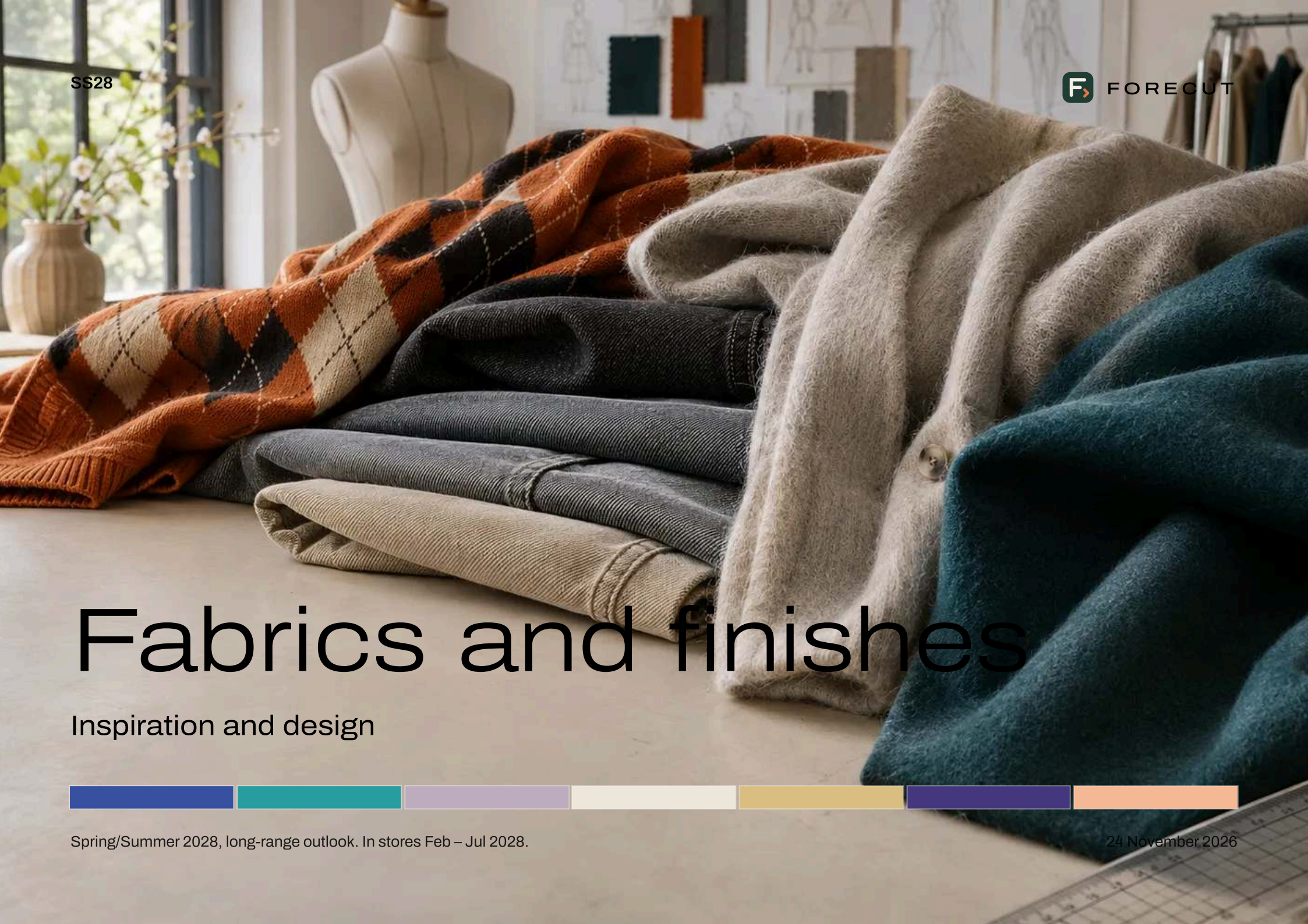
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Fabrics and finishes

Inspiration and design

Spring/Summer 2028, long-range outlook. In stores Feb – Jul 2028.

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About this report

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

Long-range outlook. Structured clarity and easy movement: fewer, better pieces with performance comfort for commuting, in strong blues, greyish mauve and straw.

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

Natural tech

Natural fibres finished to perform: quick-dry linen, UV-resistant cotton and easy-care jersey.

Why now

Customers want natural fibres without the creasing and care trouble.

Key pieces

Quick-dry, Easy-care, Natural fibres; performance-jersey shirt dresses.

18-0920 TCX, #6D5D44 and 11-0105 TCX, #EFE6D3

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



Inspiration

Performance ease

Designs that feel intuitive and move easily: articulated sleeves and knees, stretch and breathable fabrics for sport and commuting.

Why now

Early SS28 previews point to performance design that removes restriction.

Key pieces

Articulation, Stretch, Breathable; articulated sleeves.

18-1340 TCX, #A6492A and 12-1110 TCX, #F6D7C6

Source: FashionUnited, "SS28 Preview: The modern flow of performance design". Runway shows for this season have not happened yet. Forecut will add the brands showing this theme once collections are presented.



Inspiration

Sport meets smart

Cushioned sport soles under refined flats, loafers and derbies: elegant shoes with sneaker comfort.

Why now

SS27 moved from sneakers to elegance; SS28 keeps the look but brings back comfort.

Key pieces

Sport soles, Hybrid shoes, Comfort heels; sport-sole smart flats.

