



The Shoe Fits

You may have sorted the outfit but sometimes getting the right shoe is the hardest part, says personal stylist Kirstie Smillie.

THERE ARE so many different lengths and widths to fashion these days that getting the right ratio of shoe to fabric can be challenging and variations depend on occasion, budget and comfort. Here are a few inspirational ideas but think proportion and cobbled high streets before you venture out.



The Wide Flare

It's chicest with a trainer style shoe, from street to smart, you can really choose your own level. Look for quirky details. **Mint Velvet striped trainers, £89**



The Slim Crop

Choose heels for evening but for day wear, think French style with a loafer. Go classic or modern metallic. **Reiss metallic loafers, £165**



The Wide Crop

The most flattering style is to add a heel to balance the oversized hemline and a slim fit ankle boot will keep you warmer too.

Top Shop stretch ankle boots, £85



The Loose Cut

This boyish cut needs a sharp heel to balance. Patent or animal print work well here.

Hobbs Grace court, £159



The Slim Jean

Moving on from the long boot over jeans, choose a short ankle boot; buckles add drama.

Office buckled boots, £92



The Midi Skirt

The long boot sits well with a fluid hem and adds warmth once the chill really hits. Slim fit ankle boots too for the more adventurous.

Clarks dark tan boots, £155



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Q&A

How do I make a statement this season?

Animal print is a great way to stand out as it works as a neutral with all colours and shouts quiet attitude.

Style Tip: one item of animal print per outfit works best.

Inspiration: Dune snaffle trim loafer £80



What shoes are best for a fuller ankle?

Avoid ankle straps and choose an open front design that elongates down to your toes.

Style Tip: Neutral shades and metallics flatter too.

Inspiration: LK Bennett Corrina closed courts, £250



What are the best long boots for fuller calves?

Boots with elastic sections are most comfortable.

Style Tip: Try with an asymmetric hemline for a softer silhouette.

Inspiration: Clarks suede and elastic panel long boots, £155



I need some height, but prefer flats?

So choose a platform style loafer, a walkable 'platform', we are not talking huge crepe styles, just an extra inch of sole.

Top Tip: Use a little Vim to keep the sole white all winter.

Inspiration: Dune Gessie loafers, £49



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