



**In Mu'allim al-Ḥujjāj it is written that one can stitch the lower garment. I was under the impression that stitched clothing were not permissible for the Iḥrām; what is the basis for this statement in Mu'allim al-Ḥujjaj?**

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On page 105 of the original Urdu text and page 124 of the English translation one finds the text which mentions;

(iii) One is allowed to have either of the sheets stitched from the middle but it is better that the clothes of ihram be unstitched.

This has and misunderstood to mean that this is a general ruling and there is no harm if an individual was to carry this out however this is incorrect.

We find on page 114 of the Urdu text and page 133 of the English translation the following:

(iv) It is makruh to stitch the two sides together of the sheet used to cover the lower part of the body. If anyone does it with the intention of preventing his body being seen then he will not have to suffer dum.

Therefore, to conclude it is permissible for an individual who fears his body will be seen, usually when the material used for the lower garment is small, to stitch the two sides together but this will still be makrūh. However, as there is a need and the individual is only doing this out of necessity then no penalty will be due.

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