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Season themes

Inspiration and design

Spring/Summer 2027, next season forecast. In stores Feb – Jul 2027.

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About this report

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

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

Elegant ease

Dressing gets refined again. The tie returns, shirts are tucked in, trousers are pleated and slightly puffed, and elegant mules and pointed flats replace sneakers.

Why now

Fabric forecasters say street style and sneakers are giving way to elegance.

Seen at

Loewe: The return of the tie; Munich Fabric Start forecasters: "Everything is becoming elegant"; SS27 menswear: Slimmer ties, pleated and puffed trousers

Key pieces

Slim ties, Mules, Pointed flats; tucked shirts with slim ties.

17-6333 TCX, #4F7A3C and 12-5404 TCX, #E4F0DA

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



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

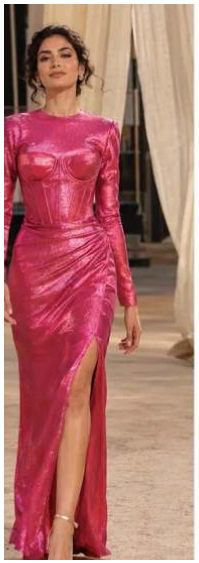
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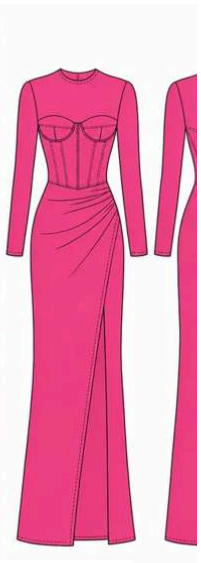


Corseted tea-length crinoline dresses



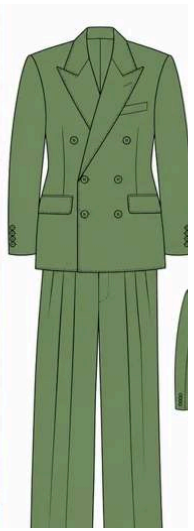




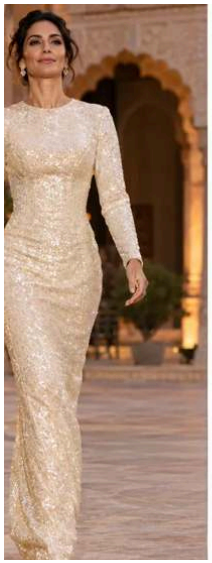


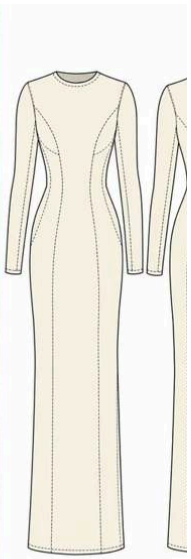
Cup-bodice gold column gowns



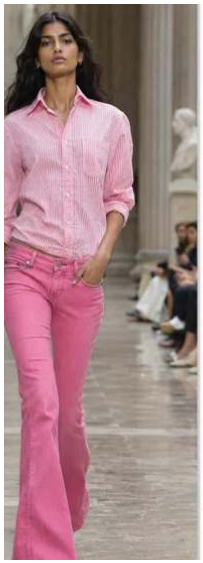


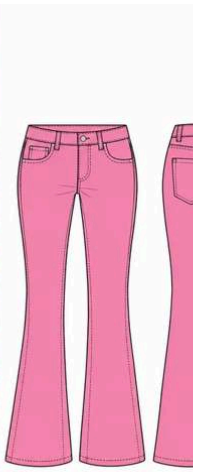
Generous 1980s double-breasted suits





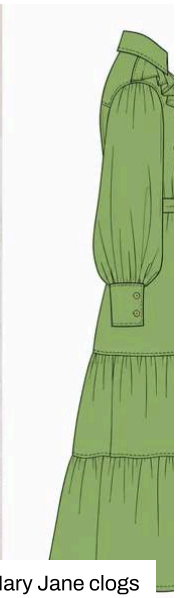
Lace-up corset-back sequin gowns





Low-rise bootcut jeans





Studded and ruffled Mary Jane clogs





Tone-on-tone embroidered tuxedos

Colour

The SS27 palette, with Pantone TCX and HEX codes.

