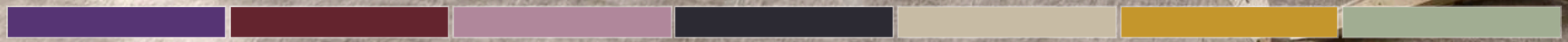
AW27

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Colour forecast

Inspiration and design



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About this report

The season palette with Pantone TCX and HEX codes, and the colours behind each theme.

Early outlook. SS27 signals carried into winter: waisted outerwear, handcraft on knits and quiet structure, with deep violet, plum and tannic bordeaux taking the place of black.

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

Waisted outerwear

The defined waist moves into winter outerwear: belted and double-belted coats, wrap fronts and cinched jackets.

Why now

SS27 brought the waist back; outerwear is the natural next step for autumn.

Key pieces

Belted coats, Double belts, Wrap fronts; double-belted waists.

18-1244 TCX, #7D4326 and 12-1006 TCX, #F1DCCB

Source: Runway shows for this season have not happened yet. Forecut will add the brands showing this theme once collections are presented.



Inspiration

Winter handcraft

Craft continues into the cold season: smocking on knit cuffs and hems, tonal embroidery on wool and crochet textures.

Why now

Handcraft from SS27 carries on, adapted to heavier fabrics.

Key pieces

Smocked knits, Tonal embroidery, Crochet; smocked knit details.

19-1863 TCX, #8C1C2A and 12-1813 TCX, #F5D0D4

Source: Runway shows for this season have not happened yet. Forecut will add the brands showing this theme once collections are presented.



Inspiration

Quiet structure

Clean lines: pleated wool trousers, funnel necks, concealed closures and straight shapes without decoration.

Why now

A calmer reaction to heavy embellishment, and pieces that last more than one season.

Key pieces

Pleats, Funnel necks, Clean fronts; high-waisted pleated trousers.

18-4214 TCX, #55606A and 12-4306 TCX, #DFE3E6

Source: Runway shows for this season have not happened yet. Forecut will add the brands showing this theme once collections are presented.



Inspiration

Soft boots

Flat riding boots, slim soles and soft leather replace chunky lugs.

Why now

Footwear follows the move to elegance; slimmer soles suit refined trousers and skirts.

Key pieces

Riding boots, Slim soles, Soft leather; soft knee-high riding boots.

18-0523 TCX, #5F5E42 and 12-0104 TCX, #E3E1CF

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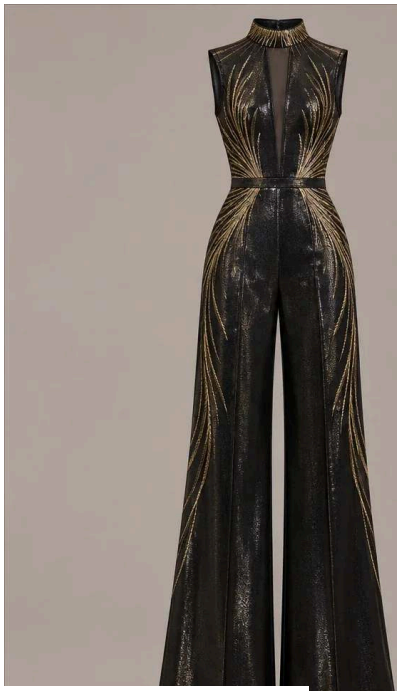




Drawcord-hem cropped fleece jackets



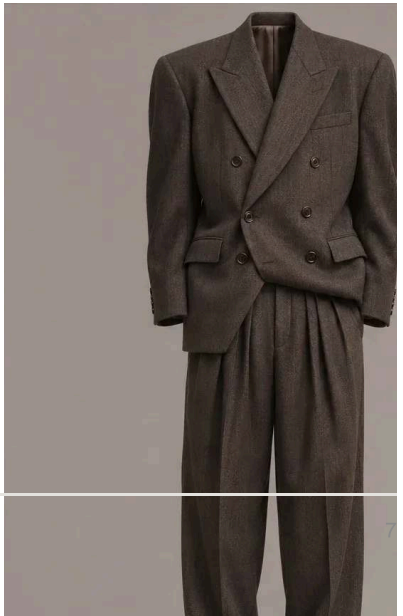
Dropped-crotch Aladdin trousers



Elongated evening jumpsuits







Key colours

Violet, plum and tannic bordeaux replace black, over neutrals that are no longer neutral: tinted off-blacks, mushroom beige and greyed blue.

Trade-fair signals; runways in February and March 2027. Each colour is a real Pantone TCX colour; confirm with a physical Pantone book before dyeing.

Core

Tinted black

Pantone 19-3713 TCX Deep Well
#2C2A33

An off-black with a violet cast, instead of pure black.

