



Khuff: Prayer Slippers

When entering a mosque, worshipers and visitors alike are expected to remove their shoes. This is to keep the prayer area clean of soil and dirt that may be tracked in.

Leather slippers or socks called Khuff may be worn instead. Outside every mosque, or just inside the entrance, is a place where worshippers can remove and leave their shoes. If Khuff are worn then the feet need not necessarily be washed and may be wiped over instead.

Khuff must fulfil five conditions before it is permissible to wipe over them during wudu (prayers).

1. They must be strong such that one can walk in them 2. They must be thick so that water will not penetrate them quickly 3. They must completely cover the part that is to be washed during wudu. 4. They must be clean 5. They may be worn after one has made a complete wudu, having washed both feet first.

If these five conditions are fulfilled then Khuff may be worn. If they do not meet these criteria then the feet must be washed.

