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What is Mehendi ?

- ❖ Mehendi is an art.
- ❖ It is the application of HENNA as a temporary form of skin decoration.
- ❖ Birth of this art is in Indian Subcontinent.
- ❖ Mehendi designs are done on hand & feet.
- ❖ It is a fashion of women.



What is.....

- ❖ Typically henna is applied during special occasions like weddings.
- ❖ And festivals like
 - Diwali
 - Bhaijood
 - Teej
 - Eid
- ❖ In every festival each & every woman tries to done a Mehendi on palm or feet.



Tradition of Mehendi

- ❖ Mehendi is a ceremonial art form which originated in ancient India.
- ❖ Typically henna is applied to brides before wedding ceremonies.
- ❖ It is a tradition of Muslims, it has become a tradition of non-Muslims as well.
- ❖ Specially distributed in
 - ❖ India
 - ❖ Pakistan
 - ❖ Bangladesh
 - ❖ Nepal
 - ❖ Assam
 - ❖ Baharain

Mehendi Designs

- ❖ There are different types of Mehendi designs.
- ❖ Designs are different according to the region, culture etc....
- ❖ Designs can be categorized like
 - ❖ Indian
 - ❖ Rajastani
 - ❖ Arabic
 - ❖ Pakistani e



Process

- ❖ First henna paste is applied on skin using a plastic cone or a paint brush.
- ❖ Then painted area is wrapped with tissue, plaster or medicate tape.
- ❖ It is to lock paste to body heat which makes more intense color on the skin.
- ❖ Wrap is worn three to six hours, or sometimes overnight.



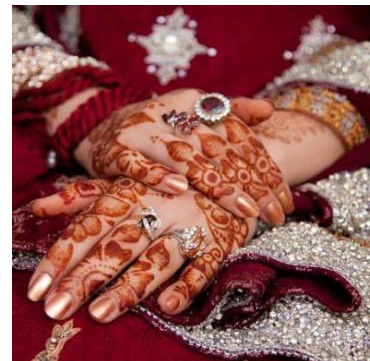
Pro.....

- ❖ When first removed design is pale to dark orange color.
- ❖ Gradually it darkens through oxidations.
- ❖ Final color is reddish brown.
- ❖ Last from one to three weeks and it depends on the quality & type of the henna.
- ❖ Popular brands of Mehendi are
 - ❖ Pakeezah
 - ❖ Golden
 - ❖ Dulhan
 - ❖ Zoomgolden



Mehendi With Wedding

- ❖ Wedding without Mehendi is incomplete in Indian Subcontinent.
- ❖ Applying Mehendi on bride's palm & feet is a ceremony.
- ❖ It is one of the most important pre-wedding ceremony with full of fun filled rituals.
- ❖ Ceremony is done by the brides family.
- ❖ In deferent regions it is done by in deferent ways regarding their customs, rituals, & culture.



