

How I make boots...

The techniques, procedures, even the tools I use to make boots, harken back to the mid to late 19th century. I use modern materials when they improve the product; such as modern adhesives, nylon thread, etc. NO NAILS are used. Nails loosen and rust, breaking down the surrounding leather fibers. Instead, lemonwood pegs are used on the shanks and heels, up to 300 per pair. They actually swell up in the leather, holding it together like rivets. A sewing machine is used for the small precise stitches on the vamps and tops. All other stitching is done by hand, using hand twisted and waxed linen, hemp, or nylon threads. Every attempt is made to make your pair of boots all you expected...an original example of America's most recognized fashion contribution to the world, "The Western Boot".

Anatomy of a Western Boot

