

Guide to Leather Alternatives

From The Vegetarian Resource Group

On many occasions, after turning down a hotdog or hamburger at a summer barbecue and explaining that you're vegetarian, the next question you might be asked (if wearing leather-like Birkenstocks) is, "Then why are you wearing leather?" You'll answer that the sandals are made from synthetic materials that look like leather, and this usually pacifies the inquisitors. They do ask a valid question though. If you are choosing a vegetarian diet for ethical reasons, "How can you stop eating animals, but continue to wear them?" Like a vegetarian diet, people often choose to "quit leather" at different stages.

Since cowhide is the most common animal hide used, links to the meat industry are undeniable. According to the Leather Industries of America, the leather industry's trade association, very few animals are raised specifically for their hides. But cows are just one of the animals whose skins are used for shoes, wallets, coats, belts, clothing, and accessories. Other animals can be pigs, deer, horse, and sheep. Some articles are even made from "exotic" animal skins ranging from alligator and lizard to sealskin and snakeskin.

You may ask, "Well what should I do with all the leather I have?" Again, just as some people go vegetarian overnight and others do it slowly, the same goes for leather. Some people choose to gradually replace worn out leather items with non-leather alternatives. Others donate their leather goods to charities. Many throw the stuff away, and although you might prefer that no one wear animal hides (besides the animals), most leather is not biodegradable due to the tanning process, so a charity might be the best bet. The damage that has been done can't be reversed.

That brings up the question of which causes less damage to the environment – petroleum-based synthetic leathers or leather treated with multiple chemicals? While petroleum-based products often cause pollution from manufacturing and its waste, leather manufacturers are still dealing with problems caused by the use of chemicals for tanning. Either alternative leads to some environmental damage, but while you're supporting the exploitation of animals by purchasing leather, choosing leather alternatives will at least help alleviate some cruelty to animals.

Maybe we should also ask ourselves if leather- and fur-like materials are always the best choice. Do these materials give the impression that leather and fur are socially and ethically acceptable? Why not go with some other materials such as hemp, cotton, synthetic

fibers, or recycled rubber when possible? On the other hand it can be argued that by using leather and fur alternatives we can show others a way of wearing clothes with the look they like that doesn't require the exploitation of animals for it.

For this update we have been able to add a vegan source for Kindle cases. We also discovered new computer carrying cases and iPhone cases.

When choosing a non-leather company, one should also consider the company's reasons for carrying non-leather goods. Although we are pleased that more and more companies offer non-leather items, most large manufacturers and retailers who carry both leather and non-leather offer the non-leather goods primarily for economic reasons. It is cheaper to manufacture non-leather goods, and as a result they often cost less. Note that many of these companies sell mainly leather items. Still, by supporting the vegan articles these companies distribute, a clear statement can be made in favor of alternative products. Maybe this will encourage companies to produce more synthetic products, even if their reasons for this decision are not necessarily ethical.

The vegan mail-order companies, on the other hand, take a particular interest in avoiding animal and Earth exploitation through the products they offer. Many of these companies employ Earth-friendly manufacturing and working conditions. We believe that it is important to support these companies. Though beyond the scope of this handout, when making choices, you may also want to research how businesses treat workers and the environment.

To make your selection of non-leather goods as effortless as possible, the companies listed are separated into categories. The **Vegan Mail-Order or Stores** section indexes companies that sell only vegan products. The **Catalogs, Companies, and Stores** section lists companies that sell or manufacture both leather-free and leather goods, so check these carefully to make sure what you're buying is non-leather. The remaining sections of this guide list specific styles of shoes (athletic, dress, etc.) and the companies who make them or the stores/catalogs that carry them.

We often depend on company statements for product information. It is impossible to be 100% sure about a statement, information changes, people have different views, and mistakes can be made. Please use your own best judgment about whether a product is suitable for you. To be sure, do further research or confirmation on your own.

VEGAN MAIL-ORDER OR STORES

The following companies sell only animal-free products.

