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### Functional Fabric Fair Fall 2025 to Showcase the Future of Performance Textiles in Portland

*The must-attend event where innovation, sustainability and collaboration meet - featuring top suppliers, educational programming and exclusive networking for apparel industry leaders.*

**NORWALK, CT (November 5, 2025)** – Functional Fabric Fair, powered by PERFORMANCE DAYS®, returns to Portland, Oregon, November 12–13 at the Oregon Convention Center with the full-day Day 0 Sustainability Workshop taking place on November 11. This industry-only event and conference is where the world's leading brands, retailers and product developers come to source from top functional textile suppliers, explore next-generation material innovations, and stay informed on the latest advancements shaping the future of performance apparel.

The fall edition will feature more than 350 sustainably certified suppliers, including over 35 first-time exhibitors making their Portland debut. Attendees will discover the newest functional fabrics, finishes, trims and accessories for the Fall/Winter 2026–2027 seasons. View the full [exhibitor lineup](#) in the online directory.



“At Functional Fabric Fair, our goal is to deliver an experience that truly means something for everyone – from the most established global brands to niche and independent innovators,” said Steve McCullough, Event Vice President of Functional Fabric Fair. “Each edition is carefully curated, featuring highly vetted exhibitors, fresh and thoughtful education on the industry’s most relevant topics, and activations that are as informative as they are interactive. We want every attendee to walk away inspired, connected and equipped with ideas they can immediately apply. It’s an event you don’t want to miss.”

The exhibit hall opens from November 12-13 and will be brimming with must-see highlights, featuring the best in textile innovation, sustainability and design – all in one place. From emerging technologies to sustainable breakthroughs, attendees can expect an immersive, hands-on experience that connects every stage of the innovation process, from idea to implementation.

### Show Floor Activations and Features

**Bodywear Forum** – Presented by London Contour Experts, this forum showcases leading-edge developments in bodywear, from shapewear and sports bras to swimwear and dancewear, where performance meets design.

**Cotton Forum (New)** – Powered by Cotton Incorporated, this new feature focuses on innovation in cotton, exploring categories such as abrasion resistance, moisture management, UPF treatment, ventilation and water repellency.

**Future Fabrics Expo Innovation Hub (New)** – In partnership with Future Fabrics Expo, this hub spotlights materials and concepts with the power to reshape the textile landscape, focusing on regenerative design and circularity.

**Innovation Zone** – Explore groundbreaking advancements and discover unseen developments in performance textiles, with access to exclusive insights and products nearing market readiness.

**Outdoor Recreation Archive** – Presented by Utah State University, this exhibit celebrates the rich history and evolution of outdoor apparel innovation.

**Sustainability Lounge** – Engage in meaningful dialogue on the industry's future while networking with peers dedicated to advancing sustainability initiatives.

**Trend Forum** – A centerpiece of the show, the Trend Forum highlights 12 essential fabric categories with sustainability at the forefront, curated by an esteemed jury of academics, technologists and brand representatives.

**Wool Forum** – Discover the versatility and innovation of wool at the Wool Forum. Explore top fabrics created using wool that have been hand-picked by textile specialists, and learn how wool's natural performance—breathability, durability and sustainability—is shaping the future of textiles.



**Education, Networking and Events**

Functional Fabric Fair's educational program includes the [Expert Talks](#) series, sponsored by *CovationBio™ Sorona®*, featuring top voices in performance textile innovation, and the [Day 0 Sustainability Workshop](#) on November 11 at the Hyatt Regency Portland in the Deschutes Ballroom, sponsored by *Hyosung*. This pre-show paid workshop brings together leaders and innovators to advance sustainability in performance textiles through collaboration and actionable insights.

Throughout the show, attendees can enjoy an array of networking and hospitality experiences:

- **Complimentary Coffee:** November 12–13, 8:00 AM–10:00 AM at the Thermore Igloo located in Registration Lobby, sponsored by *Thermore*.
- **Italian Bar:** November 12–13, 12:00 PM–5:00 PM, sponsored by *Kingwhale Corporation*.
- **COOLMAX® brand Smoothie Bar:** November 12–13, 10:00 AM–3:00 PM located with the Bodywear Forum.
- **Forum Awards:** November 12, 5:00 PM at the Expert Talks Main Stage
- **Happy Hour:** November 12, 5:00–6:00 PM at the Expert Talks Main Stage, sponsored by *CovationBio™ Sorona®*.
- **After Hours Party:** November 12, 6:30–9:30 PM at Metropolitan Tavern at Hotel Eastlund, presented by *Duraflex* with co-sponsor *Brookwood*.

[View Full Events Schedule.](#)



Media representatives are invited to visit the Media Lounge, a welcoming space for interviews, networking, and insights into the latest developments from key industry media partners.

## Registration

Functional Fabric Fair is free to attend for verified designers, product developers, material managers, purchasing agents and students. The Day 0 Sustainability Workshop requires separate paid registration and limited seating.

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Discounted hotel rates are available at select partner properties near the Oregon Convention Center [here](#).

For full show information and updates on all 2025 editions, visit: [www.functionalfabricfair.com](http://www.functionalfabricfair.com).

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**About Functional Fabric Fair powered by PERFORMANCE DAYS®:**

Functional Fabric Fair powered by PERFORMANCE DAYS® is a trade-exclusive event and platform showcasing the latest trends in textile development for the apparel industry. In addition to a curated marketplace dedicated to the responsible sourcing of high-performance functional fabrics and accessories, Functional Fabric Fair provides expert-led education, supplier recommendations, and a university program that exposes students to textile and apparel developers. [FunctionalFabricFair.com](http://FunctionalFabricFair.com)

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