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Abstract

Colour and trend forecasting have emerged as a strategic tool for the fashion and footwear industries, particularly within fast-evolving global markets. As fashion increasingly becomes an extension of lifestyle identity, colour, texture and surface innovation plays a pivotal role in product differentiation. Strengthening domestic design capabilities and enhancing global competitiveness require systematic forecasting approach that provide manufacturers with actionable insights for creating commercially aligned collections. This study presents a predicting colour and material directions for the Spring-Summer 2027 (SS27) season, grounded in an analysis of evolving consumer behaviour, design signals and multi-source trend indicators.

The methodology combines a longitudinal review of past colour cards with a layered examination of contemporary influences, including international runway themes, street fashion shifts, digital cultural dynamics and socio-economic developments. Additional inputs from global trade fairs such as LINEAPELLE, Garda, WSA, MICAM and GDS reinforce the reliability of the directional assessment. Key silhouettes, surface treatments and material evolutions across menswear, womenswear and children’s wear are mapped to highlight both emerging and declining trends.

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The SS27 forecast identifies four dominant colour narratives driven by optimism, nostalgia, virtuality and natural fluidity. Virtual Blue anchors the season with a digitally inspired radiance, while Mint Slush and Grasshopper introduce fresh, progressive harmonies. Soft naturals - Sandrose, Blush and Blue Shadow paired with Grayscale evoke romantic nostalgia blended with modern clarity.

Material and surface directions focus on tactility and expressive detail, featuring patchwork leathers, macramé-inspired structures, perforations, knitted leather concepts, shimmer finishes, fantasy textures and delicate embellishments. These insights provide a scientifically grounded framework enabling manufacturers and designers to develop focused, relevant and globally competitive SS27 collections.

Keywords: Colour forecasting; Leather and Leather Products; Seasonal colour card; Trend analysis; Product manufacturing; Spring–Summer 2027.

1. Introduction

Leather and footwear industries are witnessing a dynamic environment where consumer trends, technological advancement, need for sustainability as well as global societal and economic changes are fast-changing phenomena [6,7]. In this context, product success lies not only in the functional aspects but also in appropriately

decoding aesthetic and emotional signals that are communicated through colour, material and surface design. Colour forecasting has, therefore, developed into a strategic planning aid for industry, serving to help in long-range planning vis-à- vis design, sourcing and manufacturing activities [1,2].

The leather and shoe industries are within an active context given the changing consumer needs, technology

Figure 1. Conceptual Framework Utilized for Colour and Trend Forecasting

Seasonal forecasting is particularly critical for Spring– Summer collections, which emphasize lightness, freshness, and expressive design language. Accurate forecasting reduces uncertainty in raw material procurement, tooling and production scheduling, thereby enhancing commercial

developments, concerns about sustainability as well as changes in global socio- economy. With time, within this scenario, colour forecasting (as well as trend forecasting) has become a strategic tool assisting design and material development and manufacturing planning. Seasonal prediction - making it possible for the producers to predict market demand and make their production decisions based on the future need of aesthetic appearance and function.

competitiveness in global markets [3]. Despite its industrial importance, structured documentation of forecasting methodologies within leather science literature remains limited. This study addresses this gap by presenting a systematic forecasting framework applied to SS27.

Figure 2: A Model of the current colour forecasting process

2. Research Methodology

The predictive approach used in this study took a multistage analytical process that aims to deliver reliability, repeatability and industrial applicability. A longitudinal analysis began with examining historical Spring–Summer colour cards and trend reports in order to establish cyclical continuities, new directions, or receding palettes [1,2].

Modern trend intelligence was consequently based on processing of international fashion runways, street fashion movements and digital culture as a representation of the mutation in consumers' desires and visual language [3,6].

Additional insights were derived from researches at the international leading leather and footwear trade fairs such

as LINEAPELLE, Garda, WSA, MICAM and GDS. Such platforms work as predictors of new material innovation, colour adoption, surface treatment and technological integration for the following seasons [4,5]. All input had been synthesized into comparatives thematic analysis and were spread across the menswear, womenswear and childrens wear spreading to deliver constructive SS27 colour narratives interwoven with material direction.

2.1 Longitudinal Trend Review

Spring–Summer colour cards and trend reports from previous decades were scanned to detect patterns of re-occurrence, abiding neutrals, new accents and diminishing palettes. This experimental design provided the opportunity to describe long-term trending instead of seasonal aberrations.

2.2 Multi-Source Trend Intelligence

Contemporary trend signals were collected from:

- International fashion runways and designer presentations
- Street fashion and lifestyle expressions across major global cities
- Digital culture, virtual aesthetics, and social mediadriven visual language
- Socio-economic and geopolitical developments influencing consumer sentiment

2.3 Trade Fair Observation

Leading international leather and footwear shows (LINEAPELLE, Garda, WSA, MICAM, GDS etc) were monitored for early colour material innovation surface treatments and technology integration impulses as indicated for SS27.

2.4 Synthesis and Forecast Mapping

All inputs derived from a qualitative analysis, on theme and comparison. Colours, materials and surface direction were crossed over in menswear, womenswear and children's wear in creating consistent colour stories that are commercially viable.

