

Essential Questions for Every Bride-to-Be: Mehndi Edition

Availability and Booking:

1. Are you available on [insert date(s)] at [insert time(s)]?
2. Do you have any other commitments to cover that weekend?
3. How far in advance do we need to book you for the wedding festivities?
4. What is required to book you?

Background and Experience:

1. What is your background in henna application? Did you receive any training or certification in the field? How long have you been applying bridal henna?
2. How many brides have you applied henna for in total/per year?
3. Can you e-mail me a link and/or show me a professional portfolio of your own work? *Be weary of reproduced images from other mehndi artists- ask for originals that the artist herself has done.
4. Has your work been featured in any wedding publications or blogs?
5. May I have a list of references and/or see some of your customer testimonials?
6. How professional does the artist appear on the phone? Does she answer your concerns readily or hesitate? Do you get along with her?

Artistry/Designs:

1. Does the artist's portfolio showcase her own work? Does she create her own designs? How much variety is present in the henna designs?
2. Can she meet for a free or cheap trial consultation?
3. Can the artist replicate a design you like? Ask for a sample of her work during an in-person consultation and work together in creating a design you like for your big day.
4. What are the artist's bridal designs like? Do they meet your style specifications?
5. What is your artist's favorite or signature style or motif?
6. Does the artist have any design books for inspiration?

Henna Paste Quality:

1. What's in your henna paste/mixture? *Mention any allergies you might have to ingredients and express your concerns over black henna. Just say no to black henna!
2. Is your henna paste home-made from natural ingredients or store-bought? (During an in-person consultation), can I see your henna cones?
3. What is the quality of your henna stains after one day? When does the optimal dark stain appear? Can I see pictures of the henna stain on your previous brides?
4. What care should I take after my henna is applied?



Logistics:

1. Do you need any special seating arrangements or lighting to apply the bridal henna? Is there anything else you require on our end?
2. If mehndi is being applied at a venue or during an event, when will your artist arrive at the event?
3. How long will it take to apply the bridal henna? How long for the guests' henna?
4. What do you typically wear to a client's wedding event?

Payment:

1. Do you charge a different rate for children's henna application?
2. Is there a group discount if I have a larger party wanting henna?
3. What is your rate for hand, foot, etc . for guests? Do you offer an hourly rate instead of rates for individual application areas?
4. Would you need to hire another artist to attend to the guests? Is there an additional fee?
5. How much is the total package rate for bridal henna on (insert hands, feet, etc)? How much is the rate for guests?
6. Can I get a written contract outlining what is included in bridal mehndi and guest mehndi costs/rates?
7. What is your payment policy? What is your preferred form of payment? Do you accept credit cards?
8. How much of a deposit do you need to reserve our date?
9. What is your refund or cancellation policy?