Ahimsa Footwear

1668 Marion St., Denver, CO 80218

(877) 834-3668 or (303) 860-VEGI

Website: www.ahimsafootwear.com

Vegan boutique and online store offering shoes, belts, handbags, wallets, and more.

All Vegan

4669 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92116

(619) 299-4669

Website: www.allveganshopping.com

This vegan store carries leather-free shoes, hiking boots, belts, handbags, and much more for men and women.

Alternative Outfitters

408 S. Pasadena Ave., Ste. 1, Pasadena, CA 91105

(866) 758-5837 or (626) 396-4972; Fax: (626) 396-4952

Email: CustomerCare@AlternativeOutfitters.com

Website: www.alternativeoutfitters.com

This vegan boutique and online store offers non-leather footwear, handbags, accessories (including watch bands, cell phone and iPod pouches, and luggage tags), and much more.

Artisan Gear

7605 4th St., White City, OR 97503

(541) 830-4411

Email: info@artigangear.com

Website: www.artisangear.com

Artisan Gear produces a line of classic/casual bags and accessories (watch bands, toiletry bags, etc.) from hemp canvass. You can order their bags online or visit their website to find stores selling their bags.

Bello Iris

(866) 975-IRIS

Email: support@belloiris.com

Website: www.belloiris.com

Offers non-leather designer-inspired bags, wallets, and belts.

Beyond Skin

34 Westbourne Gardens, Hove, East Sussex BN3 5PP

United Kingdom; Tel: 0-11-44-845-3733648

Email: info@beyondskin.co.uk

Website: www.beyondskin.co.uk

Here you'll find stylish shoes handmade in England.

Bourgeois Boheme

Hydrex House, Garden Rd., Richmond, England

TW9 4NR

Tel: 011-44-20-88-788-388

Email: info@bboheme.com

Website: www.bboheme.com

This vegan boutique offers unique women's and men's

footwear, bags, wallets, black faux leather gloves, belts, plus much more. You can also order online.

CBH Studios

(978) 449-0222.

Website: www.cbhstudios.com

Packrat vinyl lunch boxes, backpacks, and totes for children.

Cosmo's Vegan Shoppe

672 Highland Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30312

(800) 260-9968 or (678) 921-0102

Email: info@cosmosveganshoppe.com

Website: cosmosveganshoppe.com

You'll find a wide variety of bags, wallets, and footwear here. Also sells vegan shoe polish.

Couch

2502 N. Palm Dr., Ste. 1, Signal Hill, CA 90755

(562) 595-6965

Website: www.couchguitarstraps.com

This online site specializes in vegan guitar straps. They also sell vegan belts.

DownBound

322 Pacific Ave., Toronto, ON M6P 2P9 Canada

(866) 933-DOWN

Email: service@downbound.com

Website: www.downbound.com

Canadian company offering products made out of hemp including backpacks, duffle bags, toiletry bags, wallets, fanny packs, and more. They also offer hemp shoes for men, women, and children.

Ecolution

PO Box 697, Santa Cruz, CA 95061

(800) 973-HEMP or (831) 479-4803

Website: www.ecolution.com

This mail-order wholesale company makes hemp products, including shoes, clothing, wallets, bags, etc. Their product line, Ecolution, can be ordered through www.mooshoes.com or www.thevegetariansite.com.

English Retreads

4949 N. Broadway, Ste. 58, Boulder, CO 80304

(303) 258-1625

Email: info@englishtreads.com

Website: www.englishretreads.com

English Retreads manufactures totes, purses, bookbags, backpacks, key chains, belts, and dog collars from recycled rubber inner tubes, seat belts, and fan belts.

Ethical Planet

1110 W. Davis St., Evanston, IL 60201

(847) 866-2088

Website: www.ethicalplanet.com

This vegan store and online shop offers a wide variety of items including shoes, belts, purses, and much more.

Ethical Soles Trading Company, Inc.

