



## 20728 - Can I Pray with Nail Polish On?

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### the question

Is it allowed in Islam to say one's prayers with nail polish on?

### Summary of answer

You can pray with nail polish unless the nail polish contains a substance that prevents water from reaching what is beneath it.

### Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

It is permissible for a woman to colour her nails for the purpose of adornment, with materials that do not cause harm. And [there is nothing wrong with her praying with that](#) , unless it is a substance that prevents water from reaching what is beneath it, in which case [wudu](#) and ghusl are not valid unless it is removed. If the wudu is not valid, then the prayer is not valid.

It says in Fatawa al-Lajnah al-Daimah, 5/218:

“If the colour is impermeable, then [wudu](#) is not valid unless it is removed before [doing wudu](#) . If it is not impermeable, then wudu is valid, as is the case with henna.”

And Allah knows best.