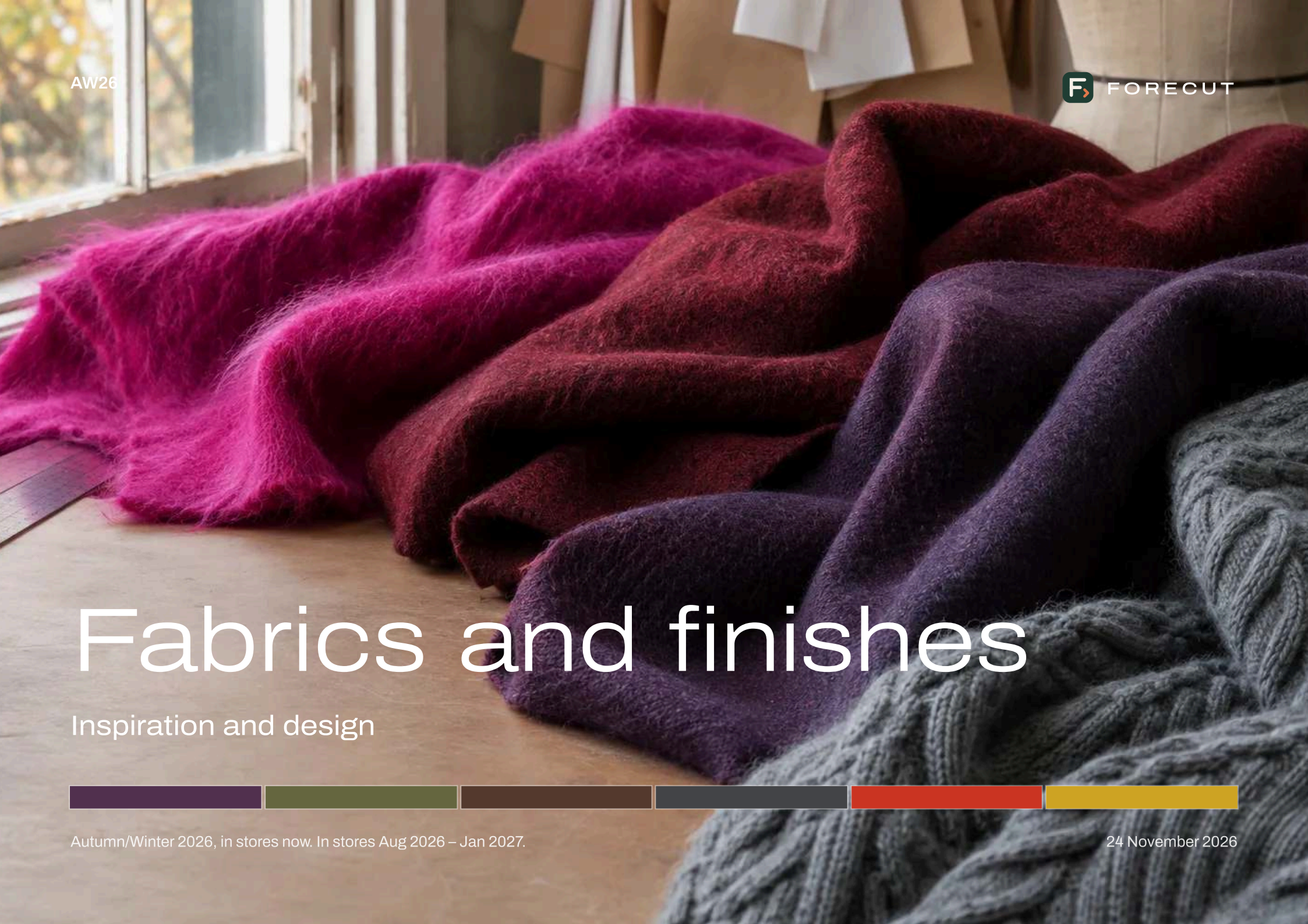
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Fabrics and finishes

Inspiration and design

Autumn/Winter 2026, in stores now. In stores Aug 2026 – Jan 2027.

