

DENIM AND YARNS: ALL ABOUT LIGHTNESS

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LIGHTNESS IS THE KEYWORD FOR S/S 2018 FABRIC COLLECTIONS,
INCLUDING YARNS, COTTON AND DENIMS

Vaporous or compact, favorite knit materials are cashmere, merino wool, silk and cotton, interpreted by manufacturers in light yarns through a variety of techniques and finished off with different effects, including a 3D-look and extreme volumes; but always with a cloud-like consistency. Transparent cotton is overlaid with lace, while mixed silk and cotton blends are available in stretch versions, soft as a second skin. One fine example of such sophisticated and technologically advanced weightless yarn: **Lineapiù Italia** has just created 'paper knit', a yarn made from Japanese paper.

Alongside the lightness trend, translucency is important. Eveningwear fabric collections are all about reflecting and transforming light: there are flashes of lurex on viscose, sequins on cotton or shiny viscose, micro knots in pure crystals on viscose. Furthermore, there are glossy effects, shimmers, lamé and metal coatings.



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