Core

Mushroom

Pantone 13-1105 TCX Brown Rice
#C7BBA4

A living beige for knits, coats and leather.

Core

Greyed blue

Pantone 17-4020 TCX Blue Shadow
#66829A

Grey turned blue: tailoring, denim, outerwear.

Core

Copper khaki

Pantone 17-0935 TCX Dull Gold
#8A6F48

Khaki leaning to taupe and copper for utility and menswear.

Seasonal

Deep violet

Pantone 19-3638 TCX Tillandsia Purple
#563474

The key colour of the season, from coats to knits.

Seasonal

Tannic bordeaux

Pantone 19-1724 TCX Cabernet
#64242E

A deep red-brown alternative to black.

Seasonal

Dusty mauve

Pantone 16-2107 TCX Orchid Haze
#B0879B

Soft, smoky pink-purple, now gender-neutral.

Accent

Waxy ochre

Pantone 16-0953 TCX Tawny Olive
#C4962C

A painterly yellow-ochre as the light in dark ranges.

Accent

Sage

Pantone 15-6414 TCX Reseda
#A1AD92

A light green replacing tinted greys.

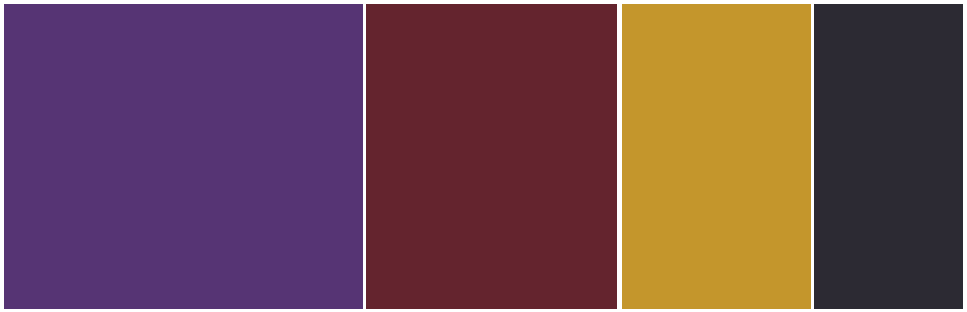
Accent

Silicone pink

Pantone 14-1909 TCX Coral Blush
#E6B2B8

A soft, slightly artificial pink for knits and accessories.

Colour stories

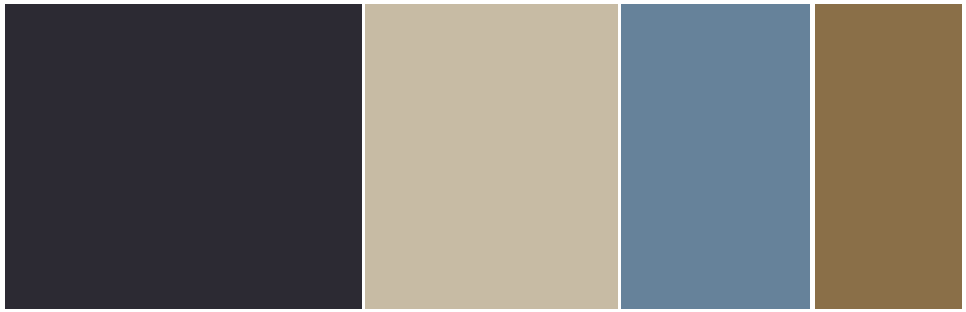


Painted by time

Plums, bordeaux and waxy ochre, softened as if by an old varnish. Velvet, brushed wool and patinated leather.

Use for: Coats, eveningwear, leather, knits

Deep violet: Pantone 19-3638 TCX, #563474
Tannic bordeaux: Pantone 19-1724 TCX, #64242E
Waxy ochre: Pantone 16-0953 TCX, #C4962C
Tinted black: Pantone 19-3713 TCX, #2C2A33



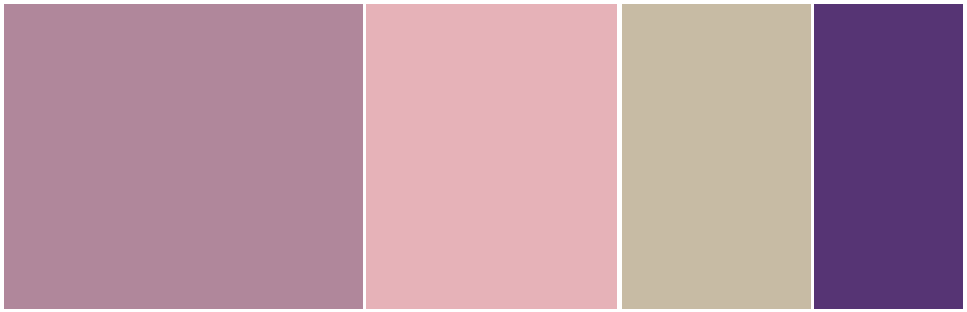
New neutrals

Neutrals with colour inside: off-black, mushroom, greyed blue and copper khaki.

