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Knitwear

Inspiration and design

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About this report

Knit shapes, stitches and yarns for women and men.

The waist returns and handcraft moves into everyday clothes. Shapes get defined again, sneakers step back for elegant shoes, and colour comes back in full: purple, true red and Klein blue over sun-faded whites and sand.

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

In motion

Long fringe that moves with every step, and bold head-to-toe stripes, from rainbow to tonal.

Why now

Movement and stripes photograph well for video-led social media.

Seen at

Luar, Kim Shui, Ulla Johnson, Heirlome, Monse: Long, figure-covering fringe; DVF: Rainbow stripes with long shorts; Proenza Schouler, Tommy Hilfiger: Head-to-toe stripes

Key pieces

Fringe, Stripes, Swing; fringed hems.

16-1448 TCX, #D4651F and 12-1009 TCX, #FFE1C9

Source: The Zoe Report, NYFW SS27 trends



Inspiration

Handcraft

Lace flowers, embroidery and smocking move onto crisp, everyday shirting. Craft techniques such as wrapping, gathering, pleating and openwork feel personal and slow.

Why now

Lace is named a growth category, and craft adds perceived value to simple poplin and knits.

Seen at

Chloé: Embroidery and waxed jackets; Gabriela Hearst: Mirrorwork inspired by Afghan craftsmanship; Lace (category): Forecasters call it a growth category

Key pieces

Lace, Smocking, Embroidery; lace-embroidered poplin shirts.

17-1147 TCX, #A8623F and 11-1306 TCX, #F6E2D4

Source: FashionUnited, SS27 Paris coverage and SS27 trend report



Inspiration

The waist returns

After years of oversized shapes the waist is back. Peplums, basque waists, balloon and bubble shapes and belted or wrapped fronts define the body again.

Why now

Forecasters see a return to elegance and shape. A defined waist refreshes existing silhouettes without new categories.

Seen at

Li Edelkoort, "Craft of Black": Wraps and belts the waist tightly; SS27 bridal and evening: Corseted bodices, basque waists and bubble skirts; Double belt: Returns as a waist accessory

Key pieces

Peplum, Basque waist, Bubble hem; basque waist bodices.

18-4048 TCX, #2F5FC0 and 13-3920 TCX, #CFE0FF

Source: FashionUnited, Spring/Summer 2027 trend report



Inspiration

Undone

A deliberately unfinished look: straps falling off the shoulder, exposed or unhooked undergarments, top layers left unsewn and raw, frayed hems on muslin-like cottons.

Why now

A relaxed, personal take on elegance, and raw edges suit natural fabrics.

Seen at

Altuzarra: Deshabille looks; Christian Cowan: Undone layers; Coach and Prabal Gurung: Muslin looks; LII: Double-layer minis

Key pieces

Raw hems, Slip straps, Muslin; unfinished raw hems.

17-0610 TCX, #8F897C and 11-0608 TCX, #F2EFE8

Source: The Zoe Report, NYFW SS27 trends; FashionUnited, SS27 Paris coverage

Moodboard





Bishop-sleeve knits



Brooch-fastened cardigans



Brushed cardigan coats

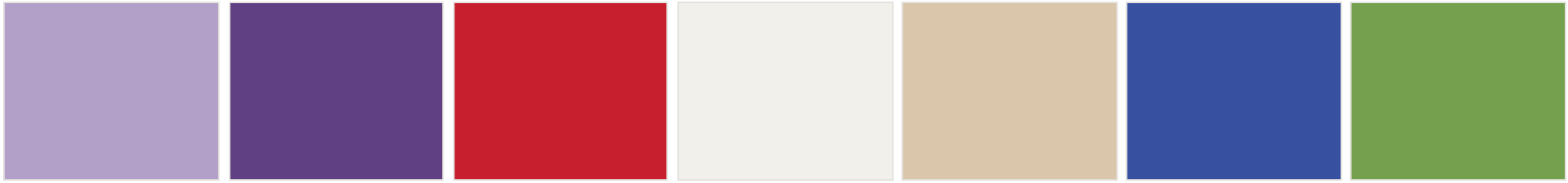






Colour

The SS27 palette, with Pantone TCX and HEX codes.



Lilac
15-3720 TCX
#B3A0C9

Violet
19-3642 TCX
#603F83

True red
18-1763 TCX
#C71F2D

Optic white
11-0602 TCX
#F2F0EB

Sand
13-1009 TCX
#DAC7AB

Klein blue
18-3949 TCX
#3850A0

Grass green
16-0237 TCX
#75A14F

Colour by theme



In motion: 16-1448 TCX with 12-1009 TCX, for fringed hems.



Handcraft: 17-1147 TCX with 11-1306 TCX, for lace-embroidered poplin shirts.



The waist returns: 18-4048 TCX with 13-3920 TCX, for basque waist bodices.

Key pieces



Argyle knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, pattern

Diamond argyle patterns on knits.

Rising

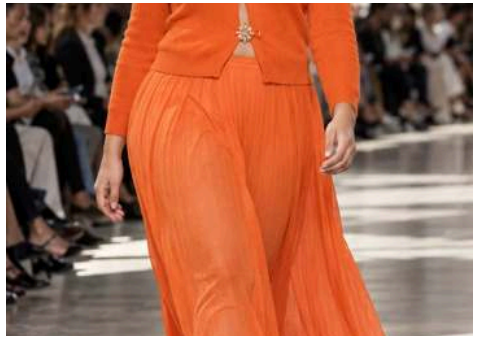


Bishop-sleeve knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, sleeve

Full sleeves gathered into long cuffs.

Rising



Brooch-fastened cardigans

Womenswear, Knitwear, hardware

Brooches replacing buttons.

Rising



Brushed cardigan coats

Menswear, Knitwear, fabric

Long brushed cardigans.

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



Cable-front cardigans

Womenswear, Knitwear, pattern

Cables running down cardigan fronts.

Rising



Contrast-tipped knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, trim

Contrast stripes at necks and cuffs.

Rising

Key pieces



Cricket cables with tipping

Womenswear, Knitwear, trim

Cable jumpers with striped V-neck tipping.

Rising



Cricket jumpers

Menswear, Knitwear, trim

Cables with striped tipping.

Rising



Crochet tops and cardigans

Womenswear, Knitwear, fabric

Granny-square and crochet textures.

Rising



Cropped cardigans

Womenswear, Knitwear, shape

Short cardigans ending at the waist.

Rising



Elongated rib cuffs

Womenswear, Knitwear, cuff

Long ribbed cuffs that bunch at the wrist.

Rising



Fair Isle yoke cardigans

Womenswear, Knitwear, pattern

Patterned yokes on button cardigans.

Rising



Funnel-neck zip knits

Menswear, Knitwear, closure

Full zips on funnel-neck knits.

Rising



Half-button polo jumpers

Menswear, Knitwear, collar

Jumpers with polo collars and buttons.

Rising

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