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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: Can men dye their hands and feet with henna?

Shaykh ibn Baaz (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹: Henna is placed on the hands of the women for adornment and beautification and it is also upon her head. But as for the men using henna; if it is for an occupational need due to this person being a blacksmith or a carpenter or the like and it becomes a necessity to use henna to assist his hands in carrying these things, then there is no sin upon him. This is because this is from the standpoint of protection. As for using it for beautification and to resemble women then this is not permissible.

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

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