



## 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 *wuḍūʿ*) 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.