19-0201 TCX, #3A3F45 and 13-4108 TCX, #D8DDE2

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



Inspiration

Commuter tailoring

Suits built for city days: stretch suiting, soft shoulders, concealed buttons and easy-care fabrics.

Why now

Hybrid working needs tailoring that is comfortable on a commute and smart at a desk.

Key pieces

Stretch suits, Concealed buttons, Soft shoulders; stretch commuter suiting.

18-0513 TCX, #6F6A60 and 11-4201 TCX, #ECEBE6

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

Moodboard





Taffeta jogger evening trousers

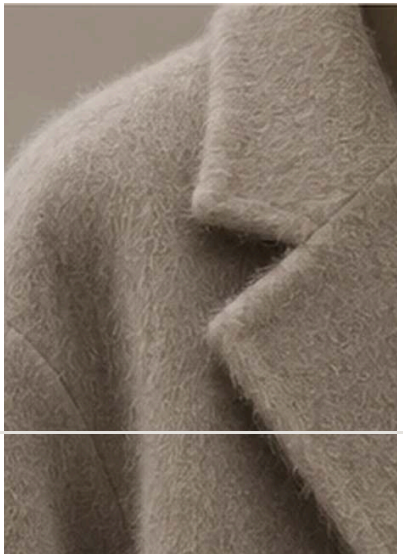


Argyle knits



Black and grey denim







Colour

The SS28 palette, with Pantone TCX and HEX codes.

Royal blue
18-3949 TCX
#3850A0

Sonar turquoise
16-5123 TCX
#279D9F

Greyish mauve
15-3507 TCX
#BDABBE

Bleached linen
11-0701 TCX
#EDE6DB

Straw
14-0935 TCX
#DABE81

Magnetic violet
19-3847 TCX
#44377D

Peach
13-1125 TCX
#F5B895

Colour by theme



Natural tech: 18-0920 TCX with 11-0105 TCX, for performance-jersey shirt dresses.



Performance ease: 18-1340 TCX with 12-1110 TCX, for articulated sleeves.



Sport meets smart: 19-0201 TCX with 13-4108 TCX, for sport-sole smart flats.

Key pieces



Parachute-poplin tuxedo shirts

Womenswear, Tops & Shirts, fabric

Pleated-front tuxedo shirts cut in light, crisp parachute-cotton poplin; Ralph Lauren Pre-Fall 2027 evening, 6 Nov 2026.

Rising



Taffeta jogger evening trousers

Womenswear, Trousers & Skirts, fabric

Featherweight taffeta joggers with elastic cuffs worn under a tuxedo blazer for evening; Ralph Lauren Pre-Fall 2027, 6 Nov 2026.

Rising



Argyle knits

Womenswear, Knitwear, pattern

Diamond argyle patterns on knits.

Rising



Black and grey denim

Womenswear, Denim, wash

Washed black and grey denim.

Rising



Brushed cardigan coats

Menswear, Knitwear, fabric

Long brushed cardigans.

Rising

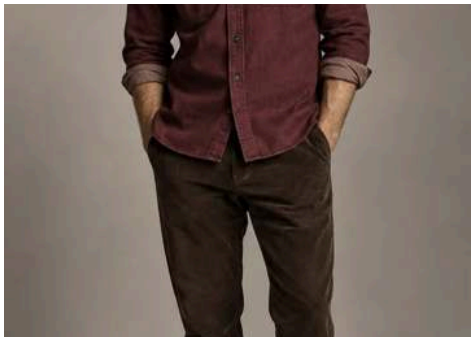


Brushed wool-cashmere coats

Womenswear, Coats & Jackets, fabric

Soft, brushed blends with a hazy surface.

Rising

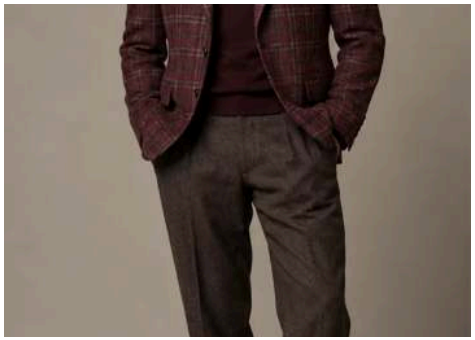


Chambray work shirts

Menswear, Shirts & Polos, fabric

Chambray shirts with two flap pockets.

Rising



Check sports jackets

Menswear, Tailoring, fabric

Checked jackets worn with odd trousers.

Rising

Key pieces



Check tailoring

Womenswear, Tailoring, fabric

Prince of Wales and windowpane checks.

Rising



Column knit dresses

Womenswear, Dresses, fabric

Long ribbed knit dresses in column shapes.

Rising



Corduroy wide trousers

Menswear, Trousers, fabric

Wide trousers in corduroy.

Rising



Fair Isle yoke cardigans

Womenswear, Knitwear, pattern

Patterned yokes on button cardigans.

Rising



Flat suede knee boots

Footwear, Boots, material

Flat knee boots in suede.

Rising



Floral print midis

Womenswear, Dresses, print

Small and painterly florals on midi dresses.

Rising



Leather-look trousers

Womenswear, Trousers & Skirts, fabric

Straight trousers in faux leather.

Rising



Lightweight technical trench

Womenswear, Coats & Jackets, fabric

Trenches in light technical cotton with taped seams.

Rising

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Sources: SS28 is a long-range Forecut projection. It builds on early SS28 trade coverage (structured clarity and performance design, FashionUnited) and Forecut's warm earth-orange colour direction.

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