Use for: Tailoring, outerwear, menswear, denim

Tinted black: Pantone 19-3713 TCX, #2C2A33
Mushroom: Pantone 13-1105 TCX, #C7BBA4
Greyed blue: Pantone 17-4020 TCX, #66829A
Copper khaki: Pantone 17-0935 TCX, #8A6F48

Colour stories

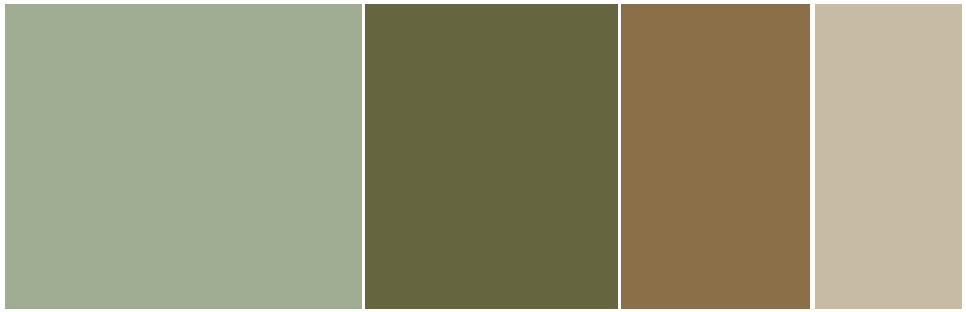


Pink for all

Dusty mauve and silicone pink move into menswear and tailoring, not only knits.

Use for: Knits, shirting, tailoring, accessories

Dusty mauve: Pantone 16-2107 TCX, #B0879B
Silicone pink: Pantone 14-1909 TCX, #E6B2B8
Mushroom: Pantone 13-1105 TCX, #C7BBA4
Deep violet: Pantone 19-3638 TCX, #563474



Living green

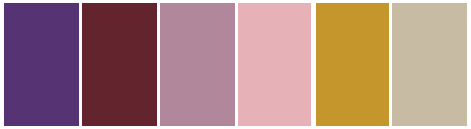
Sage and moss from regenerative materials and the outdoors.

Use for: Outerwear, knits, kidswear

Sage: Pantone 15-6414 TCX, #A1AD92
Moss: Pantone 18-0220 TCX, #65663F
Copper khaki: Pantone 17-0935 TCX, #8A6F48
Mushroom: Pantone 13-1105 TCX, #C7BBA4

By department

Womenswear



Deep violet and tannic bordeaux lead, softened by dusty mauve and silicone pink, with waxy ochre as the light.

Deep violet: 19-3638 TCX, #563474
Tannic bordeaux: 19-1724 TCX, #64242E
Dusty mauve: 16-2107 TCX, #B0879B
Silicone pink: 14-1909 TCX, #E6B2B8
Waxy ochre: 16-0953 TCX, #C4962C
Mushroom: 13-1105 TCX, #C7BBA4

Menswear



Tinted black, greyed blue and copper khaki for tailoring and outerwear, with dusky violet for a younger customer.

Tinted black: 19-3713 TCX, #2C2A33
Greyed blue: 17-4020 TCX, #66829A
Copper khaki: 17-0935 TCX, #8A6F48
Dusky violet: 18-3513 TCX, #6B5876
Tannic bordeaux: 19-1724 TCX, #64242E
Sage: 15-6414 TCX, #A1AD92

Kidswear



Plum and ochre with sage and dusty pink, grounded in greyed blue and oat. Forecut projection until the January 2027 kidswear fairs.

Plum: 19-3218 TCX, #51304E
Waxy ochre: 16-0953 TCX, #C4962C
Sage: 15-6414 TCX, #A1AD92
Dusty mauve: 16-2107 TCX, #B0879B
Greyed blue: 17-4020 TCX, #66829A
Oat: 13-1008 TCX, #DACCB4

Footwear



Bordeaux and copper-brown leathers, tinted black, and violet suede for the statement boot.

Tannic bordeaux: 19-1724 TCX, #64242E
Copper brown: 18-1148 TCX, #864C24
Tinted black: 19-3713 TCX, #2C2A33
Violet suede: 18-3635 TCX, #634878
Waxy ochre: 16-0953 TCX, #C4962C
Mushroom: 13-1105 TCX, #C7BBA4

How we built it

Read from the September 2026 fabric and leather fairs (Première Vision, Lineapelle, Milano Unica) and carried forward from the SS27 runways. The fairs put deep violet, plums, dusty pinks and mauves at the centre, with tinted off-blacks, greyish blues, sage and waxy ochre.