893 Westminster Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3G
1B4 Canada; (204) 772-9596

Website: www.ethicalsoles.ca

This Canadian company offers high- and low-top canvas and hemp sneakers.

Ethical Wares

Caegwyn, Temple Bar, Felinfach, Ceredigion,
SA48 7SA, Wales, United Kingdom

Tel: 011-44-1570 471155; Fax: 011-44-1570 471166

Email: vegans@ethicalwares.com

Website: www.ethicalwares.com

This company sells shoes and belts. Shoe styles include hiking boots, steel-toe safety boots, dress shoes, etc. Ethical Wares states that they do not trade with countries that have "repressive regimes or exploitative working practices."

Fabulous Furs

25 West Robbins St., Covington, KY 41011

(800) 848-4650 or (859) 291-3300

Email: custserv@fabulousfurs.com

Website: www.fabulousfurs.com

This mail-order company offers a wide variety of fake "fur," "leather," and "wool" products such as coats, jackets, vests, hats, handbags, pillows, and ear muffs. They even have "Sew It Yourself" kits. Inquire about their showroom.

Fair Trade Sports

Website: www.fairtradesports.com

Terrific site to purchase fair-trade non-leather sports balls for soccer, football, basketball, rugby, volleyball, etc.

Fast and Furless

2615 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55406

(612) 333-2756

Email: info@fastandfurless.com

Website: www.fastandfurless.com

This boutique offers shoes, sandals, belts, bags, wallets, and more. Closed on Mondays.

Faux

Website: www.faux.uk.com

Website offering a wide variety of faux fur coats.

Freerangers

87 Derwent Street, Chopwell, Tyne & Wear, England
NE17 7HZ; Tel. 011-44-1207 565957

Email: info@freerangers.co.uk

Website: www.freerangers.co.uk

Online store offering made-to-order handcrafted shoes as well as accessories including wallets, belts, and bags.

Genuine Fake Furs

(615) 887-7661

Email: info@ifakeit.com

Website: www.ifakeit.com

Fake fur coats made out of synthetic materials.

Georgette

Steenhouwersvest 15, 2000 Antwerp, Belgium

Email: info@georgette.be

Website: www.georgette.be

Vegan boutique in Belgium that carries a wide variety of stylish women's shoes handmade in Spain and Italy. Order the shoes online at their website.

Gloria Gerber

(330) 867-2102

Email: Gloria@gloriagerber.com

Website: gloriagerber.com

Handbags made out of recycled rubber and stainless steel.

Heartland Products, Ltd.

PO Box 218, Dakota City, IA 50529

(800) 441-4692; Fax: (515) 332-4831

Website: www.trvnet.net/~hrtlndp/

Carries shoes, western-style boots, belts, and baseball gloves.

Her Design LLC

114 Washington St., Marblehead, MA 01945

(781) 631-1491

Email: info@her-design.com

Website: www.her-design.com

Unique stylish sustainable handbags inspired by nature. Order online or see list of retailers carrying her bags.

Humanitaire

2937 S. Bristol St., Ste. A-101A, Costa Mesa, CA

92626; (714) 708-3386

Email: humanitaire@sbcglobal.net

Website: www.shophumanitaire.com

Vegan store near Native Foods restaurant and online shop offering shoes, boots, purses, wallets, belts, guitar straps, etc.

Isa Booties

711 Briar Ridge Ct., Castle Rock, CO 80108

(801) 751-2441

Email: customerservice@isabooties.com

Website: www.isabooties.com

Parents looking for durable vegan shoes for their 3-month-old to 24-month-old children will love Isa Booties. These non-leather adorable shoes are available in many colors and styles online. Also find a list of retailers that carry these shoes.

Kidbean.com

23 Waters Rd., Asheville, NC 28805

(866) 258-0480

Email: info@kidbean.com

Website: www.kidbean.com

Carries sustainable hemp and eco-fleece vegan shoes for children including booties, sandals, shoes, sneakers, and slippers. Also offers organic clothing and more.

