

Men's lace-up boots: comp shopper

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Outdoor pursuits are a key inspiration for men's lace-up boots, while contrast soles, laces and stitching update design.



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Outdoor pursuits influence the men's footwear market, with sailing and hiking designs gaining momentum. Hiking styles in dark brown leather and suede feature red laces through silver D-ring eyelets and chunky deep-tread soles. Padded leather trims ensure comfort and support. Typical deck/boat shoe characteristics remain, such as exposed stitching on an oval toe and a contrast white rubber sole, but additions such as hiking-style two-tone cord laces, speed hook fastenings and padded leather trims mean this design cleverly combines both sailing and hiking details in one boot.

Built to withstand the elements, the duck boot is waterproof and durable. This emerging style is seen in earthy colourways of khaki, camel and deep brown and features a rubber patterned-tread bottom to provide traction, while full grain leather uppers protect the shoe from rain and snow. Insulation ensures optimum comfort and warmth.

A key shape direction for winter, the chukka continues to be a popular choice for retailers as we advance towards summer. Featuring two eyelets and a lightweight sole, this ankle boot traditionally seen in neutral beige suede is updated with bright colourways like sunshine yellow and baby blue. Contrast soles in red, bright blue and white add a sporty element.

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* KEY TRENDS

- **Duck boot:** a rubber and leather design built to withstand during exposure to the elements
- **Chukka:** this casual lightweight style is updated for summer with cheerful colourways
- **Deck/boat boot:** sailing style is combined with key hiking boot details
- **Brogue detail:** perforated styles look old and worn in ombré and distressed leather
- **Contrast soles:** standard designs are updated with red, white and blue soles
- **Hiking:** casual hiking styles feature D-ring eyelets and bright laces
- **Work boot:** heavy-duty styles are reworked with contrast laces and two-tone soles

Catwalk influences

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Classic work boots are modernised with contrast laces and stitching in bright green and red against black. A two-tone sole updates the standard camel suede style.



Louis Vuitton spring/summer 2012

Duck boot



Scene

Beams

LL Bean

- Scene at Ice Fire, Hong Kong
- Camel duck boot
- Synthetic materials
- 650 HKD

- Beams, Tokyo
- Khaki duck boot
- Rubber
- ¥19,950

- LL Bean, New York
- Thinsulate insulation
- Rubber
- \$89.99



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Chukka



Nano Universe

Topman

H&M

Chukka



Nano Universe

Topman

H&M

- Nano Universe, Tokyo
- Light beige chukka
- Canvas upper, synthetic sole
- ¥14,490

- Topman, London
- Baby blue chukka
- Suede
- £70

- H&M, Stockholm
- Petrol blue chukka
- Imitation suede
- 399 KR



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Loake

Robert Wayne

Matalan

- Loake, London
- Bright yellow chukka
- Suede
- £70

- Robert Wayne, New York
- Navy chukka
- Suede
- \$48.99

- Matalan, London
- Brown chukka
- Suede
- £20



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Deck/boat boot

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Fat Face

- Fat Face, London
- Two-tone style
- Leather upper, synthetic sole
- £70



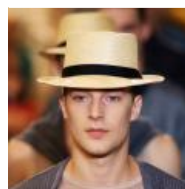
Massimo Dutti

- Massimo Dutti, Madrid
- Dark brown deck boot
- Leather upper, rubber sole
- €99.95



Frye

- Frye, New York
- Brown deck boot
- Leather upper, synthetic sole
- \$198



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Pull & Bear

- Pull & Bear, Madrid
- Dark grey style
- Leather upper, rubber sole
- €59.99



Tretorn

- Tretorn at Piperlime, Los Angeles
- Brown deck boot
- Leather
- \$77.99 from \$130



White Stuff

- White Stuff, London
- Yellow laces detail
- Leather
- £79.95



Old Navy

- Old Navy, Los Angeles
- Contrast white sole
- Synthetic
- \$40 from \$69.94



Primark

- Primark, London
- Padded trim deck boot
- Synthetic
- £15



Band of Outsiders

- Band of Outsiders, New York
- Multitonal detail
- Leather
- \$144

Brogue detail



Aldo

- Aldo, London
- Light brown
- Leather upper, rubber sole
- £69.99 from £115



Energie

- Energie, Milan
- Dark brown
- Leather
- €65 from €130



Jacamo

- Jacamo, London
- Ombré detail
- Leather
- £65



Nano Universe

- Nano Universe, Tokyo
- Distressed effect
- Leather
- ¥27,300



Kenneth Cole

- Kenneth Cole at Macy's, New York
- Brogue wing-tip design
- Leather
- \$174.99 from \$198



Beams

- Beams, Tokyo
- Black with burgundy detail
- Leather
- ¥55,650

Contrast sole



Jeff Banks

- Jeff Banks at Debenhams, London
- Beige with pink sole
- Leather
- £65



Taobao

- Taobao, China
- Camel with white sole
- Synthetic
- 67 RMB



Boxfresh

- Boxfresh, London
- Black with white sole
- Suede
- £80



Kurt Geiger

- Kurt Geiger, London
- Dark green with blue sole
- Suede, synthetic sole
- £90



The North Face

- The North Face at zappos.com, New York
- Beige with red sole
- Suede and nubuck upper
- \$79.99



Zara

- Zara, Barcelona
- Brown with white sole
- Leather
- €49.95

Hiking



Beck & Hersey

- Beck & Hersey at Foot Asylum, London
- Contrast white sole
- Leather
- £69.99



Green Label Relaxing

- Green Label Relaxing, Tokyo
- Oxblood style
- Leather
- ¥13,650



Taobao

- Taobao, China
- Contrast blue laces
- 70 RMB



Kurt Geiger

- Kurt Geiger
- Contrast red laces
- Leather upper, synthetic sole
- £75 from £145



Boxfresh

- Boxfresh, London
- Contrast white sole
- Suede
- £65 from £100



Nano Universe

- Nano Universe, Tokyo
- Contrast red laces
- Leather
- ¥34,650

Work boot



Glamb

- Glamb, Tokyo
- Contrast green laces
- Leather
- ¥34,500



Bershka

- Bershka, Barcelona
- Red stitch detail
- Polyurethane upper, thermoplastic sole
- €35.99 from €49.99



Taobao

- Taobao, China
- Brown and black style
- Leather and synthetic materials
- 68 RMB



George



Flintoff by Jacamo



Timberland

- George at Asda, London
- Padded trim
- Synthetic
- £12.50

- Flintoff by Jacamo, London
- Padded trim
- Leather
- £60

- Timberland, New York
- Contrast sole detail
- Leather
- \$180