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EWIC STAFF REPORT: VEILING STYLES

“The origin of the hijab, women’s head and body covering, dates back to ancient times and the teachings of the Qur’an. The Qur’an encourages both men and women to dress modestly and to avert their eyes when encountering each other-in order to understand each other first as human beings, not as men or women.

Today, Muslim women from different countries and cultures adopt many varieties of hijab, ranging from a simple headscarf to a full-length robe and facial veil.

Many Muslim women choose not to wear any head covering. In the United States about as many Muslim women wear hijab as those who don’t.” http://www.linktv.org/teachers/onenation/facts_women

HIJAB

Hijab: Hijab is the common name for a scarf used to cover the hair. It is also called shaylah or tarhah. The hijab is the most common and popular type of veil.



KHIMAR

Khimar: A khimar is a rectangular scarf used to cover the head, neck and shoulders. Khimar can be worn either with a niqab as in the photo of the woman in white, or the face can be left uncovered. The niqab is worn predominately in Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Pakistan, Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, and



BURKA/BURQA

Burka: This type of veil and body covering conceals all of a woman's body including the eyes, which are covered with a mesh screen. Burkas are most commonly worn in Afghanistan; burka is sometimes referred to the "niqab" face veil described above.



CHADOR

Chador: Chadors are worn predominantly in Iran. They are full length shawl. The shawl covers the head and body, leaving the face uncovered. Chador is worn by many women in Iran when they go outside of the home.



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