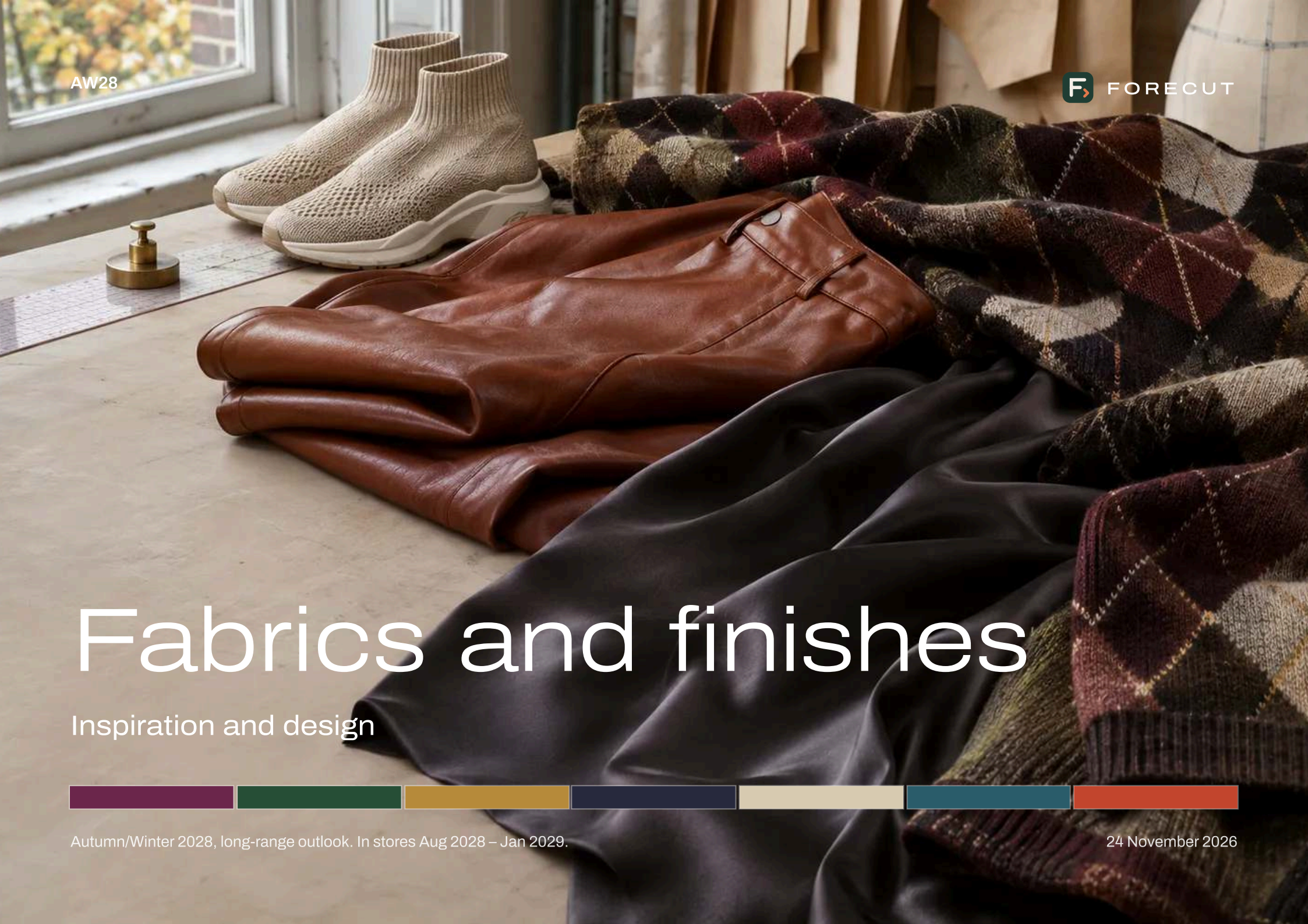


AW28

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Fabrics and finishes

Inspiration and design

Autumn/Winter 2028, long-range outlook. In stores Aug 2028 – Jan 2029.

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About this report

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

Long-range outlook. Functional tailoring and technical wool for winter, hidden closures and hybrid boots, in ink blues, mulberry and bottle green.

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

Earth deepens

Warm earth orange deepens into rust and brick, often on quilted and padded pieces.

Why now

Colours of the year carry into winter in deeper shades.

Key pieces

Rust, Brick, Quilting; quilted and padded dresses.

19-1250 TCX, #8E3D1F and 12-1110 TCX, #F3D2C2

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

Technical wool

Wool that stretches, sheds rain and resists creases, for suits and coats that travel well.

