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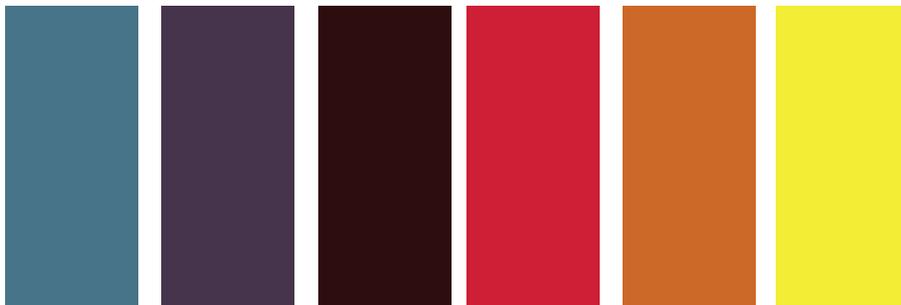
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A TRANSFORMATIVE SEASON...

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FABRICS

Mills continue to delight with their remarkable innovations. Some explore new technologies and materials to differentiate their product, while others build new creations based on their heritage constructions, summoning their artisan roots and craftsmanship to create new iterations from their classics. Fabrics are embellished, manipulated, reworked, and transformed. Function and personality are sometimes disguised, sometimes obvious. New luxe materials have been added to elevate and transform the hand and weight. They are doubled and tripled to create volume, structured and round, light and lofty or compact with drape. They are printed or woven then coated; transformed into something new. They are exciting, extraordinary, often not what they seem to be and all this is FUN!!

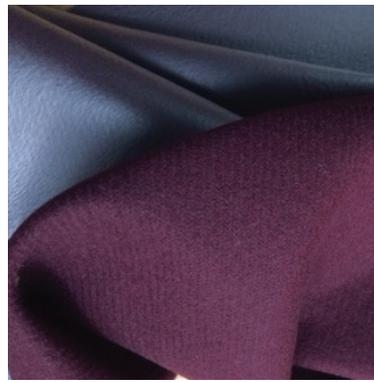


COLOR

The seasonal palette incorporates moody darks such as wine, teal, purple and forest green; warm flamboyant mid-tones of red, orange, saffron, yellow and russet and lively greys with a delicate hint of color. Sophisticated greens and frosty pales round out the offering. Designers are challenged to use the palette in new and bold combinations to achieve unexpected results.

OLMETEX

This fine Como mill specializing in outerwear is celebrating 50 years in business. Carrying on the region's heritage tradition of creating silk and silk-blend constructions, the Olmetex designers transform these beautiful bases with a variety of coatings and treatments that render them suitable for outerwear. Innovative and serious about their commitment to environmentally friendly products, they also offer two eco-friendly products. Their "PFC Finish" which is fluorocarbon free and an "H2O Protector Group" that utilizes a compact cotton structure using high twist, long staple yarns that create a natural water repellency.



▲ Olmetex Lofty Wool Blend Twill with Elastic Breathable Membrane

CIABATTA

Ciabatta delights as always, with a collection of beautifully colored cut-and-sew knits that are sporty and elegant. Tweeds are enhanced with novelty yarns, sometimes textured or hairy, that accentuate their beauty and add a touch of whimsy. Sweater knits in basic repeat stripes are proposed in novelty stitches or plain sweater knit. These ephemeral feather weights are beautiful and highly appealing. A silky, viscose based Milano weave stretch double knit, is a perfect solid to work off these novelties.



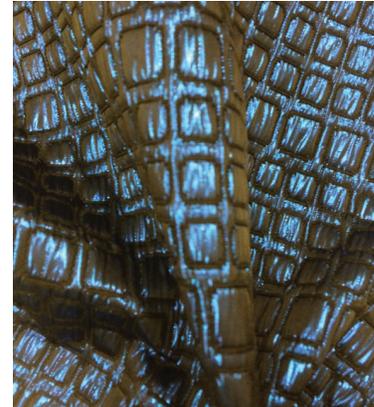
▲ Ciabatti Novelty Striped Sweater Knit



DBS TESSUTTI

DBS TESSUTTI has created a spectacular group of double face cut-and-sew knit articles with a luxe and sporty mood. A lustrous drop finish wool blend reverses to a sporty contrast color sweater knit. A cotton-rich rib structure backed to a casual heather sweatshirt will surely entice the casual and menswear designers. Dimensional rib structures in techno poly are bonded to create high dimension. Coated with luminescent metallic finishes these structures are even more striking.

