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# Best feet



**F**ORGET the '70s platform with the goldfish in the heel. The updated version is just as funky, but it's sleeker,

brighter and classier. And soon, it might replace the high heel entirely.

Edgy styles with studs, grommets, animal prints, buckles, patent leather and cork are all on tap. "The customer likes it, but they don't know why," says Penny Robinson, designer of Penny Loves Kenny shoes. "They're

death-defying, but very pleasing to the eye."

"It gives the smaller girl some height," suggests Anita Chan, brand manager of Michael Antonio shoes. "It's also easier to walk in because of the front support. It may be four inches, but it feels like two."

1. NYLA "Blythe" electric blue platform shoe, \$89.95, at Shoe Mania.

2. Penny Loves Kenny wine platform shoes, \$75, at Nordstrom.

3. Michael Antonio lime faux snakeskin platform, \$45-\$65, at Forever 21

4. Nomsad turquoise platform shoe, \$23-\$39, at zappos.com.

5. NYLA "Cruise" red platform shoe, \$89.95, at Shoe Mania.

6. Michael Antonio "Oster" brown snake leather platform with grommets, \$45-\$65, at Forever 21.

# Forward



Ankle boots

IT'S back to the future with Cyndi Lauper '80s-style ankle booties.

"The beauty is in the bootie," jokes Onassis Kayyal, designer of Goka shoes (featured on the cover), a new Brazilian line that collaborates with fashion designer Alexandre

Herchkovitch. Manhattan boutiques Patricia Field and Trash de Vaudeville went nuts for the line, and placed a large order with Goka.

Be it a leather rollover illusion, a cutesy zipper up the side, or a squishy ruching look, the ankle is a bit of a challenge to incorporate into any outfit. We suggest wearing them with leggings, over a slim-cut jean or a miniskirt.

1. Goka zip-up ankle boot, \$300, at Patricia Field
2. Jeffrey Campbell "Sopple II" fold-down bootie, \$140, at Tani
3. NYLA "Celina" red leather ankle boot, \$79.95, at Shoe Mania
4. BC Footwear "Bad Influence" bootie, \$90, at Purdy Girl
5. Irregular Choice ankle cuff ostrich boots, \$120-\$130, at Bloomingdale's
6. Goka zip-up zebra-print ankle boot, \$179, at Patricia Field
7. Penny Loves Kenny "Beetle" ankle boot, \$179, at Nordstrom



Wacky

SHOE fashion is finally fun again," says Penny Robinson of Penny Loves Kenny shoes.

We found some odd and interesting shoes at the Expo. They're instant attention-getters, and if they're too bizarre for a night out on the town, they do make good mantelpieces.

1. NYLA "Flare" crazy boot, \$199.95, at Shoe Mania
2. Irregular Choice Blythe Doll ankle boot, \$180, at Lounge Boutique
3. Jeffrey Campbell "Paige" red patent leather bootie, \$140, at Tani
3. Irregular Choice handcrafted clog boot, \$300, at Lounge Boutique

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 Note: While some versions of these shoes are available now, the ones pictured here will hit stores in September. All prices are suggested retail.