AW27

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Knitwear

Inspiration and design

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About this report

Knit shapes, stitches and yarns for women and men.

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

Deep blue

Bright cobalt blue deepens for winter into cobalt and ink on knitwear, wool coats and leather.

Why now

Colours of the year usually carry through both seasons of their year in adapted shades.

Key pieces

Cobalt, Ink blue, Knitwear; funnel-neck knits.

19-3964 TCX, #23407A and 13-3920 TCX, #B9CDF3

Source: Based on Forecut's colour direction for the season. 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

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



Sequin-flecked Fair Isle jumpers



Argyle knits



Bishop-sleeve knits



Brushed cardigan coats



Brushed mohair



Button-shoulder knits

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.



Deep blue: 19-3964 TCX with 13-3920 TCX, for funnel-neck knits.



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



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



Argyle knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, pattern

Diamond argyle patterns on knits.

Rising



Bishop-sleeve knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, sleeve

Full sleeves gathered into long cuffs.

Rising



Brushed cardigan coats

Menswear, Knitwear, fabric

Long brushed cardigans.

Rising



Brushed mohair

Womenswear, Knitwear, fabric

Hairy, brushed mohair surfaces.

Rising



Button-shoulder knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, closure

Buttoned tabs along the shoulder.

Rising



Cable fisherman jumpers

Menswear, Knitwear, pattern

Heavy cables on chunky jumpers.

Rising

Key pieces



Cable-front cardigans

Womenswear, Knitwear, pattern

Cables running down cardigan fronts.

Rising



Cardigans worn as shirts

Menswear, Knitwear, front

Collared cardigans buttoned up as shirts.

Rising



Contrast-tipped knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, trim

Contrast stripes at necks and cuffs.

Rising



Cropped cardigans

Womenswear, Knitwear, shape

Short cardigans ending at the waist.

Rising



Elbow-seam jumpers

Menswear, Knitwear, sleeve

Reinforced elbow seams.

Rising



Fair Isle yoke cardigans

Womenswear, Knitwear, pattern

Patterned yokes on button cardigans.

Rising



Fair Isle yokes

Menswear, Knitwear, pattern

Patterned yokes on crewnecks.

Rising



Fine-gauge zip polos

Womenswear, Knitwear, closure

Collared knits with a short zip.

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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