▲ DBS Luminescent Bonded Dimensional Stripe



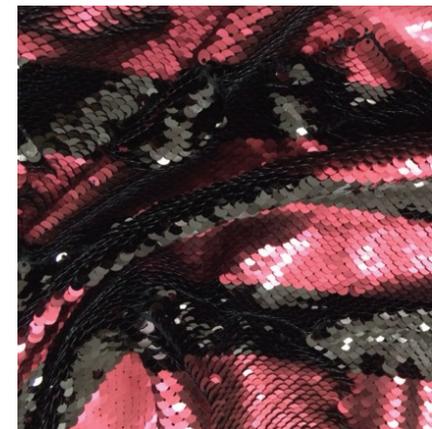
▲ Efilan Metallic Box Jacquard

EFILAN

A family owned novelty based Italian mill that always hits the pulse of the season with subtle beauty and a touch of glam. This season they propose a stunning array of jacquards and novelty fabrics. Some of the highlights are a beautiful stretch satin article embossed with a variety of interesting patterns, dimensional box jacquards with lurex yarns and encrusted coated laces.

GRATECOS

This novelty driven collection whose creative team is Barcelona based, celebrates 75 years in business with a spectacular collection of items. The highly creative designers that put the collection together aim to create a color coordinated collection of novelties that are highly original and packed with energy. The collection is diverse in category including: prints, jacquards, over-printed Jacquards, laces, and over-embellished mesh patterns to name just a few. A highly imaginative combination of laser and bonding techniques in a variety of fibers, creates group articles that truly speak to the season; multi layered and dimensional they are indeed transformed into the new and extraordinary.



▲ Gratecos All Over Sequin Stripe



▲ O Jersey Viscose Crepe Jersey with elastan

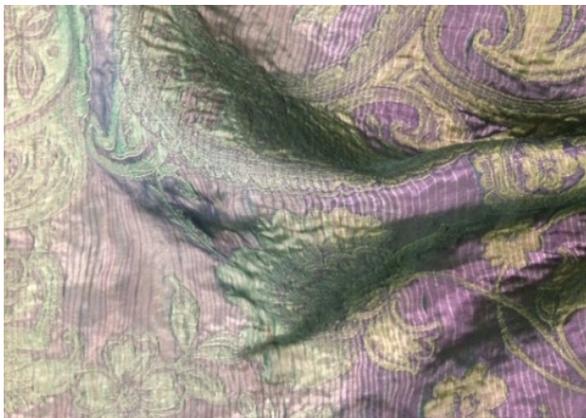
0 JERSEY

This high end knit mill offers innovation and quality in an inspirational collection for the fall season that will get designers imaginations flying. Geared toward casual day wear, knit bases of richly colored heather double knits, a micro modal milano knit and viscose crepe are just the beginning. A stunning array of ingenious novelties such as colored neoprene bonded to sheer knit, create subtle bicolor effects, feather weight structures in alpaca mohair novelty yarns are lofty confections, a dimensional sweater knit is bonded to tissue weight jersey. The lux aspect of the collection reveals itself in many articles containing precious fibers like the stunning felted cotton alpaca blend. A group of classic patterns, twill, mini check and zig-zag, are luxe and velvety, flocked to a knitted base of your choice.

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BROCHIER PARIS

Brochier Paris, renowned for its mission to revive high Italian and French handcraft, offers this season an assortment of truly beautiful multicolor brocades in stunning colorways. On the more experimental and contemporary side, untrimmed Fil Coupes are laminated with a matte finish creating subtle, exquisitely beautiful color and texture modulations. A classic paisley pattern looks new in multi-color luminescent yarns and painterly brushstrokes create a dynamic border jacquard on a midnight blue ground.



▲ Brochier Luminescent Paisley Jacquard

ROBERTO FANTOCCOLI

Roberto Fantoccoli, a fashion collection created for the luxury market brings together classic and contemporary fabrics, always with delightfully unexpected results. Movement, color and dimension abound in this exceptionally artful collection. Offerings for this season include a subtle Jacquard created by graceful metallic dancers twirling about holding hands to create a lovely dimensional pattern and a lustrous feather-weight plisse fan pattern in striking colors both mono and multicolor. In what appears an active wear inspiration, an undulating pattern of midnight-blue and white stripes swirls over a sheer black base, leaving uncut fringes playfully flying.



