

A CITY-BY-CITY GUIDE TO

cowboy boots

They're sexy, seasonless and unfailingly cool—and luckily you don't have to live in Texas to find the best buys (though it does have a pretty great selection).



AUSTIN, TX

allens boots An Austin landmark since 1977 (the exterior is marked by a giant red boot), the shop carries over 10,000 variations—and has an equally compendious website. 1522 S. CONGRESS AVE., 512-447-1413, ALLENSBOOTS.COM **\$-\$\$\$**

BILLINGS, MT

lou taubert ranch outfitters This two-store enterprise (the original is in Casper, Wyoming) sits on one of Billings' busiest corners and provides all the local ranchers with hard-wearing boots, Wranglers and hats. 123 N. BROADWAY, 800-871-9929 **\$-\$\$\$**

CHICAGO

alcala's The life-size horses outside this Chicago stalwart add to the theme—inside, options from all the big brands, including Lucchese and Justin, abound. 1733 W. CHICAGO AVE., 312-226-0152, ALCALAS.COM **\$-\$\$\$**

EL PASO, TX

caboots The emphasis here is on custom-made exotic boots complete with elaborately graphic inlays (and if you so choose, your initials). 2100 WYOMING AVE., 915-309-4791, CABOOTS.COM **\$\$\$**

HOUSTON

texas junk company Aisles of perfectly worn-in, exceptionally well-priced vintage boots (about \$40 per pair) line this quiet, out-of-the-way, garage-like spot. 215 WELCH ST., 713-524-6257 **\$**

LOS ANGELES

boot star Based in West Hollywood, Boot Star focuses on splashier, more citified options in fancy, exotic skins. 8493 SUNSET BLVD., 323-650-0475, BOOTSTARONLINE.COM **\$\$-\$\$\$**

NASHVILLE

katy k designs This vintage emporium offers rows and rows of boots—along with Western-themed dresses and petticoats. 2407 12TH AVE. S, 615-297-4242 **\$**

ORANGE, CA

boot barn Now more than 80 stores strong (with an equally impressive Web presence), this massive Western-wear chain originated at the Orange outpost. 607 N. TUSTIN AVE., 714-538-2668, BOOTBARN.COM **\$-\$\$\$**

PLANO, TX

cavender's Offering an encyclopedic array of options both on its site and in its 56 stores (49 in Texas alone), Cavender's also delves into pearl-snap shirts

and belt buckles. 3317 N. CENTRAL EXPY., 972-881-2668, CAVENDERS.COM **\$-\$\$\$**

PORTLAND, OR

portland outdoor store This spot feels like it's from a previous century—the ground floor hosts Pendleton bags, while a rickety upstairs is lined with saddlery and boots. 304 SW THIRD AVE., 503-222-1051 **\$\$-\$\$\$**

SANTA FE, NM

back at the ranch Everything here is handmade—and customizable (with fairly steep price tags to match). 209 E. MARCY ST., 505-989-8110, BACKATTHERANCH.COM **\$\$\$**

cowboyz Originally located in L.A., Cowboyz has a new home in Santa Fe that's just as inspired—and the array of vintage boots is just as vast. 345 W. MANHATTAN AVE., 505-984-1256 **\$-\$\$**

SPRINGFIELD, MO

pfi western store Since 1975, Preferred Farmers Incorporated has been outfitting the Midwest with boots, Carhartt pants and tack. 2816 S. INGRAM MILL RD., 800-222-4734, PFIWESTERN.COM **\$-\$\$\$**

WICHITA, KS

sheplers Anchored by a well-edited site (you can sort by toe shape and skin), the Wichita outpost (one of 15 across the country) offers the widest variety. 6501 W. KELLOGG ST., 316-946-3600, SHEPLERS.COM **\$-\$\$\$**

\$ UNDER \$100 **\$\$** \$100 TO \$300 **\$\$\$** \$300+

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