



## **Textured blacks**

The concept: embracing the dark themes highlighted in the <u>Conscious Subcultures</u> theme from our Future Innovation forecast, and influenced by the growth of the <u>Mketaverse</u>, textured blacks will add a bold aesthetic to accessories and footwear, mixing <u>otherworldly</u>, utilitarian and gothic aesthetics.

Surface and materials: as textured materials and finishes are a must, opt for responsible leathers or leather alternatives with crackled, embossed, sleek and tooled finishes, referencing the intricate belt design by LA-based brand Streets Ahead. #3DPrinting helps to create digitally appealing, adaptive designs and also serves as a sustainable and cost-effective solution for reducing waste.

How to implement: opt for monotone #BlackWithBlack constructions, or create contrast by pairing different materials, including #Beads, that create texture. For eyewear, use this look to update #FutureFrames and #ShieldShades, noted at French brand Givenchy.

Relevant for: footwear, accessories, jewellery, watches, trims

## Modern armour hardware

The concept: responding to the <u>multiple crises</u> that are being experienced globally, collective feelings such as anxiety, fear and anger manifest in fashion, resulting in an edgy yet elevated aesthetic.

Details: evolving A/W 23/24's refined punk theme, statement #MetalHardware updates with an armour-like appearance. Protective components including #ChunkyChains, studs, spikes, chainmail, mesh, metal rings, eyelets and grommets are key, seen in the S/S 23 collection of French brand Paco Rabanne.

How to implement: work with recycled metals in a range of tones and finishes. Combine with responsibly sourced leather or leather alternatives for bags, belts and footwear. As this story is ideal for #Bodylewellery, create ergonomic contoured designs, as seen at Argentinian brand Holón.

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