926 - Are Coloured Contacts Haram?

the question

I want to know the Islamic view on wearing colored contact lenses.

Summary of answer

If a woman wears coloured cosmetic contact lenses for her husband, there is nothing wrong with it. But if she is wearing coloured contact lenses where others will see her, then this should not cause any fitnah or temptation. Also, there is nothing wrong with wearing ophthalmic contact lenses on the advice of specialists

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

There are two types of contact lenses:

1. Ophthalmic contact lenses: those that are used to correct long- or short-sightedness etc. There is nothing wrong with using this kind of contact lens on the advice of a specialist eye-doctor.
2. Coloured cosmetic contact lenses: these come under the rulings on adornment. If a woman wears them for her husband, there is nothing wrong with it. If she is wearing them where others will see her too, then it should not cause any fitnah or temptation. There is also the condition that they should not cause any harm, and there should be no element of cheating or deceiving, such as a woman wearing them when she meets the man who is proposing marriage to her. Also, they should not be extravagantly expensive, because Allah says (interpretation of the meaning): "… and waste not by extravagance…" [Al-An'am 6:141]

For more about issues related to contact lenses, please see these answers: 152357 and 65693 .

And Allah knows best.