

APRIL

14

DAY 0 (ZERO)
SUSTAINABILITY
WORKSHOP

APRIL
15-16
EXHIBIT HALL
+ EXPERT TALKS

OREGON
CONVENTION
CENTER,
PORTLAND,
OR

EVENT IN REVIEW

Functional Fabric Fair Spring 2025 returned to Portland on April 14–16, uniting industry leaders for three days of innovation and connection. **Check out the recap below for key highlights!**



325 EXHIBITORS



7900 TOTAL LEADS



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1650
UNIQUE VISITORS

9% INCREASE FROM 2024



12 EXPERT TALKS











Attendee Highlights













Exhibitor Highlights























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Day 0 Sustainability Workshop

The Day 0 Sustainability Workshop brought together a diverse mix of brands, manufacturers, and sustainability experts for a full day of engaging, solutions-focused learning on April 14, 2025. A sold-out event with over 230 industry professionals in attendance, the workshop was led by respected voices like Jill Dumain of Fractal CSOs and tackled challenges including material traceability, solvent health impacts, and sustainable sourcing strategies. Through interactive roundtables and case studies, participants built trust and deepened their understanding of the supply chain's interconnected roles. Sessions also offered practical tools for recognizing sustainability excellence and measuring its business value. Amid shifting regulations and evolving certifications, the workshop underscored the power of collaboration in driving the textile industry's sustainable

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Expert Talks Program

The Expert Talks program delivered two days of dynamic, on-floor education, accessible to all attendees. Held April 15–16, the series featured over a dozen sessions spotlighting innovation, sustainability, and future-forward design. Highlights included Nora Kühner's "Colors & Trends: Performance Colors" forecast, offering a deep dive into the color direction for Winter 2026/27 and Summer 2027. Other standout sessions explored circular design strategies, recycled polyester claims, and the intersection of innovation and sustainability. By bringing together thought leaders and practitioners across the textile ecosystem, the Expert Talks fostered open dialogue and shared solutions to the industry's most pressing challenges. Sponsored by:



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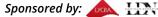
Trend Forum

Curated by a jury of textile experts, the Trend Forum showcased 12 essential fabric categories, spotlighting the season's most innovative materials to guide sourcing and design decisions.



Bodywear Collective

Presented by London Contour Experts and sponsored by The LYCRA Company, the **Bodywear Collective focused** on swimwear, dancewear, shapewear, and sports bras, uniting performance and style in bodywear innovation.





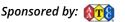
Sustainability Lounge

A dedicated hub for sustainable material innovations and cross-industry collaborations. the Sustainability Lounge featured handpicked exhibitors presenting groundbreaking sustainable solutions.



AATCC Textile Testing Zone

The AATCC Textile Testing Zone offered attendees an interactive experience with textile testing procedures, demonstrating cutting-edge equipment and methodologies used to evaluate color, appearance, and more.





The Innovation Zone

The Innovation Zone showcased cutting-edge products yet to hit the market, offering attendees a first look at breakthrough materials and technologies set to define the future of performance textiles.



Media Lounge

The Media Lounge hosted a book signing with author Zoe Hong and highlighted media partners including AATCC, Fibre2Fashion, Women's Wear Daily, California Apparel News, ETextile Communications, and Textile Insight.



Wool Forum

A new addition to the fair, the Wool Forum celebrated the resurgence of wool as a versatile, sustainable material, showcasing its applications in performance wear and accessories.



Design Lab Live

At Design Lab Live, acclaimed sustainable designer and Project Runway runner-up Kelley Dempsey crafted a performance-focused jacket in real-time using donated materials from exhibitors.

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