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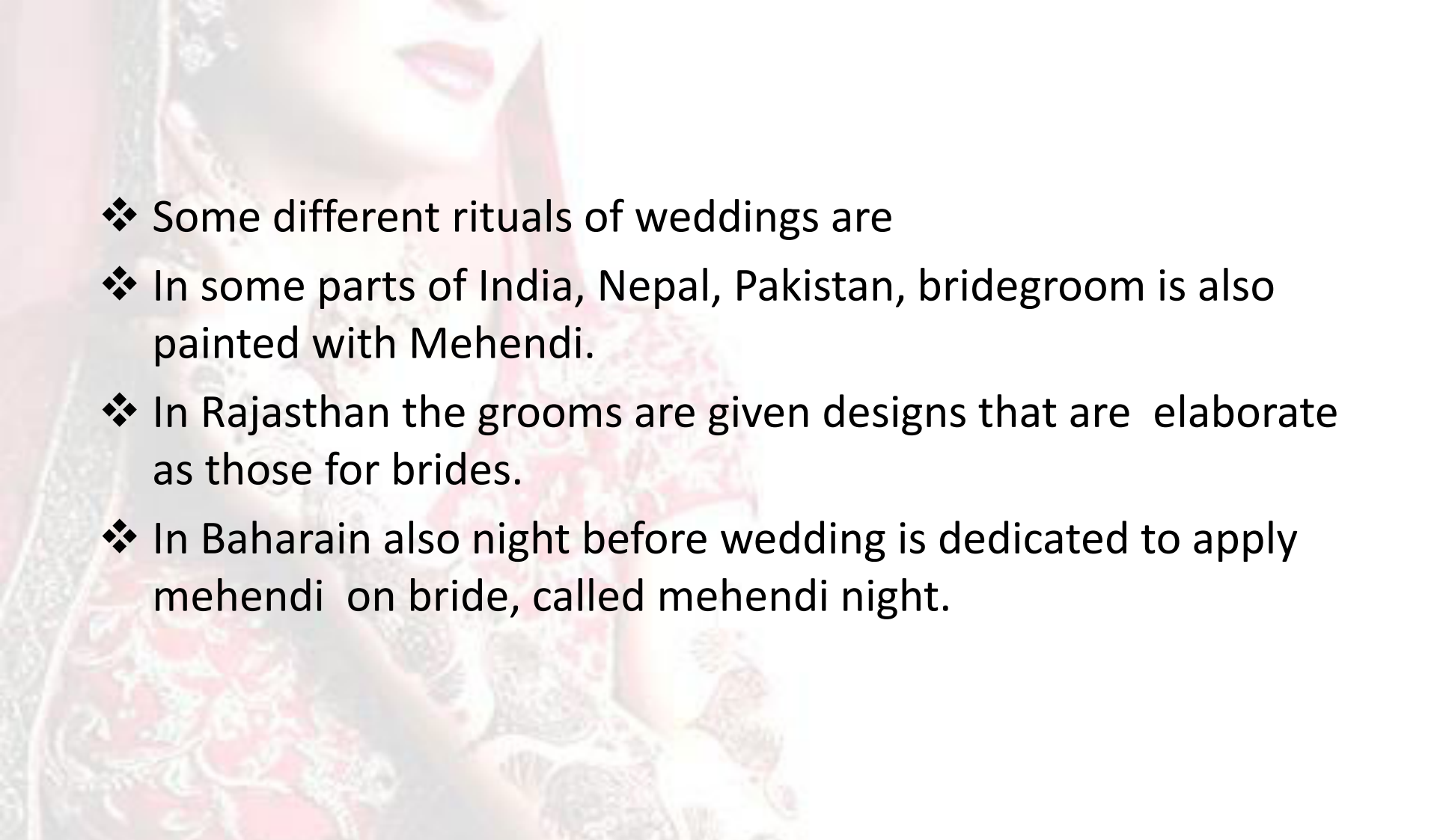
- ❖ Ceremony is done in bride's house on the day prior to wedding day.
- ❖ Usually the name or the initials of bride groom is drawn somewhere in the design.
- ❖ Groom has to find it later.
- ❖ Ceremony is full of dancing and singing songs by beautiful women who is wearing vivid colours



**Cultural belief of applying
Mehendi on a bride is**

“the darker the brides Mehendi
design gets, It indicates the
love of the husband and the ill
laws of her.”



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- ❖ Some different rituals of weddings are
 - ❖ In some parts of India, Nepal, Pakistan, bridegroom is also painted with Mehendi.
 - ❖ In Rajasthan the grooms are given designs that are elaborate as those for brides.
 - ❖ In Baharain also night before wedding is dedicated to apply mehendi on bride, called mehendi night.



Mehendi & Bollywood

- Mehendi has great relationship with Bollywood.
- Bollywood super stars also have higher trend of having Mehendi arts on their hands in special occasions.

Mehendi Today

- ❖ Today mehendi decorations have become a fashion.
- ❖ In western Mehendi designs are called Henna tattoos.
- ❖ Breaking free from tradition, now Mehendi is fast gaining popularity.
- ❖ It is as form of body art with different purpose.
- ❖ Especially today Mehendi is a trend among fashion conscious youngsters .





THE END

