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Summer Saddles

Summer is in full swing & all about bright & vivid colors. Saddles have come a long way & custom made comes with a whole new meaning these days. I wanted to share a few of my barrel racing dream saddles with you from Double J Saddlery. If you are not familiar with the amazing work of Double J, prepare to be amazed. I am showcasing Pozzi Pro Barrel Racers that are endorsed by pro barrel racer Brittany Pozzi.

Classic, like Roy Rogers



Up first is the black & the beautiful, this saddle is a true knock out for those who want to stand out in a crowd. It's one of Double J's latest models, made with Black Herman Oak leather & hand painted with silver on the Texas Poppy Pattern. The seat is made with black Cayman Gator. This saddle reminds me of something that Roy Rogers would ride around in.

Stunning Stingray

Another stunning saddle, this Pozzi Pro is a rainbow of colors. It features a rainbow stingray seat & stunning multi colored Swarovski crystal conchos. The hand tooling on this saddle is very fun as well, a cross dot floral pattern. This saddle is perfect for you cowgirls who can't commit to just one color, have it all & look great. If you are interested in trying out a Double J saddle before you purchase it that can be arranged. They have an awesome program that lets you completely test drive a saddle for both you & your horse.



Turquoise looks good on everyone

Turquoise is a summer color that looks good on everyone. This new Pozzi Pro with a Turquoise Elephant seat is a looker. It features chestnut basketweave tooling & pretty star conchos.



Cotton Candy, Anyone?



I've saved my absolute favorite saddle for last; I think it looks like cotton candy but better. It's made for the absolute girly girl. The seat is dyed turquoise & pink ostrich pops out in all of the right places. The light oil carving on the saddle alternates with turquoise & the conchos are filled with pink & turquoise Swarovski crystals.

Saddle possibilities are endless with Double J; I could spend hours browsing through their saddles & dreaming up designs. The staff members there are super friendly too, I've also been told there are a lot more saddles that aren't even listed online. It was overwhelming enough to narrow it down to four favorites, I can truly say they have a saddle for everyone.

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Cowboy Boots Of the Month



Photos by Old Gringo

"Meet the girl behind Horses & Heels"

I'm Raquel; I live out there where the city meets the country. One day I'm wearing stilettos, the next day it's spurs. I have an obsession with cowboy boots, Christian Louboutin, cosmetics and cooking. I have been riding since I was two-years old, have competed in just about every discipline & now I focus on barrel racing. I love speed & athletic horses, not to mention lots of sparkly things.

Horses & Heels is a trendy & practical blog. Keep up with the latest fashion, equestrian trends & learn how to become the perfect kitchen host. While some people deem country life to be dull & boring; Horses & Heels is shattering the myth with a unique intertwining of city & country life. Learn how to keep your horses & yourself dressed to impress.

I'm Cowboy Boot Obsessed.

Welcome to my second cowboy boot pick of the month, they're new, they're hot & sizzle like summer. If you are not familiar with my blog, Horses & Heels, I feature a pair of cowboy boots every Monday & am showcasing the month's absolute favorite here.

I'm craving turquoise & the vivid details of this pair of Old Gringo Marrion styled boots with a snip toe. I found them at Sheplers & knew I had to share these. Turquoise is a perfect summer shade & it matches just about every color you pair it with.

All Old Gringo boots are handmade & detailed to perfection, the stitching of the white flowers cover the foot & upper shaft. The brown leather color could accurately be described as brass with lots of "wear marks" that give this boot a nice vintage finish. The snip toe compliments the rustic vibe & looks superb.

If you are not familiar with Old Gringo's brand allow me to give you a (short) lesson; these boots will come slightly crumpled & will already feel broken in when you put them on. How many steps does it take to make a pair of Old Gringos? They follow a 110-step process.

Getting back to the fashion side of things, turquoise always looks sharp with white, so pairing these with white jeans or a sundress would allow the boots to steal the show.

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