▲ Fantoccoli Multi color Fan Plisse

NEW TESS

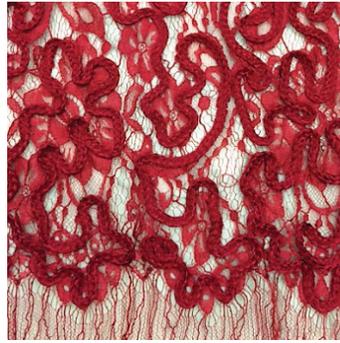
New Tess proposes luxe offerings in a cozy, highly appealing double face silk wool stretch article; patterns include Graphic combos, abstract ethnics, and a playful blurred scattered dot. Also offered are some highly original placed animal/skin prints and bonded creations that simply defy description. This somewhat classic base is indeed, newly captivating in these artful interpretations. A high drama, oversized placed rose jacquard pattern is startling in its beauty – offered both with and without metallic accents. This is a collection that will take your breath away!



▲ New Tess Ornate Jacquard with Metallic

MARCO LAGATTOLLO

Well known for their spectacular lace, tulle and embroideries, this mill proposes some highly imaginative offerings. Over-embroidered and corded laces, guipures and macramé that are updated, modern and strikingly beautiful. A group of Wool- blend laces, are stunning in luscious fall colors.



▲ Marco Laggattolo over embroidered Chantilly Lace

MIROGLIO

This Italian mill creates an extensive offering of prints on a wide array of bases. This season the print offering includes beautifully colored, painterly abstractions and impressionistic floral gardens. Blurred effects on carpet patterns are offered in rich, highly appealing colorations while cubist inspired borders in neutral and unexpected jewel tone colors undulate with movement.



▲ Miroglio Abstract Painterly Print

RICAMIFICIO LEVI

Ricamificio Levi, a custom embroidery specialist, works in a wide variety of fibers creating novelty inspirations that are expertly crafted. Designers can garner inspiration from the collection, modifying and making these inspirations their own. A classic paisley lace pattern executed with a specialty crimped yarns is transformed into a stunning modern interpretation and richly over-embroidered leaf pattern of medieval inspiration is executed in a stunning border pattern on a spider web tulle. Emerald and sapphire jewel-tones shimmer in a pattern of folkloric inspiration.



▲ Ricamificio Levi multi color Embroidery

MAHLIA KENT

Mahlia Kent never fails to fire the creative imagination of designers with their singular approach to the world of jacquards. This season they propose a unique group of multi-colored warp jacquards that burst with complexity and deep richness of color. An oversized, brush stroke Jacquard with a placed giant metallic orb is stunning as are an assortment of highly appealing novelty sweater yarn constructions with statement fringes.



▲ Malhia Kent multi-Color-Warp Jacquard

ARCHE

Italian mill Arche offers piece dye articles in plain and not so plain bases that are compelling in their simplicity, fine finishes and ingenuity. On the light end of the scale there is a woven cotton Polyamide blend - super fine, ultralight metallic, with plenty of drape. A lustrous cotton elastic satin weave with stretch has an exquisite finish which is elegant and sporty. The double face articles are modern and highly inventive, structured compact woven articles with stretch and drape in polyester as well as cotton, viscose, and modal blends in double face weaves. Sophisticated glimmering metallic tweeds reverse to rustic natural twill weave, pique weaves reverse to crepe like structures and sporty denim inspired twills are perfect for casual sportswear.



