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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

## 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.

I'm cowboy boot obsessed.

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## "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.

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