AW27

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Womenswear

Inspiration and design

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About this report

Coats, dresses, tops, knitwear, trousers, denim and tailoring, item by item.

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

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.

Moodboard





Bead-droplet embroidered dresses

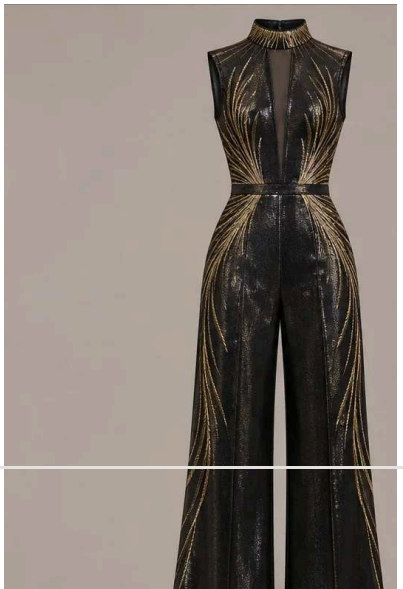


Beaded-fringe canvas dresses



Drawcord-hem cropped fleece jackets







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



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



Armour-structured vests

Womenswear, Tailoring, silhouette

Structured tailored vests with pronounced shoulders and a protective, armour-like shape over fluid dresses; De Goeye 10th-anniversary show, Brazil (29 Oct 2026).

Rising



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



Beaded-fringe canvas dresses

Womenswear, Dresses, embellishment

Structured canvas dresses finished with long beaded fringe; Hertunba opened Lagos Fashion Week 2026 Day 2 (29 Oct) with a black canvas dress and red beaded fringe.

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



Fishtail gowns with attached drapes

Womenswear, Dresses, construction

Strapless fishtail gowns with a drape attached at the bodice and worn like a pallu, as in Suneet Varma's Kashi, 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

Key pieces



Floral-lined showerproof jackets

Womenswear, Coats & Jackets, lining

Showerproof field and quilted jackets with printed floral linings and reversible liners; Barbour x FARM Rio 'Tropical Greenhouse', on sale 30 Oct 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



Fringed minis with back trains

Womenswear, Trousers & Skirts, hem

Mini skirts cut in layered fringe with a longer train at the back; Oshobor showed an ombré blue version at Lagos Fashion Week 2026 Day 2.

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



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



Off-shoulder ruffle dresses

Womenswear, Dresses, neckline

Dresses and corsets cut off the shoulder, with ruffles and gathers along the neckline, at Amir Slama, Ammi and Hisha, São Paulo Fashion Week N61 (Oct 2026).

Rising



Off-shoulder tweed sheath dresses

Womenswear, Dresses, neckline

Fitted midi sheaths in metallic tweed with an off-shoulder, sculpted neckline; Rebecca Vallance's custom tweed dress for Helena Christensen at Victoria Derby Day, Melbourne (31 Oct 2026), in line with the VRC's sleeveless midi sheath forecast for the carnival.

Rising



Scale-beaded mermaid hems

Womenswear, Dresses, hem

Gowns and skirts beaded like fish scales that flare into a mermaid hem; Chanel's closing looks in Sydney, 5 Nov 2026, one with over 126,000 sequins.

Rising

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