



BODY OF LIGHT The theme of the new Spazio Ricerca at Pitti Filati 96

The **Spazio Ricerca** is the creative laboratory of Pitti Filati and the experimental observatory where future trends are born. **Body of Light**, the title-theme of this edition's Spazio Ricerca, curated by **Angelo Figus**, **Carrie Hollands**, and **Manuela Sandroni**, is an invitation to find new tools to help us look more objectively at reality without misunderstanding what is going on around us.

Science and rational thought may not be enough to explain our current state and how we see, experience and feel things. We need to start acquiring a broader and more complete vision, using additional, complementary and different cognitive processes. The materialistic viewpoint is our biggest limit, even when it comes to selling new products. Our companies are not just workplaces, they are spiritual entities. Our products are also spiritual beings, or elementals. The quest for light sums up the spirit of the latest trends which are focused on three aspects to be studied, each of which correspond to different ways of feeling and behaving.

The theme unfolds through 3 key aspects:

THE PHYSICAL BODY

This theme observes the material body in its most intimate and extraordinary dimension: by placing vegetable, human, animal and mineral nature under the microscope, exceptional and phenomenal landscapes and patterns are revealed which are orderly but organic. The formation is rational but the designs and shapes are spontaneous. These visions will inspire new and original interpretations of the more classical and recognizable knitwear patterns, that have never been seen before.

THE SUBTLE BODY

The subtle body is the boundary between the physical body and the space that contains it and can be defined as the Aura. Not everyone can see it: those who can describe it as a light that "encloses the body, lightly and hazily surrounding it in an irregular manner, a kind of energy that illuminates the volume and contours of the body itself".

THE SPIRITUAL BODY

A theme that sees space as a place that holds everything. A superior dimension linked to the spirit which encompasses everything and in which everything has a part. Luminescence, brightness and brilliance are the key elements that express the meaning of this research.

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