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The best boots for Canadian winters

Our top winter boot picks for warmth and style

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As the chill of winter approaches, the quest for reliable boots becomes an annual tradition. With statistics showing that Canadians spend nearly six months of the year dealing with cold weather, it's no wonder that the demand for high-quality winter boots remains as robust as ever. If you're Canadian, winter boots are more than a fashion statement — they're a survival necessity. So whether you're braving the urban jungles of Toronto or venturing into the untamed wilderness of the Rockies or the West Coast, finding the perfect pair of boots is a quintessential Canadian right of passage.

In this comprehensive roundup, we'll navigate the diverse landscape of winter footwear, exploring options that provide warmth, durability, style, and, above all, the ability to conquer the chill and challenges a Canadian winter presents.

Best for warmth: Columbia Bugaboot III Winter Boots

Best slip-on/lace-free boot: Baffin Impact Winter Boots

Best cleated boot: Olang Magnet Boots

Best for heavy snow: Sorel Caribou Winter Boots

Best waterproof boot: <u>Kamik NationPlus Winter Boots</u> Best for casual comfort: <u>Cougar Original Pillow Boot</u>

Best for hiking: Arc'teryx Acrux Tr GTX Boot

Best for casual comfort: <u>Cougar Original Pillow</u> <u>Boot</u>



Whether you're walking through wet streets or making a timeless fashion statement, the Cougar Pillow Original Boot is the ideal choice for those who seek style and comfort combined. With a rich history dating back to 1976, these mid-height leather boots with rubber-gum soles are a piece of fashion history, with a design that's been unchanged for nearly 50 years. The iconic red fleece lining provides warmth while the padded shaft adorned with quilt detail stitching adds some style with a vintage nod. Customers rave about their durability and their ability to keep their feet dry, warm and cozy.

Benefits: Iconic red fleece lining, durable

Price: \$239.99

Where to buy: Women's -SportingLife.ca, Amazon