

Style Test Drive: Bootie Pies

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After years of wearing flip-flops or sandals to the nail salon, the thought of wearing a *covered* shoe—let alone a pair of bulky Ugg-like boots—seemed completely uncouth.

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But L.A.'s recent wet, chilly weather made me slip on a pair of **Bootie Pies**—suede boots that protect pedicures thanks to a collapsible patent-leather front flap—faster than

you can say "touch-up."

From the moment I left the house to the second I stepped foot in the salon, my feet remained nice and toasty. Bootie Pies, which come in four colors (Blackberry, Boysenberry, Coconut Crème and Bayberry), have a fuzzy faux-sheepskin interior.

Of course, I had to take them off so the pedicurist could prep my feet. Then came the awkward part: slipping the Bootie Pies back on before my nails were painted. The nail technician, along with the entire salon, watched in bewilderment as I pushed down the tips of the boots and exposed my toes.

"How do those work?" they asked. "Where can I get them?" I started to feel less weird about the whole process as I realized they all wanted a pair!

I can see why the women were interested. I didn't have to wait around until it was "safe" to put my shoes back on. And I didn't have to walk out the door wearing flimsy foam salon slippers with heels in hand, as **Kim Kardashian** did recently. I could go about my business right away—and smudge-free.

Bottom Line: Bootie Pies make winter pedis a piece of cake!

