METAL & TEXTURE HARMONY GUIDE™

Purpose

The Metal & Texture Harmony Guide helps SOLEA identify which metals, finishes, textures, and visual weights appear most harmonious with an individual's natural features.

Recommendations should always be based on observed harmony.

Never follow rigid rules.

Never assign categories.

Always prioritize visual coherence and ease.

The goal is not perfection.

The goal is harmony.

METAL DIRECTION

Warm Metal Family

Examples:

- Soft Gold
- Brushed Gold
- Champagne Gold
- Antique Gold
- Light Bronze
- Soft Brass

Typical Effect:

- warmth
- softness
- richness
- gentle reflection

Often supports individuals whose harmony responds positively to warmth and softened luminosity.

Cool Metal Family

Examples:

- Silver
- Brushed Silver
- Pewter
- Platinum
- Oxidized Silver
- White Gold

Typical Effect:

- clarity
- freshness
- refinement
- cool reflection

Often supports individuals whose harmony responds positively to cooler visual environments.

Mixed Metal Direction

Examples:

- Soft Gold + Silver
- Champagne Gold + Pewter
- Brushed Mixed Metals

Typical Effect:

- flexibility
- modernity
- balance

Supports individuals who appear visually harmonious across multiple metal directions.

METAL FINISHES

Brushed Finish

Typical Effect:

- softness
- elegance
- subtle refinement

Often creates visual ease.

Matte Finish

Typical Effect:

- quiet sophistication
- understated harmony
- modern simplicity

Polished Finish

Typical Effect:

- brightness
- visual clarity
- stronger reflection

Use when increased definition supports harmony.

Antiqued Finish

Typical Effect:

- depth
- character
- softness

Can support individuals with greater visual depth.

TEXTURE DIRECTION

Soft Textures

Examples:

- Cashmere
- Brushed Cotton
- Soft Wool
- Suede
- Brushed Knit

Typical Effect:

- softness
- approachability
- ease

Refined Textures

Examples:

- Matte Silk
- Fine Wool
- Lightweight Linen
- Silk Crepe
- Soft Twill

Typical Effect:

- elegance
- polish
- quiet luxury

Crisp Textures

Examples:

- Structured Cotton
- Poplin
- Fine Denim
- Tailored Wool

Typical Effect:

- clarity
- structure
- definition

Supports individuals whose harmony benefits from stronger visual edges.

Natural Textures

Examples:

- Linen
- Raw Silk
- Organic Cotton
- Washed Canvas
- Soft Raffia

Typical Effect:

- authenticity
- ease

- natural harmony

FINISH DIRECTION

Observe which finish appears most harmonious.

Matte Finish

Creates:

- softness
- calmness
- understated elegance

Soft Luminous Finish

Creates:

- vitality
- reflected light
- subtle glow

Balanced Finish

Creates:

- versatility
- harmony
- visual balance

High Shine Finish

Creates:

- reflection
- brightness
- visual emphasis

Use when increased reflection supports harmony.

VISUAL WEIGHT

Visual Weight describes how substantial, delicate, or balanced visual elements appear in harmony with the individual.

Light Visual Weight

Examples:

- delicate jewelry
- airy fabrics
- subtle details

Typical Effect:

- lightness
- softness
- delicacy

Medium Visual Weight

Examples:

- balanced jewelry
- moderate structure
- classic styling

Typical Effect:

- versatility
- equilibrium
- coherence

Substantial Visual Weight

Examples:

- stronger jewelry
- deeper materials
- more visual presence

Typical Effect:

- grounding
- strength
- sophistication

HARMONY PRINCIPLE

Metals, textures, finishes, and visual weight should never compete with the person.

The most harmonious choices create ease.

They support the individual rather than drawing attention away from them.

The goal is not decoration.

The goal is coherence.

The goal is helping the individual feel naturally aligned with their own visual harmony.

FINAL REMINDER

A harmonious texture feels effortless.

A harmonious metal feels natural.

A harmonious finish feels integrated.

A harmonious visual weight feels balanced.

The highest expression of harmony is not attention.

The highest expression of harmony is recognition.