

HANDOUT 1

Common Religious Clothing: The Basics

The table below lists some common types of religious clothing. Read about each term listed. Then use the blank rows to list some clothing from other religions or faith traditions. Finally, answer each question below the table.

CLOTHING	DESCRIPTION	RELIGION
1. bonnet 'bänit	a head covering, usually black, worn by some Amish or Mennonite women	Amish/Mennonite Christians
2. cross krôs	a symbol that some Christians wear in jewelry, such as a necklace	Christianity
3. hijab hi' jäb	a head scarf worn by some Muslim women	Islam
4. turban 'tərbən	a long cloth wrapped around the head, used by some Sikh or Muslim men	Sikhism, Islam
5. yarmulke 'yämə(l)kə	a small cap worn by some Jewish boys and men, particularly in the Orthodox and Conservative branches of Judaism	Judaism
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Have you ever seen anyone wearing religious clothing? When? Where?

What questions do you have about the common types of religious clothing listed above, including the ones you added?

Do you know about any stereotypes associated with these religious clothing items? If so, describe them below.
