

Juli Thorson's Horse Talk

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➔ Denver Market: Trends in Western Boots

Since I hardly own any footwear that isn't some kind of a Western boot, I was real keen on attending showings of the boot designs being offered by various bootmakers. I'll show you some examples of boot styles/trends you can expect to see soon at the retail level.

Nocona Boots style LD8903 is part of their Ladies Exotic collection. Note the cross motif in the stitching pattern of the 13" upper, plus the shade of red used in the upper, plus square toe, plus a muted tone of brown that Nocona calls 'mink' for the boot shaft--all stood out to me as hot design trends. The shafts are smooth ostrich (an exotic leather that's much more durable than you might think). These boots are going to match jewelry motifs and clothing colors also ready to hit the market, and with their non-clunky soles and ultra-current square toes, are a style you can wear in the show ring as well as for dress boots. They're set to retail for about \$239. www.nocona.com.

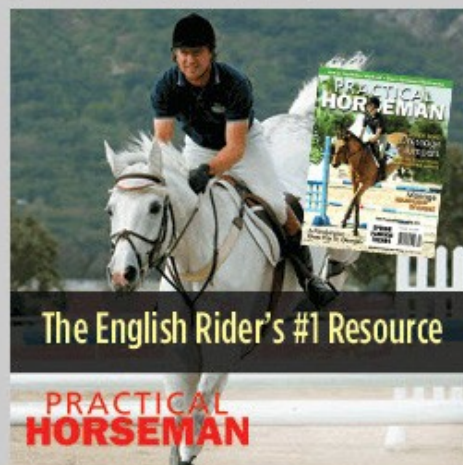


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