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About this report

Fabrics, materials, washes, prints and finishes across every category.

Rich, maximal and tactile. Big outerwear, sharp tailoring and heavy embellishment, with 1920s glamour running through evening and footwear.

How to read the stages

Emerging new, test in small quantities

Rising growing, build into the range

Peaking at its height, sell through

Fading moving out, reduce or rework



Inspiration

Preppy sport

School and playing-field references: rugby shirts, cricket cables, varsity jackets and oversized statement collars and cuffs.

Why now

Heritage sportswear feels familiar and gift-friendly, and collars and cuffs update basics at low cost.

Seen at

Polo Ralph Lauren: Sporty prep and timeless knitwear; Willy Chavarria: Sports prep on the runway; Statement collars and cuffs: Named a top menswear runway trend

Key pieces

Rugby stripes, Cable knits, Big collars; rugby stripes, short plackets.

19-6050 TCX, #264D3A and 11-0103 TCX, #EFE9DC

Source: Trendalytics, top menswear runway trends FW26; Who What Wear, AW26 trends



Inspiration

Big outerwear

Oversized, protective outerwear: shearling, big fur collars, leather bombers and sculptural cocoon coats.

Why now

Outerwear is a high-value hero category, and leather bombers are growing fast.

Seen at

Acne Studios: Fur accents on outerwear; Leather bombers (market): Up 28% year on year; Harrods menswear edit: Leather jacket as the hero piece

Key pieces

Shearling, Fur trims, Leather; fur and shearling collars.

18-0933 TCX, #7A5A3E and 11-0110 TCX, #EFE1CC

Source: Trendalytics, top menswear runway trends FW26; Harrods, AW26 menswear trends; Who What Wear



Inspiration

Power tailoring

Sharp, slick suiting in pinstripes and slate grey, with pointed shoulders, peak lapels and double-breasted fronts. Oxblood accents and polished heels finish the look.

Why now

Return-to-office dressing and a move away from very oversized blazers toward sharper fits.

Seen at

Gucci: Horsebit pumps with sharp suiting; Classic-fit suits (market): Up 44% in market adoption; Double-breasted suits (market): Up 4% year on year; pointed shoulders up 12%

Key pieces

Pinstripe, Peak lapels, Pointed shoulders; sharp pointed shoulders.

19-4110 TCX, #3D4650 and 12-5202 TCX, #D9D4C7

Source: Who What Wear (AW26 trends); Trendalytics, top menswear runway trends FW26



Inspiration

Fully loaded

Embellishment moves from evening onto everyday pieces: sequinned jeans, beaded knits, feathers and sheer layers over heavier fabrics.

Why now

Social media rewards texture and shine, and embellishment makes basics feel special.

Key pieces

Sequins, Beadwork, Sheer layers; sequin and chainmail minis.

19-2045 TCX, #A3245F and 13-2806 TCX, #F3C6DA

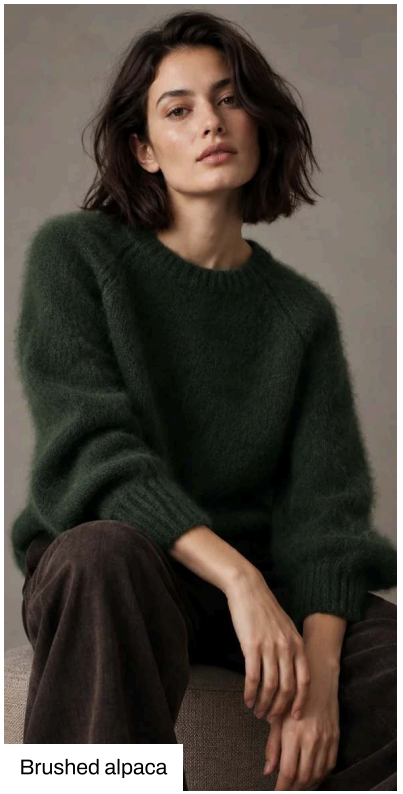
Source: Who What Wear, AW26 trends (the source describes the trend without naming brands)

Moodboard





Suede equestrian jackets



Brushed alpaca



Brushed cardigan coats







Colour

The AW26 palette, with Pantone TCX and HEX codes.