▲ Arche Cotton Stretch Satin Weave

TEIJIN FRONTIER

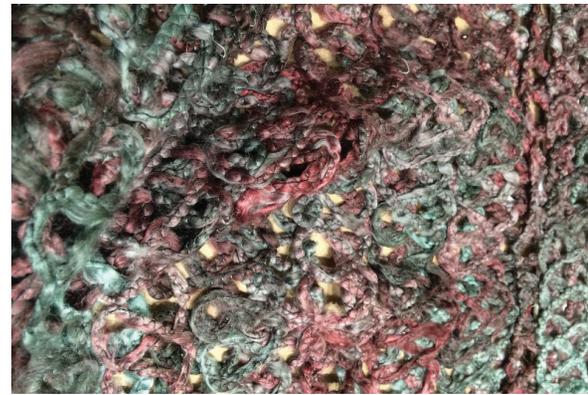
Teijin Frontier is an extensive collection of outerwear, active sportswear and novelties. The highlights this season are a group of bonded, laser cut, quilted velvets including a silicone pattern printed on the back of the fabric which creates waves of luminescent velvet on the panne side. Super compact cotton Polyamide plain weave for jeans wear, featherweight luminescent outerwear, a satin weave acetate silk with a memory and a tri-acetate lustrous cavalry twill with weight and drape. Ask about the mill's new poly yarn SOLOTEX, a patented yarn which is highly ecological and can be mixed with other fibers to enhance softness, shape retention, stretch and dyeability.



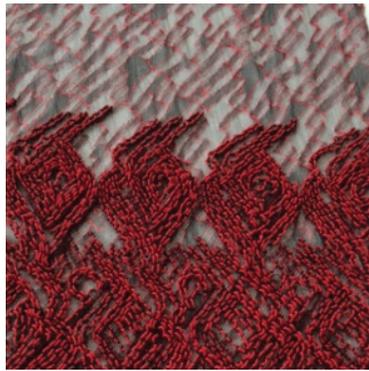
▲ Teijin Manipulated Pattern on Panne velvet

MICHELE LEMAIRE

Winner of the Oscar Du Textile award in 1999, this mill continues to create highly imaginative experiments and techniques which are uniquely original. Let your imagination run away from you at this inspiring mill with such offerings as geometric structures reminiscent of a crochet pattern in luscious green and blue space dyed luminescent yarns, dreamy feather stripe confectations on silk chiffon and a whimsical embroidery of black-white dot stripe in novelty loop yarns



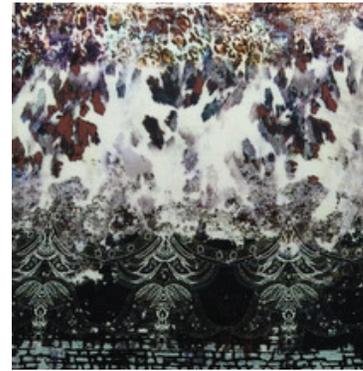
▲ Michele Lemaire Space Dyed Structure



▲ Sophie Hallett Crossdye Leavers Lace with Overbeaded Border of tiny Japanese Beads

SOPHIE HALLETTE

This prestigious lace mill is well known for exquisitely beautiful leavers as well as hand applied embellishments they artfully execute on their bases with remarkable artisanal skill. The craftsmanship with which this work is done is unparalleled. The complexity and precision of the handwork is remarkable in such techniques as trapunto effects on a leavers lace base, a double-dyed leavers base, over-beaded with the two tones of the tiniest glass beads from Japan to create a stunning border pattern. Pleated silk tulle overlay on a leavers base with delicately placed glass beads. Platinum Metallic yarn laces and tender silicone teardrops elevate an already beautiful lace pattern beyond expectation.



▲ KBC Mixed Media Border Print

KBC

This cognoscenti of the print world offers, as always, a vast assortment of print designs. These can be executed on a variety of base offerings, knit and woven structures in natural and synthetic blends. The designers this season appear to have traveled the globe for inspiration and returned to their studios to combine these in clever juxtaposition. Some of the highlights; Persian inspired border prints in dark rich tones, a blurred effect on a print combining floral and architectural scroll motifs and a mixed media collage border that inventively combines decorative and organic elements. Abstract feathers are collaged in graphic neutrals, and painterly watercolor stripes are sketched frosty pales and moody darks.

RATTI

Novelties abound at this world-class mill. Some of the highlights: a wool silk cotton eyelash stripe with holographic yarns, multicolor metallic stripes with glimmering cellophane yarn, tweeds that are dazzling with their holographic yarns, metallic coatings, and special novelty yarns in luxe fibers. Silk has been added to last year's best-selling compact poly twill, a stunning base option for solid or print. Featured this season are a group of 'luxurious plains' that are anything but plain. . . .silk Natte weave, light weight pure silk crepon, a divine viscose wool wave rib construction and a stunning wool cashmere flannel to name just a few. Ratti's world of Crepes include a grain de poudre viscose tuxedo Crepe with structure and drape and a double face wool stretch crepe that is supple and round.



▲ Ratti Multi Stripe Jacquard with Cellophane yarn

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