



# Veil Kit | Culture Kit Description List

<b>Dolls</b>		
<p>1. Sara Doll from Tehran</p>		<p>Sara Dolls are very popular among little girls in Iran. First introduced in 2002, the doll was developed to promote Persian culture and give Iranian girls a doll that they could identify with. Sara is available in different styles, and she wears traditional clothing. These dolls are usually sold for 1/3 of the price of a Barbie Doll.</p>
<p>2. Fulla doll from Jordan or Cairo</p>		<p>Fulla Dolls are the most popular doll in Middle Eastern countries. First introduced in 2003 by the UAE, the doll has become a household name. Fulla is also sold in China, Brazil, North Africa, Egypt, and Indonesia. A few are sold in the United States. Just like her Barbie counterpart, Fulla has had a TV show and shares the same activities as Barbie (shopping, hanging out with her friends Yasmeen and Nada, cooking, and reading). Fulla's favorite activities also include praying, as she represents Muslim values and was designed to be a role model for Muslim girls worldwide. She is named after a fragrant jasmine flower that is only found in the Middle East and she is dressed and designed differently depending on which country the doll is being sold in. There are two Fulla dolls in the kit.</p>

## Clothing Items

### 3. Saudi Abaya (Black) and Niqab



The abaya (translates to “cloak”) is a simple robe-like dress that is worn in public in parts of the Middle East and North Africa. The abaya is very popular in Saudi Arabia (where it is required to be worn in public by law for women). Traditional abayat (plural of abaya) are black. Some abayat have embroidery on black fabric while others are brightly colored and have different forms of artwork across them.

The abaya covers the whole body except the face, feet, and hands. Some women also wear gloves in order to cover more. In Saudi Arabia, many women pair the abaya with a niqab, although the abaya can be also paired with a headscarf/hijab.

### 4. Niqab



The niqab is a type of veil that covers the face. It is worn in various parts of the Middle East and can be part of a women’s hijab. There are many styles of niqab but the two most common forms are the half niqab and the gulf-style or full niqab.

The *half niqab* is a simple length of fabric with elastic or ties and is worn around the face. This garment typically leaves the eyes and part of the forehead visible.

The *gulf-style* or *full niqab* completely covers the face, leaving an opening for the eyes.

5. Egyptian Abaya with matching scarf



The main difference between the Saudi Abaya and this Egyptian example is the colorful pattern on the abaya. Abayat differ from region to region and in Egypt, abayat come in colored versions or with many patterns in the design.

This abaya comes with a matching scarf. Many women in Egypt choose to wear a hijab/headscarf or niqab.

6. Moroccan Djellabas



Djellabas are traditional long Moroccan robes worn by both men and women. Originally made of wool, most djellabas are made now in lightweight cotton. Traditionally the color of a djellaba showed the marital status (single or married) of the wearer – this is not so much the case today as they come in many colors and patterns.

Almost all djellabas of both styles (male or female) include a baggy hood called a “qob”. The hood is important as it protects the wearer from the sun. The hood was traditionally used as a defense against sand being blown into the wearer's face by strong desert winds. In colder climates, it also serves the same function as a winter hat.

7. Scarves (Black and Blue)



These two scarves are usually used as shayla hijabs. The shayla is a long, rectangular scarf popular in the Gulf region. It is wrapped around the head and tucked or pinned in place at the shoulders. This form of hijab covers the head but often leaves the neck and face clear. This rectangular scarf can also be wrapped in many other styles.

8. Pink scarf with underscarf



In addition to the scarf, the underscarf is a main component to many women who wear a hijab. An underscarf is a small piece of stretchy fabric used to cover the head. It comes in many different shapes, colors and designs and is often worn under a hijab/scarf. Many girls wear an underscarf to keep the hair in place and away from the face, which convenient if the hijab slips or becomes loose- girls don't have to keep tucking stray wisps of hair away. It is convenient to wear with sheer or slippery hijabs, such as the one pictured here. As nearly all underscarves are made of non-slip fabric, they help keep chiffon hijabs where the wearer wishes.

<p>9. White Burqa from Afghanistan</p>		<p>A burqa is an outer garment worn by women in some Islamic traditions to cover their bodies when in public. It is mostly associated with Afghanistan. When wearing a burqa, the eyes are concealed by a net or grille. There is variety in the face-veiling portion of the burqa: in some styles, the eye covering can be turned up if the woman wishes to reveal her face, in other styles, the niqāb is worn, and covers the face only below the eyes allowing the eyes to be seen.</p> <p>There are many burqa styles and intricate patterns. In Afghanistan, burqas are usually light blue in the Kabul area, white up north in Mazar-i-Sharif and brown and green in Kandahar in the south.</p>
<p>10. Arm covering</p>		<p>Arm sleeves (also called a gauntlet) are sometimes worn by Muslim women under an outfit with short sleeves to cover the arms. They come in a variety of colors and forms. This option allows for women to feel modest while wearing lighter clothing. Arm sleeves come in many different colors.</p>
<p><b><u>Accessories</u></b></p>		
<p>18. Pins for scarves</p>		<p>Pins are used to secure loose scarves or any head garment in place. Although the pins provided in the kit are basic ones, they come in various shapes, forms, and colors. Women and girls wear delicate and pretty pins in order to accessorize their scarf/hijab.</p>

19. Moments  
Bag from Egypt



This is a shopping bag from the store *Moments*, a fashion handbag store in Egypt. *Moments* has been popular in Egypt since the 1980s. The handbags combine Italian design inspiration with traditional Alexandrian workmanship. *Moments* handbags are one example of an accessory that a woman might add to complete her outfit and express style.