

DESIGN CAPSULE · INDIA 2026-28

Design Capsule: Indian craft goes global

Kolhapuris on the Prada runway, mirror work, Rabari and kantha embroidery, block prints and bandhani.

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Mood and colour

Rust
18-1248 TCX
#B5522B

Indigo
19-3864 TCX
#2F3F7A

Champagne gold
14-0935 TCX
#D8C08A

Ivory
11-0104 TCX
#F3ECDC

Pantone TCX (cotton) codes are the nearest match to the screen colour; confirm against a physical Pantone book and lab dips before production.

Why? The Kolhapuri debate made Indian shoppers proud of the original crafts. GI-tagged and artisan-made products now carry real brand value.

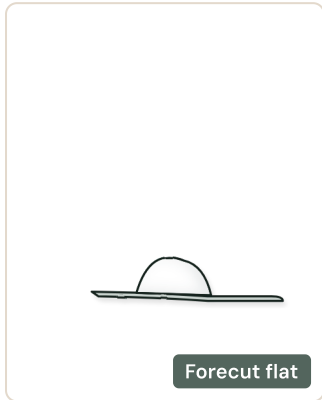
What? Indian crafts are in the global spotlight. Prada showed Kolhapuri-inspired sandals in 7 of 56 Spring/Summer 2026 looks, Rabari embroidery reached the Indian runway, and kantha is moving onto sneakers.

Who's showing it?

- **Prada (Spring/Summer 2026):** Kolhapuri-inspired sandals in 7 of 56 looks
- **Kartik Research:** Rabari embroidery on handspun khadi
- **Gully Labs:** Sneakers with kantha embroidery and Indian colour stories

Key pieces

Forecut flat sketches with reference photos, ready to brief into design.



Kolhapuri chappals

RISING

GI-tagged Kolhapuris, back in focus after Prada's Spring/Summer 2026 show.

Festive 26
Rising

Summer 27
Peaking

Festive 27
Peaking

Summer 28
Peaking

Festive 28
Fading



Mirror work

RISING

Mirror work on garments, dupattas, bags and shoes.

Festive 26
Rising

Summer 27
Peaking

Festive 27
Peaking

Summer 28
Peaking

Festive 28
Fading



Rabari embroidery

EMERGING

Kutch Rabari embroidery, shown by Kartik Research.

Festive 26
Emerging

Summer 27
Rising

Festive 27
Rising

Summer 28
Peaking

Festive 28
Peaking



Kantha-embroidered sneakers

EMERGING

Suede sneakers with kantha embroidery.

Festive 26
Emerging

Summer 27
Rising

Festive 27
Rising

Summer 28
Peaking

Festive 28
Peaking



Bandhani

RISING

Tie-dye dots from Gujarat and Rajasthan.

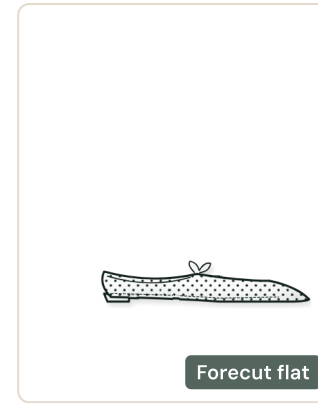
Festive 26
Rising

Summer 27
Rising

Festive 27
Peaking

Summer 28
Peaking

Festive 28
Fading



Forecut flat



Embellished wedding juttis

PEAKING

Juttis with zari, beads and mirror work for weddings.

Festive 26
Peaking

Summer 27
Peaking

Festive 27
Peaking

Summer 28
Peaking

Festive 28
Peaking

Price guide (India)

KEY GARMENT	VALUE	MID	PREMIUM
Kolhapuri chappals	₹499–1,299	₹1,500–3,500	₹6,000+
Mirror-work kurta or jacket	₹1,299–2,499	₹3,000–7,000	₹15,000+
Embroidered juttis	₹799–1,499	₹1,800–4,000	₹7,500+

Cost to make: Medium. Hand embroidery is labour-heavy. Use placement embroidery and partner with clusters for authentic GI-tagged pieces.

How to build the capsule

- Source one GI-tagged hero product and credit the craft cluster.
- Add mirror or kantha accents to everyday basics.
- Pair Kolhapuris and juttis with western looks in imagery.

Sources: Global Indian on Prada SS26; Free Press Journal, Lakmé Fashion Week 2026; Gully Labs.