AW28

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Knitwear

Inspiration and design

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About this report

Knit shapes, stitches and yarns for women and men.

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

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

Source: 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

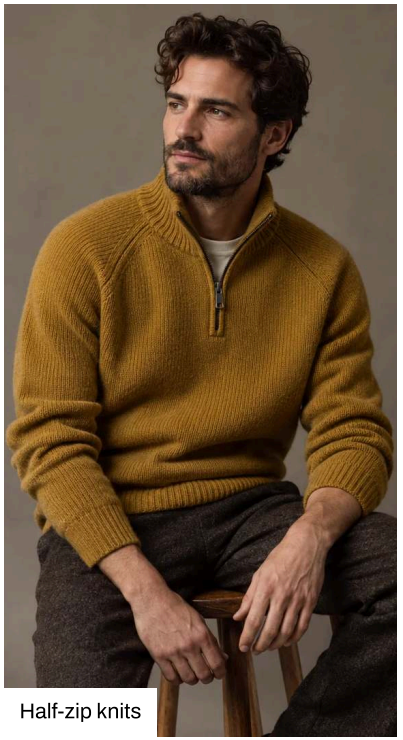
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Moodboard

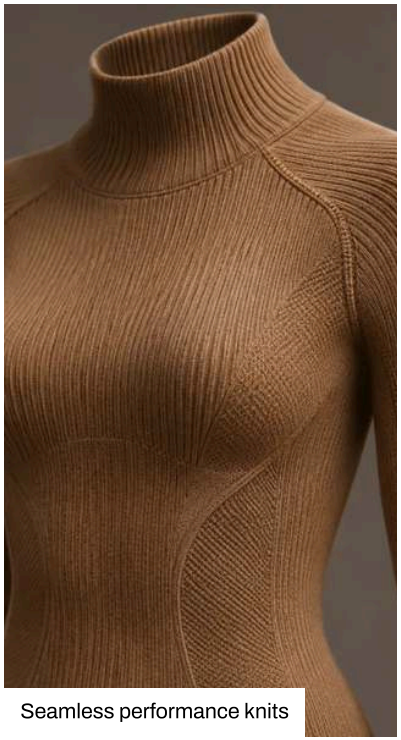




Elbow-seam jumpers



Half-zip knits



Seamless performance knits







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



Hidden closures: 19-1540 TCX with 13-1407 TCX, for hidden magnetic closures.



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

Key pieces



Argyle knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, pattern

Diamond argyle patterns on knits.

Rising



Elbow-seam jumpers

Menswear, Knitwear, sleeve

Reinforced elbow seams.

Rising



Half-zip knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, closure

Short zips on funnel-neck knits.

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



Textured stripe knits

Menswear, Knitwear, pattern

Striped knits with texture.

Rising



Knitted hoods and snoods

Womenswear, Knitwear, collar

Knits with attached hoods and snood collars.

Emerging



Technical merino layers

Menswear, Knitwear, fabric

Fine merino with waffle texture and stretch.

Emerging

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).

Peaking



Bishop-sleeve knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, sleeve

Full sleeves gathered into long cuffs.

Peaking



Brushed cardigan coats

Menswear, Knitwear, fabric

Long brushed cardigans.

Peaking



Brushed mohair

Womenswear, Knitwear, fabric

Hairy, brushed mohair surfaces.

Peaking



Cardigans worn as shirts

Menswear, Knitwear, front

Collared cardigans buttoned up as shirts.

Peaking



Cropped cardigans

Womenswear, Knitwear, shape

Short cardigans ending at the waist.

Peaking



Fair Isle yoke cardigans

Womenswear, Knitwear, pattern

Patterned yokes on button cardigans.

Peaking



Fine-gauge zip polos

Womenswear, Knitwear, closure

Collared knits with a short zip.

Peaking

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