

214 - Conditions of Muslim woman's hijab

the question

Being a Muslim Woman, how must they wear their attire to say that she is a muslim woman.

Detailed answer

The scholars have based the conditions of the hijab (covering) which Muslim women must wear in front of non-mahram men on the evidence in the Qur'aan and Sunnah. So long as a woman adheres to these conditions, she may wear whatever she likes in public places and elsewhere, and her hijab will be considered Islamic. These conditions may be summarized as follows:

1. The hijab must cover her entire body
2. It should be thick enough to conceal what is underneath it
3. It should be loose-fitting, not tight
4. It should not be so attractive as to call men's attention to it
5. It should not be perfumed
6. It should not be a dress of fame and vanity (i.e., it shouldn't be extravagant or excessively opulent)
7. It should not resemble the dress of men
8. It should not resemble the dress of kaafir women
9. It should not be adorned with any crosses or pictures of animate beings

Further discussion of each of the above points will appear soon, in sha Allaah.