AW27

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Season themes

Inspiration and design

Autumn/Winter 2027, early outlook. In stores Aug 2027 – Jan 2028.

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About this report

The big stories of the season, why they are happening and the pieces that carry them.

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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Moodboard

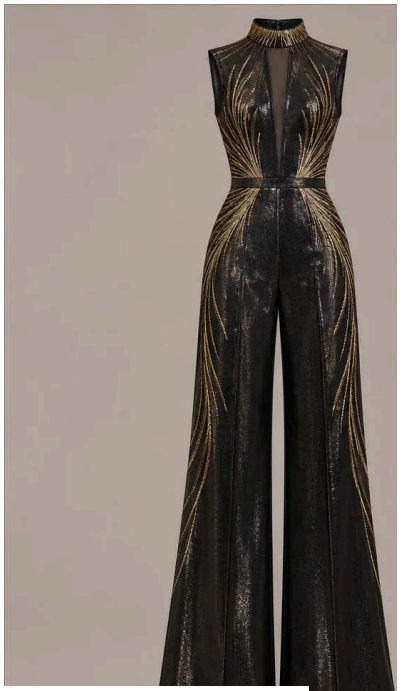




Drawcord-hem cropped fleece jackets



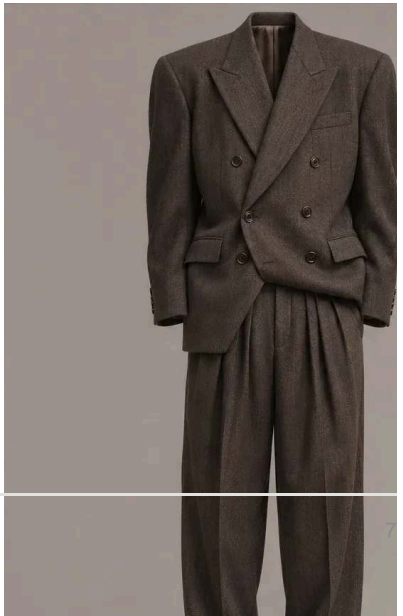
Dropped-crotch Aladdin trousers



Elongated evening jumpsuits







Colour

The AW27 palette, with Pantone TCX and HEX codes.

Deep violet	Tannic bordeaux	Dusty mauve	Tinted black	Mushroom	Waxy ochre	Sage
19-3638 TCX	19-1724 TCX	16-2107 TCX	19-3713 TCX	13-1105 TCX	16-0953 TCX	15-6414 TCX
#563474	#64242E	#B0879B	#2C2A33	#C7BBA4	#C4962C	#A1AD92

Colour by theme



Waisted outerwear: 18-1244 TCX with 12-1006 TCX, for double-belted waists.



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



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

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

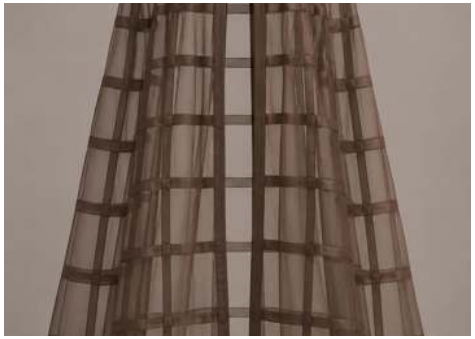


Low-rise slip skirts with bra tops

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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