



**Question:**

**I think you will find this reply from Sheikh Omar to another sister useful:**

**Answer:**

'...Q1) Is it permissible to wear a long shirt to just below the knees with pants underneath such that the bottom portion of the pants leg shows but with the feet uncovered?

A1) This description covers the Aworah and a woman is allowed to wear it inside her home but it does not fulfil the requirements of a Jilbaab to be worn outside the home (although some Hanafi scholars permit it). The Divine description of a Jilbaab is a special garment which covers from the neck down to the ankle and it can be one piece or two pieces as long as it is loose and barrel shaped without being dazzling or showing what is underneath.

Q2) Is there an opinion that women are allowed to show their feet and if there is, should it be respected or should we encourage these sisters to cover their feet?

A2) The feet of women for some Hanafis and Shafi'ies are not Aworah. However the opinion I follow is that the feet of a woman are Aworah. It is permissible to advise these sisters to cover their feet without making them feel like sinners because they are not sinful since they follow a valid opinion for them.

Q3) Should the Khimar come over the shoulders, so as to make a triangle shape, or can the shoulders be out of the Khimar (with the Khimar resting on the shoulders/collar bone but hanging over the bosom area)?

A3) It is permissible to do it both ways, however they must not rest their Khimar over their backs and must throw their Khimar over their chests.

Q4) if a garment is not so-called skin-tight or fitting i.e. it is loose but still allows for the figure to be outlined, is this permissible?

A4) the garment must not show what is underneath nor show the outline of ones figure. However this matter requires the presence of an Islamic custom which has been adopted and monitored by Khilafah. Until the Khilafah is established the decision regarding the fitting of Jilbaabs belongs to the Mahram of the women e.g. her husband...'

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