Mattandnat.com

Email: info@mattandnat.com

Website: www.mattandnat.com

Unique bags including wallets, shoulder bags, laptop carriers, briefcases, overnighters, diaper bags, and totes.

Mink

PO Box 17691, Beverly Hills, CA 90209

(800) 990-MINK or (310) 927-4247

Email: info@minkshoes.com

Website: www.minkshoes.com

Online site offers handmade non-leather shoes from Italy.

MooShoes

78 Orchard St., New York, NY 10002

(866) 59-VEGAN or (212) 254-6512

Email: info@mooshoes.com

Website: www.mooshoes.com

Though shoes can be purchased online, customers are encouraged to walk in and try shoes on if they are in the NYC area. MooShoes carries shoes by brands such as Vegan Wares, Vegetarian Shoes, and Ethical Wares. They also sell bags, wallets, belts, and faux leather jackets.

My Vegan Shoes

c/o Hamsin Ltd, B5 River View, The Embankment

Vale Rd, Heaton Mersey, Stockport SK4 3GN

United Kingdom; Tel: 011-44-1619-755380

Email: megan@myveganshoes.com

Website: www.myveganshoes.com

This online shop offers men's and women's shoes.

Neuaura

1350 Broadway, Ste. 1604, New York, NY 10018

(732) 207-7682

Email: info@neuaurashoes.com

Website: www.neuaurashoes.com

Stylish vegan shoes available online and in some retail shops.

Novacas

Email: info@novacas.com

Website: www.novacas.com

Produces, manufactures, and distributes nonleather footwear made in Europe. They offer sandals, shoes, boots, etc.

Pangea Vegan Products

2381 Lewis Ave., Rockville, MD 20851

(800) 340-1200; Fax: (301) 816-8955

Email: info@veganstore.com

Website: www.pangeaveg.com

This store and online company carries shoes, clothing, wallets, belts and bags, personal care products, and food. Pangea is the producer of the No Bull line.

Planetshoes.com

(888) 818-SHOE (7463)

Email: info@planetshoes.com

Website: www.planetshoes.com

This online store offers women's and men's casual shoes, boots, sandals, etc. They offer several brands.

PoshPelts.com

Website: www.poshpelts.com

Offers animal-friendly faux fur bedspreads and pillows. Order online or see list of retailers selling their products.

Queen Bee Creations

1847 E Burnside, Ste. 103, Portland, OR 97214

(503) 232-1755

Email: Queenbee@Queenbee-Creations.com

Website: Queenbee-Creations.com

All items from Queenbee-Creations are made out of vinyl. They produce bags, wallets, cases, and more. The website includes information on retail stores carrying their items.

Rinashah.com

Email: rinashah@rinashah.com

Website: www.rinashah.com

This Indian designer offers unique belts, handbags, sandals, and shoes. Purchase online or look for list of showrooms.

Sidecar For Pigs Peace

5270 B University Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105

(206) 523-9060

Website: www.sidecarforpigspeace.com

This vegan store is located at a Pig Sanctuary. They offer shoes, belts, wallets, and much more. Closed Mondays.

Sparkle Craft

PO Box 684411, Austin, TX 78768

Email: orders@sparklecraft.com

Website: www.sparklecraft.com

Sparkle Craft offers handmade non-leather guitar straps.

Spire USA

116 Pleasant St. #245, Easthampton, MA 01027

(413) 303-9059

Website: www.spireusa.com

Produces laptop carrying bags, messenger bags, etc.

Splaff Flops

PO Box 7604, San Diego, CA 92167

(619) 221-9199

Email: splaffinfo@yahoo.com

Website: www.splaff.com

This online company offers Splaff Flopps (flip flop sandals) handcrafted in California. The soles are made with recycled car tires, the straps are made with used bicycle inner tubes, the footbed covering and strap linings are made with hemp fabric, and the mid sole is made with regupol (a cushioned material made from used tires which have been chipped and pressed into mats). They also produce bags and a belt.