Why now

Natural fibre with performance benefits fits the "fewer, better" shift.

Key pieces

Stretch wool, Water-resistant, Travel suits; technical wool suiting.

18-0617 TCX, #7E705A and 11-0103 TCX, #F0E9DC

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



Inspiration

Hybrid boots

Smart boots on cushioned sport soles: Chelseas, hikers and weatherproof derbies.

Why now

Winter version of SS28 sport-meets-smart footwear.

Key pieces

Sport soles, Chelseas, Comfort; hybrid sport-smart boots.

19-6050 TCX, #1F4A35 and 12-5504 TCX, #CFE3D6

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



Inspiration

Hidden closures

Magnetic and concealed fastenings give clean, uninterrupted fronts on coats, shirts and blazers.

Why now

Supports the minimal, structured look and is easier to fasten.

Key pieces

Magnets, Concealed plackets, Hidden zips; hidden magnetic closures.

19-1540 TCX, #7D3426 and 13-1407 TCX, #F1D3CB

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Moodboard





Leather-look trousers

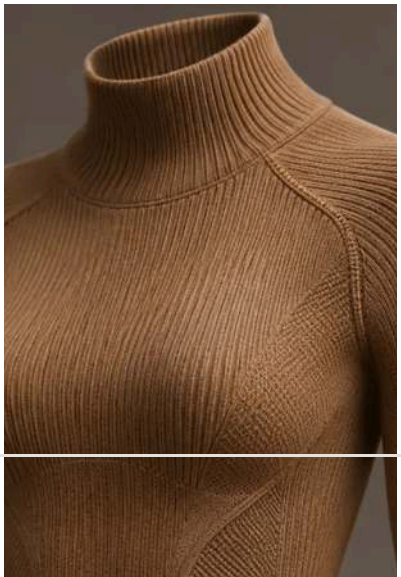


Performance-jersey shirt dresses



Quilted and padded dresses







Colour

The AW28 palette, with Pantone TCX and HEX codes.



Mulberry
19-2428 TCX
#6B264B



Bottle green
19-6050 TCX
#264E36



Antique gold
16-0948 TCX
#B68A3A



Ink
19-3831 TCX
#27293D

Oat
14-1108 TCX
#D7CAB0



Petrol teal
19-4826 TCX
#2A5C6A



Vermilion
18-1454 TCX
#C2452D

Colour by theme



Earth deepens: 19-1250 TCX with 12-1110 TCX, for quilted and padded dresses.



Technical wool: 18-0617 TCX with 11-0103 TCX, for technical wool suiting.



Hybrid boots: 19-6050 TCX with 12-5504 TCX, for hybrid sport-smart boots.

Key pieces



Argyle knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, pattern

Diamond argyle patterns on knits.

Rising



Leather-look trousers

Womenswear, Trousers & Skirts, fabric

Straight trousers in faux leather.

Rising



Performance-jersey shirt dresses

Womenswear, Dresses, fabric

Shirt dresses in stretch, easy-care jersey.

Rising



Quilted and padded dresses

Womenswear, Dresses, fabric

Quilted dresses for cold-weather layering.

Rising



Satin slip skirts

Womenswear, Trousers & Skirts, fabric

Fluid satin skirts cut on the bias.

Rising



Seamless performance knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, fabric

Seam-free knits with stretch and support.

Rising



Seamless technical knits

Menswear, Knitwear, fabric

Seam-free quarter-zips with stretch.

Rising



Slip-on knit sneakers

Footwear, Sneakers & Casual, material

Laceless knit sneakers.

Rising

Key pieces



Sock-knit trainers

Footwear, Sneakers & Casual, material

Knitted sock-like uppers.

Rising



Technical wool suiting

Womenswear, Tailoring, fabric

Wool suiting with stretch and water resistance.

Rising



Technical wool travel suits

Menswear, Tailoring, fabric

Crease-resistant wool with hidden closures.

Rising



Textured stripe knits

Menswear, Knitwear, pattern

Striped knits with texture.

Rising



Hybrid quilted bombers

Menswear, Outerwear, fabric

Bombers with quilted bodies and rib trims.

Emerging



Insulated overshirts

Menswear, Shirts & Polos, fabric

Quilted overshirts that replace a light jacket.

Emerging



Insulated winter sneakers

Footwear, Sneakers & Casual, material

Suede sneakers with warm linings.

Emerging



Quilted dinner jackets

Menswear, Tailoring, fabric

Shawl-collar evening jackets in quilted satin.

Emerging

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