

83rd Pitti Filati: new styles and textures for FW 2019/2020

KNIT DESIGN AWARD IS BACK: A WINDOW ON PAST AND FUTURE, SUPPORTING YOUNG GENERATIONS

Florence, 27-29 June - Loro Piana presents the third edition of Knit Design Award, an initiative that opens up the brandto young global creatives, celebrating the past while looking to the future.

Strengthening its commitment to support creative education, the company opens its doors to students of creative disciplines who every year are invited to experience Loro Piana's manufacturing excellence through a collaboration with the R&D team, to give its products a new creative interpretation.

The 2018 edition featured students from Paris' École Duperré, Milan's Politecnico and Philadelphia's Jefferson University, who were asked to explore the theme of "Tradition and Revolution". It is an invitation to elaborate on past and present, to analyze the connections between contemporary minimalism and ancient splendor, the contrasts between micro and macro textures: creative connections which were transformed into projects offering a new point of view on the company's production. The winning project, presented by students of the Parisian school, will be shown at Loro Piana's space during the 83rd edition of Pitti Filati, alongside the new collections for Fall/Winter 2019/2020:

- **Foggy** a two-tone blend which combines cashmere, wool and synthetic fibers. The mix of fibers creates a gauze-like texture that gives colours a frosted texture.
- Acquarelle wool and technical fibers offer a discreet composition, with a soft, three dimensional texture.
- **Stardust** a play of contrasts between light and opacity; golden threads create unexpected bright spots over the woolen fibers.
- **Rodeo** –pure cashmere featuring sophisticated mélange hues. With this product, Loro Piana opens up to a more casual, contemporary style.

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