Susan Nichole

(805) 984-8178

Email: susan@susannichole.com

Website: www.susannichole.com

Offers unique non-leather handbags.

Truth Belts

83 Billings Ave., Toronto, ON M4L 2S3 Canada

(416) 778-1597; Fax: (416) 778-9435

Email: info@truthbelts.com

Website: www.truthbelts.com

Truth Belts offers an innovative and stylish array of synthetic belts for your waist, as well as ones for your wrists (bracelets). Visit the website to find out where Truth Belts are sold retail. You can order the belts online at www.vegetarianbelts.com

Used Rubber USA

(415) 626-7855

Email: questions@usedrubberusa.com

Website: www.usedrubberusa.com

Recycled rubber inner tubes and tires are used to make bags, wallets, and organizers in a variety of sizes.

VeganEssentials

1701 Pearl St., Unit 8, Waukesha, WI 53186

(866) 88-VEGAN or (262) 527-7761

Email: questions@veganessentials.com

Website: www.veganessentials.com

Vegan Essentials is a mail-order company and retail shop offering goods such as shoes, jackets, wallets, belts, and more.

Veganline

2 Avenue Gds, London, England SW14 8BP

Email: soundsearchers.co.uk

Website: www.veganline.com

Stylish vegan shoes, boots, dress shoes, wallets, and belts.

Vegan Shoes

(800) 247-5748

Website: www.veganshoes.com

Offers sandals, running shoes, clogs, etc.

Veganstore.co.uk

Vegan Store Ltd., PO Box 110, Rottingdean, Brighton

BN51 9AZ United Kingdom

Tel: 011-44-1273 302979

Email: sales@veganstore.co.uk

Website: www.veganstore.co.uk

Online shop carrying over 400 cruelty-free items. They are a licensed distributor of No Bull leather alternatives in Europe.

Vegan Wares

78 Smith St., Collingwood, 3066 VIC Australia

Tel/Fax: 61-3-9417-0230

Email: vegan@veganwares.com

Website: www.veganwares.com

They offer shoes, briefcases, wallets, and more. They

even make-to-order shoes and sell children's shoes.

Vegetarian Belts

(416) 778-1597

Website: www.vegetarianbelts.com

Online site offering a wide variety of casual and dressy belts.

Vegetarian Shoes

12 Gardner St., Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 1UP

United Kingdom; Telephone: 011-44-1273 691913

E-mail: information@vegetarian-shoes.co.uk

Website: www.vegetarian-shoes.co.uk

Synthetic leather and synthetic suede shoes including genuine Doc Martens boots and shoes, Birkenstocks, dress shoes, hiking boots, work boots, "leather" jackets, and belts.

Vegetarian Shoes and Bags

5122 Otis Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356

(866) 91-VEGAN or (818) 235-4709

Website: www.vegetarianshoesandbags.com

This online store offers a wide range of shoes and bags, as well as belts and wallets.

The Vegetarian Site

PO Box 831, Longmont, CO 80502

(520) 529-8691

Email: shopping@thevegetariansite.com

Website: www.thevegetariansite.com

The Vegetarian Site has an online vegan store filled with clothing, footwear, wallets, belts, bags, and much more.

Veggies Footwear

Email: info@veggiesfootwear.com

Website: www.veggiesfootwear.com

Offers waterproof shoes for men, women, and children. List of retailers can be found on their website.

Vulcana

(908) 928-0550

Website: www.vulcanabags.com

Offers all types of bags (including clutches, messenger bags, portfolios, etc.) made from recycled rubber car tires or hemp.

Vy and Elle

901 North 13th Ave., Ste. 105, Tucson, AZ 85705

(888) 285-4367 or (520) 623-9600

Website: www.vyandelle.com

Vy and Elle manufactures handbags, wallets, eyeglass cases, totes, shoulder bags, etc. from recycled vinyl billboard material. Each bag has a unique design. You can order their products through various online sites listed on their website.

CATALOGS, COMPANIES, & STORES WITH LEATHER ALTERNATIVES

The following catalogs, companies, and stores carry some non-leather products, but also many that are not animal-free.

