

THE BLITZ BOOT

There are very few styles of footwear that bear a name derived directly from the style leaders that created the fashion. The Blitz Boot is amongst those few.

Since the early days of punk there were many of the followers that were more interested in style and dressing than the raw revolution of anarchy. Emerging from the punk movement were a group of "Posers" as they became known who set up the Bowie Night at Gossip. Attracting a huge crowd, the once a week club night soon had to move venue and soon found itself at the Blitz club. The popularity of the club continued to grow and those flocking there soon became known as "Blitz kids".

With a passion for music and fashion the Blitz kids set about creating their own flamboyant swashbuckling style. The winklepicker boots that had already enjoyed a punk renaissance were the perfect style to develop as a New Romantic Fantasy. Adorning the simple styles with buckles, straps and studs created fantasy styles for the Posers.

The most popular style that emerged was a winklepicker ankle boot with a front zip partially covered by three straps and buckles that completed the new romantic look. A shoe version with zip and two straps and buckles soon followed. Their popularity amongst the Blitz kids ensured that they were soon being referred to as the "Blitz Boot" and "Blitz Shoe". Not surprisingly Black was the key colour but the nu wave trend for bright colours extended to this style with Electric Blue, Red and White versions all popular.

The style made a brief curtain call in the mid 1990's with the appearance of the small "Romo" scene.

The eighties revival of 2009 has seen the popularity of the boot re-established. With the original pattern the three buckle boot in all colours established itself as a must have eighties classic.

