

## Designing of burkha using linen fabric with animal print

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■ **ABSTRACT** : A Burkha is an outer garment worn by women in Islamic tradition for the purpose of cloaking the entire body. The present study was conducted on the subjects who wear Burkha along with few objectives, fashion conscious wearer always demanding something new and innovative designer Burkha. The existing range of Burkha has wide variety but linen a skin friendly and comfortable fabric, has never been used for making Burkha and animal prints which has been a taboo for Muslim clothing. Therefore, this project is an effort to innovate designer Burkha with animal print carefully without hearing the Islamic religious norms. The designs were proposed, assessed, made into miniature samples, reassessed and finally made into prototype and then evaluated by the potent customers who showed inclination for buying such Burkhas.

■ **KEY WORDS** : Burkha, Animal print, Linen fabric, Design feature, Muslim clothing, Islamic tradition

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**A** Burqa (also translated Burkha, Burka or burqua) is an enveloping outer garment worn by women in Islamic tradition for the purpose of cloaking the entire body. It is worn over the usual daily clothing (Salwar Kameez) and removed when the women return to the sanctuary of the household (Das, 1982). The exact origin of the Burka is unknown, but similar forms of veiling have been worn by women in countries such as India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Afghanistan since the beginning of the Muslim religion (Ahmed, 1992). The Quran, the holy book of Islam, directs believers to cover themselves and be humble before God.

Quran calls this mode of dressing "modest". Muslims male and female are expected to dress without exposure of intimate body parts. According to Quran, there are certain requirements for a women's dress to be Islamic.

- It must cover the whole body.
- It must not be tight or transparent.
- It must not delineate the parts of body, especially those parts that are sexually attractive.
- It must not be a dress that is usually worn by men.

It is also called Niqab which is derived from the Arabic word. The word is used both as noun and as an adjective. The term Niqab and Burkha are often used interchangeably. These

are the various part of Burkha:

### **Abaya/Jilbab :**

The Arabic word Jilbab is the translated as "cloak. An Abaya or Jilbab is a loose outer garment like a cloak or coat that covers the whole body of a woman from the top to bottom and is an essential part of Islamic women clothing.

### **Under abaya cloth :**

This category includes clothes to be worn under the abaya. The collection includes under-skirt, under-pants and slip dress.

### **Khimar :**

A head covering dresses which have three types of Khimar. First the over head abaya which covers from head to heel, opened from front but closed with buttons or snaps and worn over regular clothes, second the Isdal which covers from head to heel but closed from front and third the regular khimar which covers from head to waist line.

### **Hijab and Shayala:**

Hijabs are used to cover the head of Muslim women in