

Denim Days

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Whether you're working on the ranch or working a room, having the appropriate attire can make your task easier. If you're logging time in the saddle, you want functional, comfortable clothing. But everyone can appreciate items that show respect for our Western heritage. That's what we've gathered here for you today — pieces to fit your lifestyle, no matter what you do in a day. We also gathered tips from Western style influencer Madi Dunbar (@MadiMcCall_ on Instagram) from Rocksprings, Texas, on pairing your boots with your jeans. If you hate when your boots and jeans don't work together, read on.

PLAY WITH PROPORTIONS

If you're wearing jeans with a wider leg, Dunbar suggests sticking with a pointed-toe boot, which visually narrows your foot from your ankle to give it more shape than a square-toe.

Wearing a straight leg jean? Dunbar likes to cuff the pants and pair with a square-toe boot.

"It gives you that vintage feel, and makes it so the jeans aren't scrunching so much on your leg because of their length," Dunbar says.

Flared jeans are versatile because you can cut them to fit your desired length, and Dunbar says just about any boot works with the shape.

"Skinny jeans and dressy boots work well

with some of today's trend of oversized tops, especially if you do a front tuck," Dunbar says. "Dressy boots are very modern with a skinny jean, but it also gives them a Western touch, and pairing it with a more boxy top is comfortable."

CONSIDER THE HEEL

The heel of your boot is also a factor when pairing with jeans. Dunbar says if you're wearing cropped jeans that hit at the ankle, pair them with a dress boot with a taller heel for a classic silhouette.

KNOW YOUR INSEAM

Buying jeans that are the right length for your body, that also match your boots, can be a challenge. Dunbar suggests starting by measuring your inseam. You can do this by laying your jeans on a smooth, flat surface — pick a pair that are your preferred length and fit. Fold the jeans in half length-wise and smooth them out. Find the seam that goes from the ankle hemline up the inside of the jeans. Measure from the ankle hem up the seam, to the exact center point of the seam where the jeans are folded. You can also go into a store and try on jeans of various brands, sizes and lengths.

"The length you want also depends on the look you're going for," Dunbar says.

FIND A LOOK YOU LOVE

Dunbar says buyers shouldn't feel limited to only what's on trend at a specific time.

"Don't worry about what's in style," Dunbar says. "You're going to look and feel your best in the style of jeans you love the most. Wear what makes you feel best, even if it's not necessarily what's in style."



Ariat Denim

Ariat jeans have been designed with a flattering fit for a variety of sizes, shapes and body types. Made with the highest quality materials including ring-spun denim with a bit of stretch, and features such as no-chafe inseams and loop locks. Ariat jeans are wear-tested, and versatile, built for the way you live, with plenty of style options from classic to trendy. Men's, women's and youth styles available in extended sizing.

ariat.com

Kenetrek Low Hiker Boots

Named after the Bridger Ridge Run, The Bridger Low Hiker features lace-to-the-toe, super-lightweight leather and nylon upper cushioned for all-day comfort weighing just over two pounds. The Kenetrek Supportive Footbeds provide foundational arch support and a pronounced help pocket. Includes highly breathable, water-tight construction, while a protective rubber sheath and heel guard supply superior abrasion resistance. Built on high traction Kenetrek KT-light outsole. Price: \$250.

kenetrek.com

Durango 13-inch Western Rustic Tobacco Arena Pro Boots

The Durango Arena Pro collection is hand-made for comfort and with sophisticated details including a hand pegged and nailed leather outsole. The style shown has an elephant print full-grain leather foot and pull straps, leather lining, Durango's patented fiberglass Dually Shank System, the Durango X-Pand System, Durango® X-Treme Comfort Footbed, ¾ genuine Goodyear welt construction, 1 ¼-inch stockman with rocker heel and a square toe. Price: \$230.

durangoboots.com

Resistol Prairie Wind 30X Hat

This 20x fur felt hat from Resistol is made from fur to finish in the United States in a new butter-scotch color. Features a silver buckle set with turquoise stones. Price: \$585.

resistol.com



Women's Woodbury Jacket from Outback Trading Co.