Carefully check the merchandise to make sure it is leather-free. This is only a partial listing of the thousands of catalogs and stores with synthetic options.

Active Soles

318 Court St., Plymouth, MA 02360
(800) 881-4322
Website: www.activesoles.com
New Balance shoes made from synthetic materials.

Earth

151 Newton St., Waltham, MA 02453
(877) 372-2814
Website: www.earthvegan.us
Earth offers a line of vegan Earth shoes, featuring Kalso Negative Heel technology. You'll find both casual and dress shoes, sandals, and boots.

Garmont

170 Boyer Circle, Ste. 20, Williston, VT 05495
(802) 658-8322
Website: www.garmontusa.com
Carries vegan hiking shoes and boots for women and men.

Green Shoes

Dart Mills, Old Totnes Rd., Buckfastleigh, Devon, TQ11 0NF, United Kingdom
Tel: 011-44-1364 644036
Website: www.greenshoes.co.uk
Their vegan line includes men's, women's, and children's shoes, boots, and sandals custom made from non-leather materials. They also make accessories such as bags and belts.

J. Crew

One Ivy Crescent, Lynchburg, VA 24513
(800) 562-0258
Email: service@jcrew.com
Website: www.jcrew.com
Canvas deck shoes and basketball sneakers, nylon sneakers, flannel deck sneakers, rubber thongs, and rubber boots.

L.L. Bean

Freeport, ME 04033; (800) 441-5713
Website: www.llbean.com
Teva sandals, canvas athletic shoes, children's boots, etc.

Payless Shoe Source

Website: www.payless.com
Wide selection of shoes available in men's, women's, and children's styles. Leather shoes are clearly marked on box. Call (877) 474-6379 for a store in your area.

Pennangalan Dreams

15 Gloucester Ave., Slough, SL1 3AW, United Kingdom; Tel: 011-44-1753 678076
Email: dreams@pennangalan.co.uk
Website: www.pennangalan.co.uk

This online store offers an array of exotic/erotic vegan-friendly fetish boots in varying colors and heights.

REI

REI, Sumner, WA 98352-0001
(800) 426-4840
Website: www.rei.com
Carry Teva sports sandals, Merrell sports sandals, and more. They also offer non-leather belts and watch bands.

Road Runner Sports

(800) 743-3206
Website: www.roadrunnersports.com
Carries non-leather running shoes from Asics, Saucony, New Balance, Brooks, Reebok, and Mizuno. Also watch bands.

Simple.com

Website: www.simple.com
Sustainable shoes and bags for men, women, and children.

Stella McCartney

Website: www.stellamccartney.com
Online store offering unique non-leather handbags and shoes.

Tough Traveler

(800) GO-TOUGH
Website: www.toughtraveler.com
Offers baby carriers, backpacks, briefcases, computer bags, hiking and waist packs, luggage, plus more. Most are vegan; however, indicate "no leather" under comments in order.

Vamp Bags

(303) 834-8485
Website: www.vampbags.com
Email: vampbags@vampbags.com
Vegan bags made from recycled products.

Waterfield Designs

(877) 546-1040
Website: www.sfbags.com
Carries Kindle cases, computer bags, wallets, iPod and iPhone cases, gear pouches, and PSP cases. Not all products are non-leather, so request a list of their non-leather options.

Zappos.com

(800) 927-7671
Website: www.zappos.com
Search under the word vegetarian on this website and a long list of sandals and casual, formal, athletic, and other shoes will appear. They carry shoes for men, women, and children.

ATHLETIC SHOES

There are leather alternatives in almost every style of shoe.

Women's Athletic Shoes

Asics: (949) 453-8888; Several synthetic shoes; call to find out about a certain shoe.

Converse: (888) 792-3307; Chuck Taylor All-Stars, high-top and low-top, come in many styles, colors, and fabrics. They also have canvas One Stars.

Keds: (800) 680-0966; Canvas oxfords and slip-ons in a variety of colors and patterns.