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Key pieces



Bead-droplet embroidered dresses

Womenswear, Dresses, embellishment

Dense glass-bead embroidery falling like raindrops over sheer or lace bases, as at Catarina Mina (São Paulo Fashion Week N61 (Oct 2026)); glass-bead layering also at Anushree Reddy, Lakmē Fashion Week x FDCI, Delhi (Oct 2026).

Rising



Drawcord-hem cropped fleece jackets

Womenswear, Coats & Jackets, hem

Cropped zip fleeces with stand collars and gathered drawcord hems, embroidered with tiny flowers; Uniqlo x Cecilie Bahnsen FW26 (announced 5 Nov 2026, Japan launch 20 Nov).

Rising



Dropped-crotch Aladdin trousers

Womenswear, Trousers & Skirts, shape

Very full trousers with a low crotch gathered into a narrow ankle, shown at ALUF, Lilly Sarti and Uó at São Paulo Fashion Week N61 (Oct 2026).

Rising



Elongated evening jumpsuits

Womenswear, Tailoring, garment

Long, lean jumpsuits in black with glossy or metallic finishes and gold embroidery, as in Namrata Joshipura's OBSIDIAN, Lakmē Fashion Week x FDCI, Delhi (Oct 2026).

Rising



Floral-embroidered cropped puffers

Womenswear, Coats & Jackets, trim

Short, boxy down puffers covered in floral embroidery; The North Face x Cecilie Bahnsen 'Lucia Nuptse Short' in black and navy, launched in Copenhagen 5 Nov 2026.

Rising



Fringed macramé tops

Womenswear, Knitwear, texture

Hand-knotted macramé and crochet tops finished with long fringe, at Apartamento 03, Catarina Mina and Mercado Livre, São Paulo Fashion Week N61 (Oct 2026).

Rising



Generous 1980s double-breasted suits

Menswear, Tailoring, silhouette

Roomy double-breasted suits with pleated, higher-waisted trousers in a late-80s/early-90s line; the VRC's Melbourne Cup Carnival 2026 forecast names them for race-day menswear, alongside the return of the tie.

Rising



Laser-cut coral-relief dresses

Womenswear, Dresses, fabric

Dresses laser-cut into branching, coral-like openwork and finished with bead embroidery; Chanel Cruise 2026/27 in Sydney, 5 Nov 2026.

Rising

Key pieces

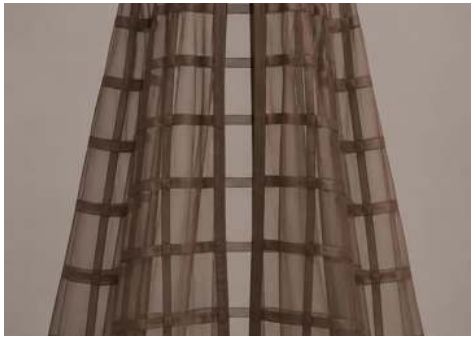


Low-rise slip skirts with bra tops

Womenswear, Trousers & Skirts, waist

A satin dress worn pulled down into a floor-length low-rise skirt with lace at waist and hem and a matching bra top; Simone Rocha SS27 on Camila Cabello at the Latin Grammys, Las Vegas, 12 Nov 2026.

Rising



Sheer lattice capes

Womenswear, Coats & Jackets, silhouette

Open lattice or sheer capes layered over co-ords and bustiers; shown by Hertunba at Lagos Fashion Week 2026 (29 Oct) over a black-and-white woven peplum set.

Rising



Shirred-waist fleece skirts

Womenswear, Trousers & Skirts, waist

Soft fleece skirts with a shirred, adjustable waist and frills in a contrast material; Uniqlo x Cecilie Bahnsen AW26 'winter walk', on sale in Japan from 20 Nov 2026.

Rising



Wired peacoats

Womenswear, Coats & Jackets, silhouette

Double-breasted peacoats with wired edges that hold a curved, stand-away shape; OPEN YY Fall/Winter 2026, Seoul (2 Nov 2026).

Rising



Woven-stripe longline overlayers

Womenswear, Coats & Jackets, silhouette

Ankle-length open overlayers in hand-woven stripes running in several directions; DARRA reworked Javanese lurik, ikat and songket this way at Jakarta Fashion Week 2027 (27 Oct 2026).

Rising



Argyle knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, pattern

Diamond argyle patterns on knits.

Rising



Asymmetric wrap closures

Womenswear, Coats & Jackets, closure

Off-centre wrap fronts held with a tie.

Rising



Basque waist bodices

Womenswear, Dresses, waist

A pointed waist seam that dips below the natural waist.

Rising

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Sources: AW27 runway shows take place in February–March 2027, so this season is a Forecut projection built from SS27 runway signals and the season's colour direction. It will be updated as runway coverage arrives.

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