



306291 - Is It Permissible to Wipe Over Exfoliating Socks in Wudu?

the question

Is it permissible to wipe over exfoliating socks when doing wudu?

Summary of answer

Wiping over exfoliating socks during wudu is permissible only if they are thick, cover the ankles, and do not allow water to pass through.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

Is it permissible to wipe over socks?

It is permissible to wipe over socks, if they are thick and cover the ankles.

[As for thin socks](#), it is not permissible to wipe over them according to the majority of scholars, and it was said that there is consensus regarding that.

Ibn Qattan (may Allah have mercy on him) said: All are agreed that if the socks are not thick, it is not permissible to wipe over them." (End quote from *Al-Iqna' fi Masa'il Al-Ijma'* 1/90)

Similarly, [it is not permissible to wipe over socks that do not cover the ankles](#), according to the majority of jurists.

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There are medical socks which exfoliate the skin to remove dead skin cells and soften the skin. They are called exfoliating socks, and they are of different types.



If they are thick and cover the ankles, it is permissible to wipe over them if they were put on when one was in a state of purity.

But if they are thin and show the colour of the skin, or they are thick but water goes through them, and it is not usually possible to walk in them, then it is not valid to wipe over them.

If someone needs to wear them and does not want to take them off every time they do Wudu, then he can wear thick socks over them and wipe over the outer socks.

And Allah knows best.