214 - Conditions of Muslim woman's hijaab

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 hijaab (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 hijaab will be considered Islamic. These conditions may be summarized as follows:

- 1. The hijaab 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.