

Craft skills and the beauty of the imperfect gain in prominence

Trends from Tendence 2018

Individual, sustainable and creative are all words that sum up the trends at Tendence 2018. The fashion is for whatever pleases – and that offers a great deal of scope for creativity, experimentation and humour.

Nature and sea - The natural, Scandinavian look continues to be a significant feature. This is all about finding the right balance in life, doing things in moderation, not too much, not too little.



This is clearly helped by calm surroundings, creating a feeling of well-being with lots of wood, concrete, stone, basketwork and, of course, textiles such as linen and wool. Nor can we escape the multi-faceted sea-side trend, which can find a wide variety of expressions.

Harmonious colourways - The many – nowadays very diverse – design elements are bound together with coordinated, harmonious colourways. In each case, a strong base colour is developed into a variety of shades from light to dark. The colourways to watch for the autumn and winter seasons 2018 / 2019 are Bordeaux, petrol and curry, as well as the colour of the year – ultra-violet, which is now developing its impact to the full. Looking towards the spring, we can expect, above all, fresh rosé and mint tones, as well as a bright mustard. Shades of blue, denim and indigo continue to be very much in vogue.

Indispensable: shiny surfaces and fluffy stuff - Gold, brass and silver are never far away, when it comes to creating accents across all trends and styles. Surfaces range from highly polished to traditionally patterned, engraved or perforated and include all sorts of patina effects. As for the materials used, tactile experiences have become an absolute must. Surfaces are finely polished or are appealingly and interestingly textured. Fine velvets, cosy artificial pelts, fluffy blankets and soft feathers abound to flatter the senses.

Stylish camp fires - Be it the terrace or the conservatory – what began as a summer living room has developed into a place of well-being for the entire year. To keep these areas warm, even at colder times of the year, there are fireplaces and stylish heaters in brass, with a design reminiscent of the film lights of the 1920s.

Multi-functional lighting serves to create a relaxed, contemporary ambience, with luminaires that not only change colour, but also serve as bluetooth loudspeakers and champagne coolers. A particularly eye-catching exhibit is a wicker beach chair that has been adapted as a rubbish bin.

And a host of birds of all kinds - You can't have trends without animals! This time the llama heads the field, closely followed by the giraffe, zebra, panda and the sloth. Not forgetting an entire host of exotic birds, including flamingos, parrots and



macaws, as well as some fantastical new creations. And insects, too, are carving out a place for themselves, including butterflies, flies, beetles and spiders. When it comes to the seaside

trend, we are seeing increasing numbers of jelly-fish, prawns, crabs and corals.

Celebrations in black and white - During Advent, stars, candles, baubles, decorations, angels, santas, various forest animals together with llamas, giraffes and zebras spread the Christmas spirit. As far as colours are concerned, the colour trends range from ultra-violet, Bordeaux / rosé and petrol / mint to extremely warm yellows and golds. Those who still want to celebrate with traditional red, do so by combining it with light wood. At Easter, things get brighter and fresher again with lighter shades of rosé and mint. What links fashion-conscious santas and Easter bunnies is their striking outfits in casually implemented black and white.

Richly bejewelled - When it comes to jewellery, we can risk a little more next season. That applies both to the real thing and to costume jewellery. Those, who can afford it, will be reaching for diamond-studded charms with matching bracelet. Others, who like to change their style every so often, will perhaps be courageously wearing a statement necklace with an Indian ethno look. As for handbags, there are, as well as issues of fashion, functional considerations to take into account, cleverly incorporated with a mix of colours and patterns. Other designs click onto one's bicycle. Clutch bags made from fine wood veneer appear simple and at the same time special in their impact. ■

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