Plum
19-3218 TCX
#51304E



Moss
18-0220 TCX
#65663F



Chocolate
19-1218 TCX
#54392D



Charcoal
19-0201 TCX
#434447



Tomato red
18-1564 TCX
#CA3422



Mustard
15-0751 TCX
#CDA323

Colour by theme



Preppy sport: 19-6050 TCX with 11-0103 TCX, for rugby stripes, short plackets.



Big outerwear: 18-0933 TCX with 11-0110 TCX, for fur and shearling collars.



Power tailoring: 19-4110 TCX with 12-5202 TCX, for sharp pointed shoulders.

Key pieces



Piped satin track jackets

Menswear, Outerwear, fabric

Zip-up satin track jackets with contrast piping, as in Born x Raised's Pre-Holiday 2026 drop; sporty polish for evening.

Rising



Suede equestrian jackets

Womenswear, Coats & Jackets, fabric

Structured riding-style jackets in suede with shearling trims, as in Cara Cara's Equestrian capsule (Oct 2026).

Rising



Brushed alpaca

Menswear, Knitwear, fabric

Fluffy, brushed surfaces.

Rising



Brushed cardigan coats

Menswear, Knitwear, fabric

Long brushed cardigans.

Rising



Brushed wool-cashmere coats

Womenswear, Coats & Jackets, fabric

Soft, brushed blends with a hazy surface.

Rising



Cable fisherman jumpers

Menswear, Knitwear, pattern

Heavy cables on chunky jumpers.

Rising

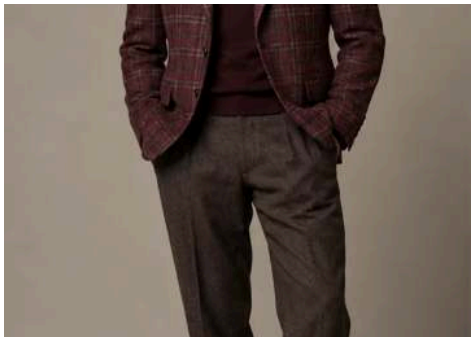


Cable-front cardigans

Womenswear, Knitwear, pattern

Cables running down cardigan fronts.

Rising



Check sports jackets

Menswear, Tailoring, fabric

Checked jackets worn with odd trousers.

Rising

Key pieces



Check tailoring

Womenswear, Tailoring, fabric

Prince of Wales and windowpane checks.

Rising



Column knit dresses

Womenswear, Dresses, fabric

Long ribbed knit dresses in column shapes.

Rising



Corduroy wide trousers

Menswear, Trousers, fabric

Wide trousers in corduroy.

Rising



Dark rinse, clean finish

Womenswear, Denim, wash

Deep indigo with minimal fading.

Rising



Double-face wool overcoats

Menswear, Outerwear, fabric

Unlined coats with hand-finished edges.

Rising



Flat suede knee boots

Footwear, Boots, material

Flat knee boots in suede.

Rising



Floral print midis

Womenswear, Dresses, print

Small and painterly florals on midi dresses.

Rising



Fluid satin wide legs

Womenswear, Trousers & Skirts, fabric

Satin trousers for day and evening.

Rising

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Sources: Season themes summarise published AW26 runway, retail and trade coverage, including Who What Wear, Harrods and Trendalytics. Colour of the year is Pantone 2026 (Cloud Dancer).

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