New Balance: (800) 253-7463; Many styles of running shoes are made with leather and/or suede alternatives. Call for a catalog.

Payless Shoe Source: (877) 474-6379; Several athletic shoes made with synthetic materials.

Vans: (800) VANS-800; Styles include canvas and synthetic leather shoes. Call for stores in your area.

Men's Athletic Shoes

Asics: (949) 453-8888; Several synthetic shoes, call to find out about a certain shoe.

Converse: (888) 792-3307; Chuck Taylor All-Stars, high-top and low-top, come in many styles, colors, and fabrics. They also have canvas One Stars.

New Balance: (800) 253-7463; Many styles of running shoes are made with leather and/or suede alternatives. Call for a catalog.

Payless Shoe Source: (877) 474-6379; Several athletic shoes made with synthetic materials.

Vans: (800) VANS-800; Styles include canvas and synthetic leather shoes. Call for stores in your area.

Children's Athletic Shoes

Payless Shoe Source: (877) 474-6379; Always a great place to find leather-free shoes for children. Athletic styles often feature popular cartoon characters.

Vans: (800) VANS-800; Styles include canvas and synthetic leather shoes. Call for stores in your area.

DRESS SHOES

Most of the all-vegan stores listed at the beginning of this guide offer a variety of dress shoes for men and women.

Women's and Men's Dress Shoes

The best places for men and women to find leather alternative dress shoes are listed in the **Vegan Mail-Order or Stores** section of this article. If you are not interested in mail-order, try discount shoe stores like **Payless Shoe Source**.

Children's Dress Shoes

Payless Shoe Source: (877) 474-6379; You should have no trouble finding a few styles here!

HIKING BOOTS

All Vegan: Garmont and Montrail boots.

Ethical Wares: Weald, Ranger, and Trekking styles.

Garmont: see www.garmontusa.com

Humanitaire: Boulder and Ranger styles.

Pangea: Wanderlust Hiking Boot.

Vegetarian Shoes: Offers several hiking boots.

WORK BOOTS

The following boots should keep your feet protected; some even have steel-toe protection.

Ethical Wares: Safety Boot with a steel toe.

Humanitaire: Steel-toe boots.

LaCrosse Boots: Several styles of rubber boots: insulated, non-insulated, and steel toe. Available from large retailers. Call (800) 671-BOOT for information.

Veganline: Offers safety boots and shoes.

Vegetarian Shoes: Safety boots with steel toe caps.

COATS AND JACKETS

Fabulous Furs: Fake "fur," "leather," and "wool" coats, jackets, and vests.

L.L. Bean: Several styles of winter coats made from synthetic fibers.

Pangea: Offers their line of No Bull jackets and women's pea coats.

Veganstore.co.uk: Offers No Bull jackets in Europe.

Vegetarian Shoes: Wide range of classically styled leather-like jackets.

BAGS, BELTS, AND WALLETS

All Vegan: Handbags and various belts.

Alternative Outfitters: Handbags.

Artisan Gear: Classic/casual bags.

Bello Iris: Designer-inspired bags, wallets, and belts.

Bourgeois Boheme: Unique bags and wallets.

Cosmo's Vegan Shoppe: Various bags and wallets.

DownBound: Duffle bags, fanny packs, wallets, etc.

Ecolution: Briefcases, backpacks, and wallets.

English Retreads: Bags, backpacks, and belts.

Ethical Planet: Purses, belts, and more.

Ethical Wares: Stylish unisex belts.

Fabulous Furs: Women's handbags and backpacks.

Fast and Furless: Various bags.

Freerangers: Offers a wide range of belts and wallets.

Gloria Gerber: Handbags.

Heartland Products, Ltd.: Various belts.

Her Design LLC: Unique bags.

Pangea: Several hemp wallets and checkbooks. Also offering belts that are both leather-like and canvas.

They have a punk rock/studded belt!

Queen Bee Creations: Hand, tote, and flapped bags.

