

AW27

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Fabrics and finishes

Inspiration and design

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About this report

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

Moodboard



Fringed macramé tops



Laser-cut coral-relief dresses



Raffia wedge sandals



Sequin-flecked Fair Isle jumpers



Sheer-panel check shirts



Sun-bleached distressed sneakers



Tonal suede low-profile sneakers

Colour

The AW27 palette, with Pantone TCX and HEX codes.



Deep violet
19-3638 TCX
#563474



Tannic bordeaux
19-1724 TCX
#64242E



Dusty mauve
16-2107 TCX
#B0879B



Tinted black
19-3713 TCX
#2C2A33



Mushroom
13-1105 TCX
#C7BBA4



Waxy ochre
16-0953 TCX
#C4962C



Sage
15-6414 TCX
#A1AD92

Colour by theme



Winter handcraft: 19-1863 TCX with 12-1813 TCX, for smocked knit details.



Soft boots: 18-0523 TCX with 12-0104 TCX, for soft knee-high riding boots.



Quiet structure: 18-4214 TCX with 12-4306 TCX, for high-waisted pleated trousers.

Key pieces



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



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



Raffia wedge sandals

Footwear, Heels & Flats, material

Woven raffia wedges and heels in metallic gold, chocolate, cinnamon and natural; Monday Swimwear x Billini launched 16 raffia styles in Oct 2026 for the southern summer.

Rising



Sequin-flecked Fair Isle jumpers

Womenswear, Knitwear, texture

Neutral Fair Isle jumpers with scattered sequin detail for the holiday season; Mint Velvet's holiday edit (US holiday round-up, 18 Nov 2026).

Rising



Sheer-panel check shirts

Menswear, Shirts & Polos, fabric

Check shirts with sheer inset panels in gender-fluid tailoring, as at João Pimenta, São Paulo Fashion Week N61 (Oct 2026).

Rising



Sun-bleached distressed sneakers

Footwear, Sneakers & Casual, finish

Trainers made in deliberately distressed, sun-bleached fabrics on a cushioned retro sole; Puma x JiyongKim Cell Geo, Seoul (Korea Herald, 15 Nov 2026).

Rising



Tonal suede low-profile sneakers

Footwear, Sneakers & Casual, material

Slim, low-profile sneakers in a single tone of leather or suede; Jil Sander x Puma reworked the Speedcat in all-black, all-white and white suede (on sale Oct 2026).

Rising



Trompe-l'oeil shirt-print tops

Womenswear, Tops & Shirts, print

Sweatshirts, tees and dresses printed with the image of a shirt layered on top, as at À La Garçonne, São Paulo Fashion Week N61 (Oct 2026).

Rising

Key pieces



Argyle knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, pattern

Diamond argyle patterns on knits.

Rising



Black and grey denim

Womenswear, Denim, wash

Washed black and grey denim.

Rising



Brushed cardigan coats

Menswear, Knitwear, fabric

Long brushed cardigans.

Rising



Brushed mohair

Womenswear, Knitwear, fabric

Hairy, brushed mohair surfaces.

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



Chambray work shirts

Menswear, Shirts & Polos, fabric

Chambray shirts with two flap pockets.

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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