

Islam Question & Answer

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the question

We have heard some people saying that it is permissible for a woman to make wudoo' without removing her nail polish. What is your opinion?

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allaah.

If the nail polish forms an impermeable layer that prevents water from reaching the surface of the nail, her wudoo' is not valid unless she first removes it. If she wears something like henna that does not create an impermeable layer, then her wudoo' is valid.