Susan Nichole: Unique handbags.

Truth Belts: Both leather-like and cloth belts.

Used Rubber USA: Various bags, wallets, and belts.

Vamp Bags: Unique handbags.

Vegan Unlimited: Various bags and wallets.

Vegan Wears: Handbags, wallets, briefcases, and micro-fiber belts in black and brown.

Vegetarian Shoes: Dressy non-leather belts.

Vegetarian Shoes and Bags: Various bags.
The Vegetarian Site: Various bags and belts.

WHERE DO I FIND...

Ballet Shoes

Cynthia King Dance Studio offers the CKDS ballet slipper with polished canvas uppers and synthetic suede soles in both adult and children's sizes. Call (718) 437-0101 or visit www.cynthiakingdance.com

Balls

Fair Trade Sports offers soccer, football, basketball, rugby, volleyball, and other non-leather balls. See www.fairtradesports.com

Baseball Gloves

Carpenter Trading Company offers custom-made vegan gloves. Visit www.carpentertrade.com
Heartland Products, Ltd.: Adult's and kid's sizes.

Biking Gloves

Aerostich Rider Wearhouse offers vegan riding gloves good for all seasons at www.aerostich.com

Bowling Shoes

Dexter Shoes offers some bowling shoes made from 100% synthetics. Visit www.dextershoes.com

Briefcases

Luggageonline.com offers non-leather briefcases.
Mattandnat.com offers briefcases.
Tough Traveler: See www.toughtraveler.com

Computer Carrying Bags

Mattandnat.com offers computer bags.
Spire USA offers laptop carrying bags.
Tom Bihn offers many synthetic bags to carry your computer at www.tombihn.com
Tough Traveler: See www.toughtraveler.com
Waterfield Designs: See www.sfbags.com

Guitar Straps

Couch offers a wide variety of handmade straps.
Humanitaire offers guitar straps.
Pangea offers a guitar strap without the leather ends.
Sparkle Craft offers handmade guitar straps.
Vegan Wares offers guitar straps.

Heelys

Shoes.com: Search under the word Heelys and you'll find varieties that are non-leather.

Ice Skates

Bauer Pro Shop offers many non-leather Bauer hockey skates at www.bauer.hockeygiant.com
L.L. Bean: Skates for children. See www.llbean.com

iPhone and iPod Holders

Alternative Outfitters carries iPod holders made from Neoprene. See www.alternativeoutfitters.com
Waterfield Designs carries iPhone and iPod holders.

Luggage

Luggageonline.com offers non-leather luggage.
Toughtraveler.com offers non-leather luggage.

Motorcycle Gear

Cycleport offers synthetic motorcycle apparel. See www.motoport.com
Motoliberty sells several styles of non-leather motorcycle jackets. Visit www.motoliberty.com
Motionation has several varieties of non-leather Sidi motorcycle boots. See www.motionation.com

Rock Climbing Shoes

Evolve Sports and Design offers a number of vegan rock climbing shoes. Visit www.evolvesports.com

Skate Shoes:

Vans carries Geoff Rowley's vegan skateboarding shoes for adults and children. Available in Van's stores or online at www.vans.com

Snow Boots/Snowboarding Boots

Burton Snowboards: You'll find several types of non-leather snow boots at www.burton.com
Sole Technology (owns "Thirty Two") offers several non-leather snow boots for men and women. See www.thirtytwo.com

Tool Belts

Nailers, Inc.: Visit www.nailersinc.com or call (619) 562-2215 for information on their non-leather tool belts, nail bags, and knee pads, all made from Dupont's Cordura fabric.

Watches with Non-leather Bands

Alternative Outfitters carries watches with non-leather bands. See www.alternativeoutfitters.com

Weight Lifting Glove

NewGrip offers a weight lifting glove made of neoprene. Visit www.NewGrip.com for information or call (800) 213-0450.

Western-Style Boots

Heartland Products, Ltd.: Styles for everyone.
Veganline: Women's style.

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