Lilac	Violet	True red	Optic white	Sand	Klein blue	Grass green
15-3720 TCX	19-3642 TCX	18-1763 TCX	11-0602 TCX	13-1009 TCX	18-3949 TCX	16-0237 TCX
#B3A0C9	#603F83	#C71F2D	#F2F0EB	#DAC7AB	#3850A0	#75A14F

Colour by theme



Elegant ease: 17-6333 TCX with 12-5404 TCX, for tucked shirts with slim ties.



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



Undone: 17-0610 TCX with 11-0608 TCX, for unfinished raw hems.

Key pieces



Corseted tea-length crinoline dresses

Womenswear, Dresses, silhouette

Strapless corset bodices over a crinoline-lined petticoat skirt cut to tea length, softened with tulle draped over the shoulders; Vivienne Westwood custom black Chantilly-lace dress for Ariana Grande at the London 'Focker-In-Law' premiere, 18 Nov 2026.

Rising



Cup-bodice gold column gowns

Womenswear, Dresses, bodice

Long metallic-gold gowns with a defined cup or bustier bodice, all-over shine and a high slit; several stars at the 47th Cairo International Film Festival, 11 Nov 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



Lace-up corset-back sequin gowns

Womenswear, Dresses, back

Fully sequinned column gowns closed with corset lacing down the back; Tamara Ralph on Lily James at the Governors Awards, Los Angeles, 15 Nov 2026, with Karol G's lace-up corset bodice (Celia Kritharioti couture) at the Latin Grammys, 12 Nov.

Rising



Low-rise bootcut jeans

Womenswear, Denim, shape

Low-slung jeans, slim through the thigh with a slight flare below the knee, as in Madhappy x Lucky Brand (Oct 2026).

Rising



Studded and ruffled Mary Jane clogs

Footwear, Sneakers & Casual, upper

Mary Janes, Boston clogs and Arizona sandals reworked with gold studs, leather ruffles and shearling in black, lilac, sandstone and chutney; Birkenstock 1774 Pont des Arts (Nov 2026).

Rising



Tone-on-tone embroidered tuxedos

Womenswear, Tailoring, embellishment

Black smoking suits embroidered all over in black, worn as the alternative to a gown; Marian Saud for Débora Plager at the Martín Fierro de Cable awards, Buenos Aires, 12 Nov 2026.

Rising



Apron-toe derbies

Footwear, Men's Shoes, toe

Derbies with stitched apron toes.

Rising

Key pieces



Asymmetric wrap closures

Womenswear, Coats & Jackets, closure

Off-centre wrap fronts held with a tie.

Rising



Backless apron tops

Womenswear, Tops & Shirts, neckline

Halter tops that tie at the neck and leave the back open.

Rising



Balloon trousers

Womenswear, Trousers & Skirts, shape

Volume gathered into the ankle.

Rising



Band-collar shirts with long placket

Womenswear, Tops & Shirts, collar

Collarless shirts with an extended placket.

Rising



Barrel-leg cargo jeans

Womenswear, Denim, pocket

Curved legs with cargo pockets.

Rising



Belgian loafers

Footwear, Men's Shoes, style

Soft, slipper-like loafers.

Rising



Belted field coats

Menswear, Outerwear, waist

Field coats with a waist belt.

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Belted high waists

Menswear, Trousers, waist

Worn belted and high.

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Sources: SS27 themes summarise published runway and trade coverage from the September–October 2026 shows, including FashionUnited and The Zoe Report. Pantone announces its 2027 colour of the year in December 2026.

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