

Shopping & Style

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Arthur Tam picks the fiercest and edgiest ankle boots of the season, so you can strut down the street in heightened style. Art direction by Phoebe Cheng and Jessica Li. Photography by Calvin Sit

Top row from left:

Blumarine Distressed Patent Leather Booties

For a mod, kickass, irreverent look, these patent leather boots by Blumarine punk up and elevate even the blandest of mini dresses. \$8,290, *Blumarine, Shop 113B, Ocean Centre, 5 Canton Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui, 2317 5787; blumarine.com.*

Chloé Harper Tan Smooth Calfskin Boots

For a woman going for that dream chaser look out on the frontier, these everyday boots by Chloé are dusted and ready for whatever adventure you'll embark on. Tie the long laces around the boots for that extra edge that says gunslinger, not goney. \$11,140, *Chloé, 2/F, Shop 2081A, ifc Mall, 8 Finance St, Central, 2234 7820; chloe.com.*

Christian Dior Crystal Stretch Boots

These days luxury brands are all trying to compete and make the heels of their shoes the coolest, most unconventional and fashion forward as possible. Basically, stick anything there and see if women can actually walk. And it looks like they can in these Christian Diors, with heels held tenuously together in an architectural style that's jazzed up with sparkly crystals. They're pretty intense and not for the faint-hearted. Suffer for these shoes. \$14,500, *Christian Dior, Shop 06, Lee Gardens, 33 Hysan Ave, Causeway Bay; dior.com.*

Fendi Colour-block Ice Walking Booties

It's like having a caterpillar on your feet, but in luxury high fashion style. These colourful booties offer stability, luxury and warmth worthy of an Eskimo princess. \$14,000, *Fendi 3/F, Shop 335, 88 Queensway, Pacific Place, Admiralty, 2918 9665; fendi.com.*

Giuseppe Zanotti Design Black Cut Out Leather Boots

Height is always essential to Zanotti and these heels are probably reaching close to five inches. You'll look wonderful with all the right parts accentuated while being surprisingly steady. Draw attention with every step. \$9,950, *Giuseppe Zanotti, 2/F, Shop 2072-2073, 8 Finance St, Central, 2805 0890; giuseppezanottidesign.com.*

Bottom row from left:

Jimmy Choo Dee Booties

We usually deplore the use of snake-skin, but these Jimmy Choo Dee booties hit the mark for class and they're not gaudy. The suede and appropriate use of snake skin blend seamlessly together and the added belted strap gives off a slight street-chic scowl that'll go well with ripped, distressed jeans. \$10,700, *Jimmy Choo, 2/F, Shop 2056, 8 Finance St, Central, 2234 7810; jimmychoo.com.*

Pedder Red Blue Leopard Booties

If you don't want to break your ankles, go with these flat, blue leopard booties from Pedder Red. A masculine-feminine or feminine-masculine look is never out of fashion and these shoes can go with pretty much anything from skirts and skinny jeans to three-quarter length long trousers. It certainly is a woman's world just as much as it is a man's. \$1,950, *Pedder Red, 2/F, Shop 2345, Harbour City, Tsim Sha Tsui, 2118 0130; pedderred.com.*

Givenchy Floral Boots

Florals for autumn? That is ground-breaking (well more than it is for spring at least). These booties keep the colours to a minimum for just that right amount of pop, while keeping things elegant. The heel is like a demonic, reversed horn, which is very in accord with Riccardo Tisci's obsession with darker satanic aesthetics as of late. Don't be a good girl. \$22,900, *Givenchy, Shop 142, 1/F, Ocean Centre, 5 Canton Rd, Tsim Sha Tsui, 2735 2361; givenchy.com.*