

Proper Ḥijāb for Women - 14 /Mar/ 2020

question| What is the proper clothing that women should wear in public?

answer| Any form of clothing that meets the following conditions qualifies as proper Islamic ḥijāb, that is, as clothing suitable for being worn by women in the presence of non-maḥram men. Proper Islamic ḥijāb must

cover the entire body, except for the face (the part that is typically rinsed with water in performing the ablution of wuḍū) and the hands (up to the wrist);

conceal all forms of adornment and beautification worn by a woman (even if it is on her face and hands, which are otherwise allowed to be left uncovered in public);

not be in such a form, shape, or manner as to attract the attention of non-maḥram men;

not expose the salient parts of a woman's body in a sexually provocative manner or in any manner that would entail vile consequences;

not cause one to stand out;

not be of those forms of clothing that are generally deemed to belong properly to men.