2.5 Forecasting Process Flow

The complete forecasting workflow adopted in this research is illustrated in Figure 1.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1 SS27 Colour Narratives

The SS27 forecast identifies four dominant and interconnected colour narratives:

Complementary information was achieved based on the observation at some of the larger international leather and footwear fair, such as LINEAPELLE, Garda, WSA, MICAM, and GDS. These platforms serve as forerunner of material innovation, color adoption, surface treatments and technology integration for the upcoming seasons [4,5]. All inputs were compiled through comparative thematic analysis and spread over menswear, womenswear and children's wear categories to form consistent SS27 colour stories and material direction.

Digital Optimism:

Anchored by Virtual Blue, this narrative reflects confidence in digital progress combined with refined elegance. The colour conveys clarity, stability, and futuristic optimism, making it suitable for contemporary leather footwear and accessories.

Fresh Vitality:

Defined by Mint Slush and Grasshopper, this palette

projects freshness, lightness, and youthful energy. These shades support progressive and wellness-oriented product categories, particularly casual and comfort footwear.

Romantic Naturality:

Early-summer tones such as Sandrose and Blush introduce warmth, softness, and emotional resonance. This narrative aligns with lifestyle leather goods and feminine footwear silhouettes.

Contemporary Realism:

Colour Narrative

Key Colour

Conceptual Interpretation

References

Digital Optimism

Virtual Blue Digital confidence with refined modernity

Fresh Vitality Mint Slush, Grasshopper

Youthful progression and freshness

Sandrose, Blush Soft natural

Romantic Naturality

transition and nostalgia

Blue Shadow, Grayscale

Commercial balance and versatility

Contemporary Realism

Table 1 : SS27 Colour Narratives and Their Product Relevance

3.2 Material and Surface Directions

Material Newness Tactility, Lightness and Expressive Surface Detailing become the design priorities for SS27. Trends include lightweight patchwork leathers, macrame-inspired design, multi-form perforation and knitted leather. Gloss twist with luster add dimension to embosses, as wet-look debossing and fantasy fishskin textures bring a surrealistic dimension.

Ornamentation trends away from heavy metal trims to

Blue Shadow and Grayscale provide tonal grounding and versatility, enabling balance between expressive colours and commercial longevity across global markets.

The Spring–Summer 2027 forecasting study identified four dominant colour narratives through a structured analytical framework consistent with established forecasting theory [1,2].

These narratives, summarized in Table 1, form the foundation for colour planning and product segmentation across leather and footwear categories.

Emotional &

Product & Application

Visual Attributes

Relevance

Clarity, futuristic calm, technological optimism

Urban footwear, premium casual leather goods

Lightness, vibrancy, wellness-driven aesthetics

Casual footwear, comfort products

Warmth, softness, subtle elegance

Women’s footwear, lifestyle accessories

Depth, tonal grounding, longevity

Core footwear lines, unisex products

softer appliques, ribbons and bow details. Washed nappa leathers reign supreme in the base material range, accompanied by abstract florals, wickerwork textures and diffused vintage motifs as well as sophisticated decorations like pearls, rhinestones and refined fringes.

These are congruent with current consumer preferences for light feeling, tactile aesthetic and visual creative products such as those noted in leather and shoe industry reports over the past few years [3–5].

Trend Category Material / Surface Direction

Description Functional & Aesthetic Impact

Lightweight Structures

Airy patchwork leathers

Fragmented breathable leather constructions

Handcrafted Textures

Macramé- inspired constructions

Interlaced leather techniques

Perforation Effects

Multi-shape perforations

Engineered perforated surfaces

Surface Finishes

Gloss and shimmer embossing

Light-reflective embossed surfaces

Decorative Elements

Floral appliqués, ribbons

Soft decorative alternatives to metal trims

Table 2 : SS27 Material and Surface directions

4. Implications for Product Manufacturing

Seasonal forecasting functions as a critical prior-stage requirement for leather and footwear manufacturing. Early identification of validated colour and material directions enables manufacturers to align raw material procurement, tooling, sampling and production schedules with anticipated market demand. This proactive approach reduces development risk, optimizes inventory management, and enhances commercial relevance.

The SS27 forecast demonstrates how structured trend intelligence supports strategic manufacturing decisions, transforming forecasting from a design-driven activity into an integrated industrial planning tool.

5. Conclusion

This study presents a scientifically structured framework for trend and colour forecasting applied to the Spring–Summer 2027 season, with direct relevance to leather and footwear product development. The resulting colour card

Application

Areas

Reduced weight, flexibility, visual movement

Sandals, summer footwear

Artisanal appeal, softness

Lifestyle footwear

Ventilation, modern texture

Comfort and sports footwear

Enhanced depth, premium appearance

Fashion footwear

Refined seasonal expression

Women’s footwear

reflects a balanced synthesis of digital optimism, natural softness, and contemporary realism, supported by advanced material and surface innovations.

Beyond its aesthetic contribution, the research reinforces seasonal forecasting as an essential prerequisite for effective product manufacturing and market alignment. Future work may focus on integrating data analytics and artificial intelligence to enhance forecasting precision and responsiveness.

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