more – Apps for your smartphone or tablet. Contact me for a list.

Have questions? Please contact us by phone or email (see below).

Good luck!

[For those of you reading this outside the Lower Shore of Maryland – please contact your local Area Agency on Aging for assistance.]

## **Till next week... a new Topic!**

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