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# STYLE

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## Hit Your Stride

The hiking boot has evolved. Take a step in a smarter direction this winter with this hybrid of a sneaker and a clodhopper

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You don't have to look far for signs that our climate is in crisis: winter has become a game of meteorological roulette, and seeing four seasons in a day is now routine. Winter traditionally called for durable footwear – but the balmer it becomes, the less sense that hefty boots make. Recognising the need for something that treads the middle ground, fashion houses such

as Loewe and Prada are turning out hybrid designs with the sturdiness of a hiker and the comfort of a sneaker. "Maintaining the robustness of a boot while adding more lightweight, fashion-forward details, these brands are elevating utilitarian style to something more elegant," says Ben Carr, menswear buyer at matchesfashion.com.

So, you can take them well beyond the staid jeans-and-jumper combo. "They work equally well with, say, corduroy trousers and a fine-gauge roll-neck." You won't be scaling Ben Nevis in these gentle giants – think of the scuffs – but you'll be climbing the sartorial pecking order before you know it.



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HIKING BOOT  
YELLOW MULTITONE  
£525 LOEWE.COM

### HIGH AND DRY

If your boots get soaked, fill them loosely with dry newspaper to draw out the moisture