Outback Trading Company's Woodbury Jacket has been a cowgirl favorite for years. Made with the company's signature Canyonland water-resistant fabric, the machine-washable jacket is lined with Berber and features wrist storm-cuffs and a long cut to ensure you stay warm. Features include reinforced elbow pads, a drawstring waist and dual concealment pockets. Shown in navy, also comes in brown and burnt red. Price: \$209.99.

outbacktrading.com



Stetson El Patron 30X Hat

Stetson's 30X fur felt hat is made in the United States at every step in the process. Available in several color options, this hat includes a silver buckle set with red stones and John B. Stetson initials. Price: \$530.

stetson.com



Twisted X MXTL002 11-Inch Tech X Boot

These 11-inch shaft, square toe boots are crafted with a leather TWX upcycled leather shaft and full grain leather vamp, as well as an air-mesh lining with taped interior seams. The Twisted X CellStretch Comfort Technology offers cloud-like comfort. These boots feature a Blend85 recycled foam footbed and a nylon/glass fiber shank for proper support. They're finished with a traditional leather outsole and walking heel with integrated spur shelf.

twistedx.com



Resistol 1927 Shirt

Resistol 1927 apparel is made in America, and showcases a classic Western design, with a sleek and professional look drawing inspiration from American cowboys and ranchers. This shirt is an Oxford double pocket blue button up with a classic fit and timeless style. Price: \$85

resistol.com



Old West Boots Model BSC1960

These children's boots have a burnt brown foot and cactus navy shaft. Made with genuine leather upper and manmade lining, they have a rubber sole and a broad square toe. Featuring hand-corded medallion, ¾ natural leather welt, and are Goodyear welted with reinforced shank and cushioned insole. Size range: 8.5 to 3.

jamaoldwest.com

Men's Wrangler Retro Sherpa Lined Western Denim Jacket

This jacket is designed to become a staple in every man's wardrobe. Its enhanced denim with superior stretch recovery holds shape throughout the day. Key details include Western spade chest pockets with signature W stitching, flap pockets with snap closures and welt hand pockets at the side. The jacket is lined with a soft sherpa lining to keep you warm throughout the day and night. Price: \$89.

wrangler.com



100X Bone Top Hand Hat by Catalena Hatters

This 100X pure beaver custom hat is the highest quality available. The color "Bone" is a light buckskin with a fine powder finish. It is hand-creased into a "Top Hand" with a 4½-inch brim with a classic matching 2 cord ribbon. The sweatband is made from luxurious and comfortable lambskin with a silk crown liner. Handmade and hand-creased by Catalena Hatters. Price: Starts at \$899.

catalenahatters.com

Darling Scarf by Marian

Soft, comfortable and breathable, the Darling Scarf by Marian will showcase what makes you uniquely you. This 23-inch by 23-inch organic cotton scarf has been designed, printed and manufactured in the United States and is designed to be as versatile as you are. The soft pink background paired with the print in desert rose, sandy orange, sky blue and denim blue will go with many outfits. Tie it any way you like, pair with jeans and a tee or a dress and boots. Price: \$35.

shopmarian.com



Camp Yee-Haw Collection from Cinch

The Camp Yee-Haw collection features men's woven short sleeve camp shirts and men's graphic tees. The camp shirts have vintage-inspired print on a 100% cotton plain weave material, featuring camp styling, open collars and tortoise buttons down the front. Price: \$54.99. The playful screen print graphics on the cotton jersey crew neck tees are a great way to show your love for the cowboy life. Price: \$26.99.

cinch.com



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Beaded Belts from Yonder Horse

These original beaded belts are handcrafted from Czechoslovakian glass beads on supple dark brown cowhide. Each belt measures a standard 1 1/2 inches wide and comes with a removable buckle in silver finish. Un-snap it and swap it out for your favorite buckle in seconds. Choose from seven exclusive designs and find your fit at yonderhorse.com. Free shipping on all domestic orders over \$50. Price: \$120.

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cavenders.com



Sons of the West Shower Curtain from Fringe Scarves

Adorn your bathroom with the beauty of Fringe Scarves—now for your shower curtain. Inspired by Fringe Scarves' sought-after wild rags in 10 different designs, these shower curtains are 100% polyester and washable, and come with a set of shower rings. The curtain pictured is "Son of the West," a collaboration with artist Kevin Chupik. Price: \$65

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