

3 Get the look of a tall boot—with the comfort of a shoe!

Wearing jeans or pants? Embellished ankle booties will make everyone think you've got on tall boots underneath! For the chicest effect, look for tapered heels and pointy or gently rounded toes.

Looks amazing with fall colors!

\$44.99, Avon (avon.com).



Luxe croc-textured heel!

\$47, Michael Antonio (michaelantonio.com).



Don't save your sparkles for night—crystals jazz up daytime looks, too!

\$39.99, Sigerson Morrison for Target (target.com).



"Mary Jane" boots are utterly adorable!

\$50, R2 (DSW stores).



4 Be comfy & polished!

Want to walk all day without sacrificing style? Pick a flat boot with textured or rubber soles—and look for snazzy hardware to add dressiness!

Slouchy styling gives these boots a downtown vibe.

\$29.95, Charles Albert (endless.com).



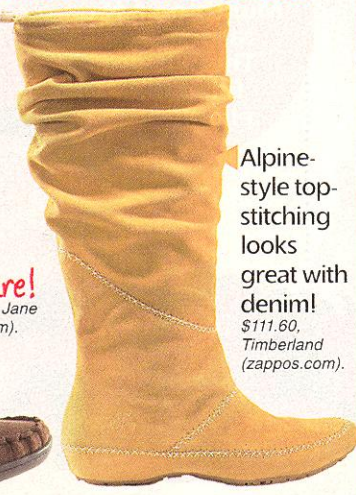
Dressed up, but still casual enough for day!

\$55, Abaete for Payless (payless.com).



Just like Juicy Couture!

\$19.99, Go Jane (gojane.com).



Alpine-style top-stitching looks great with denim!

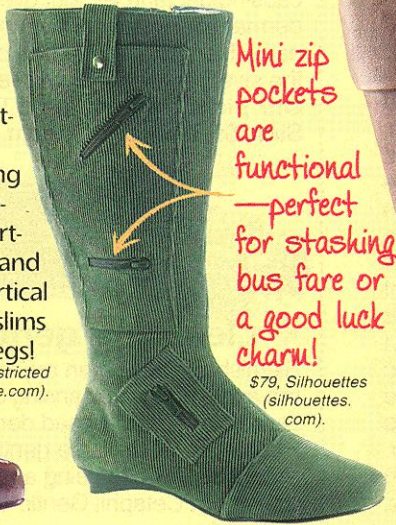
\$111.60, Timberland (zappos.com).

5 Fit wider calves in style!

We found the season's very best boots for curvier calves! Each features an extra-wide leg opening or elasticized inserts.

The cut-away opening is ultra-comfortable—and the vertical ruffle slims your legs!

\$140, Restricted (piperlime.com).



Mini zip pockets are functional—perfect for stashing bus fare or a good luck charm!

\$79, Silhouettes (silhouettes.com).



Designed with a generous 17-inch calf!

\$79, Silhouettes (silhouettes.com).



Gorgeous stacked gold heel adds polish to any outfit!

\$39.99, Chadwick's (chadwicks.com).

Smart ideas to Make you Look great!

Give all your boot problems the boot!

1 Prevent water damage!

Always blot wet boots with a terrycloth towel and allow to air-dry. It can be tempting to stand them near a heater, but don't—the hot air can warp the leather, causing it to stretch and become brittle. Want to waterproof a new pair? Use an oil-based product for leather boots or a special formula for synthetics.

2 Keep 'em looking great for years!

Boots will look their best if stored upright, stuffed with crumpled newspaper to prevent creases.

3 Dress up last year's styles!

Boot add-ons can turn simple boots into ultra-trendy accessories, \$29 and up at booty-bling.com.



4 Loosen up tight boots!

If your boots feel too small, sprinkle baby powder on your socks to help your feet slide in more easily. Still a tight squeeze? Ask a cobbler to stretch the toe and heel areas.

5 Feel comfy in pointy toes!

Pick up a gel toe separator, designed to keep toes from overlapping.

6 Make new boots slip-proof!

Spray tacky hair spray on the bottom of new soles to keep from slipping.

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