

Unless you're Lady Gaga or Bjork, no single item of apparel lends itself more to attitude like a great pair of boots.

As the rainy season kicks in here, we're sashaying our way through history for some boot shopping inspiration, with none other than Nancy Sinatra.

(screenshot/link to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbyAZQ45uww>)

While Nancy is certainly onto something here, *your* boots are made for so. much. more.

Let's rewind for a moment. What constitutes a boot? A boot is liberally defined as any shoe that covers the entire foot and lower leg. So whether they are utilitarian or strictly sartorial, boots are limitless. In them you can scale a mountain, or take on a thundering storm. You can saunter through the city, or dance into the night. In the right pair of boots, you can conquer anything that comes your way.

Boots have been worn since the beginning of time, primarily for warmth and protection. They were originally made from wool, fur and animal hides. As civilization advanced, leather boots were worn by the highest ranking members of society - nobility and military officers. The boots of emperors and kings were adorned with gold, jewels and intricate embroidery (which sounds amazing TBH).

Boots weren't worn by the masses until around the 15th century, when men started wearing brown, thigh-high styles. Even then, women were strictly prohibited from partaking in the trend, limited to ankle styles only. If you can believe it, of all the charges against Joan of Arc in 1431, one of them was wearing over-the-knee boots.

Society eventually wised up and let women (eye roll) rock the boots they deserved. Throughout the centuries, styles evolved, from low to high, from slouchy to form-fitting, and from dressy to practical. Today, you get to choose what purpose your boots serve. They are the easiest way to kick up drama and add a little edge to any ensemble. And whether your goal is comfort, sky-high attitude, or both, Marin County shopping offers the best of the best.

While it's tempting to browse and buy online, scoffing at the inconvenience of going to the store, consider making a day of it! Head into town, grab a latte and stroll around to enjoy the local scene. Then, you'll be able to gasp IRL when you see the boots of your dreams.

Try [Lark Shoes](#) in San Anselmo. They specialize in so many brands and styles, like [these multi-textured Ecco boots](#) that go with *everything*.

Does your boot inspo come from the pages of Vogue? If so, you need [Shoe Stories of Sausalito](#) in your life. Their designer-studded selection will keep you on trend.

Already have a great pair of boots, but they need a little tune-up? [Marelli Brothers](#) will soothe your soles, and repair them while you browse their quality offerings.

And it doesn't end there. You can head to [In Her Shoes](#), [Sole Desire](#), or even one (or all!) of Marin County's many consignment shops for the perfect boots. You may just find something one-of-a-kind.

So, what are *your* boots made for? Let us know what styles you'll be rocking this fall. We can't wait to see where they take you.