

# Vegan Guide to Leather Alternatives

## From The Vegetarian Resource Group

**O**n many occasions, after turning down a hotdog or hamburger at a 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.

**F**or this update we have been able to add a vegan source for Play Station Portable cases. We also discovered cd player and disc carrying 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](http://www.ahimsafootwear.com)

*Vegan boutique and online store offering shoes, boots, belts, handbags, messenger bags, wallets, and more.*

### All Vegan

4669 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92116

(619) 299-4669

Website: [www.allveganshopping.com](http://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](mailto:CustomerCare@AlternativeOutfitters.com)

Website: [www.alternativeoutfitters.com](http://www.alternativeoutfitters.com)

*This vegan boutique and online store offers non-leather footwear, handbags, accessories (including vegan watches and luggage tags), and much more.*

### Artisan Gear

PO Box 205, Gold Hill, OR 97525

(888) 499-4367 or (541) 855-5468

Email: [sales@artisangear.com](mailto:sales@artisangear.com)

Website: [www.artisangear.com](http://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](mailto:support@belloiris.com)

Website: [www.belloiris.com](http://www.belloiris.com)

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

### Beyond Skin

59 Lansdowne Place, Hove, East Sussex BN3 1FL

United Kingdom; Tel: 0-11-44-845-373-3648

Email: [info@beyondskin.co.uk](mailto:info@beyondskin.co.uk)

Website: [www.beyondskin.co.uk](http://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](mailto:info@bboheme.com)

Website: [www.bboheme.com](http://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 Studio

(978) 449-0222.

Website: [www.cbhstudio.com](http://www.cbhstudio.com)

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

### Charmone Shoes

8 Commonwealth Ave., Massapequa, NY 11758

(516) 809-6277

Website: [www.charmone.com](http://www.charmone.com)

*Charmone's mission is to produce shoes that are sustainable and cruelty-free. Offers open and closed toe shoes, sandals, and boots for women.*

### Cosmo's Vegan Shoppe

(678) 921-0102

Email: [info@cosmosveganshoppe.com](mailto:info@cosmosveganshoppe.com)

Website: [cosmosveganshoppe.com](http://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](http://www.couchguitarstraps.com)

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

### Cow Jones Industrials

5 Main St., Chatham, NY 12037

(518) 392-2139

Website: [www.cowjonesindustrials.com](http://www.cowjonesindustrials.com)

*This vegan boutique located in Chatham, New York carries a wide variety of shoes, handbags, belts, and more.*

### DownBound

322 Pacific Ave., Toronto, ON M6P 2P9 Canada (866)

933-DOWN

Email: [service@downbound.com](mailto:service@downbound.com)

Website: [www.downbound.com](http://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

Website: [www.ecolution.com](http://www.ecolution.com)

*This mail-order wholesale company makes hemp products, including shoes, clothing, wallets, bags, belts, etc. Their product line, Ecolution, can be ordered through [www.mooshoes.com](http://www.mooshoes.com) or [www.thevegetariansite.com](http://www.thevegetariansite.com).*

**English Retreads**

4939 N. Broadway, Ste. 58, Boulder, CO 80304  
(303) 258-1625

Email: [info@englishtreads.com](mailto:info@englishtreads.com)

Website: [www.englishretreads.com](http://www.englishretreads.com)

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

**Ethical Soles Trading Company, Inc.**

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

Website: [www.ethicalsoles.ca](http://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](mailto:vegans@ethicalwares.com)

Website: [www.ethicalwares.com](http://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](mailto:custserv@fabulousfurs.com)

Website: [www.fabulousfurs.com](http://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.*

**Fair Trade Sports**

(800) 716-4674

Website: [www.fairtradesports.com](http://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](mailto:info@fastandfurless.com)

Website: [www.fastandfurless.com](http://www.fastandfurless.com)

*This boutique offers shoes, sandals, belts, bags, wallets, etc.*

**Faux**

Website: [www.faux.uk.com](http://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 565-957

Email: [info@freerangers.co.uk](mailto:info@freerangers.co.uk)

Website: [www.freerangers.co.uk](http://www.freerangers.co.uk)

*Online store offering made-to-order handcrafted shoes.*

**Genuine Fake Furs**

(615) 887-7661

Email: [info@ifakeit.com](mailto:info@ifakeit.com)

Website: [www.ifakeit.com](http://www.ifakeit.com)

*Fake fur coats made out of synthetic materials.*

**Gloria Gerber**

(330) 867-2102

Email: [Gloria@gloriagerber.com](mailto:Gloria@gloriagerber.com)

Website: [gloriagerber.com](http://gloriagerber.com)

*Handbags made out of recycled rubber and stainless steel.*

**Gorsetree Vegan Store**

Email: [enquiries@veganstore.gorsetreemail.com](mailto:enquiries@veganstore.gorsetreemail.com)

Website: [www.veganstore.gorsetreemail.com](http://www.veganstore.gorsetreemail.com)

*Online store offering a wide range of items including shoes, handbags, belts, and much more.*

**Herbivore Clothing**

1211 SE Stark St., Portland, OR 97214

(503) 281-TOFU

Website: [www.herbivoreclothing.com](http://www.herbivoreclothing.com)

*Store and online site offering wallets, purses, belts, etc.*

**Her Design LLC**

114 Washington St., Marblehead, MA 01945

(781) 631-1491

Email: [info@her-design.com](mailto:info@her-design.com)

Website: [www.her-design.com](http://www.her-design.com)

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

**Humanitaire**

2717 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90405

(310) 581-1369

Email: [humanitaire@sbcglobal.net](mailto:humanitaire@sbcglobal.net)

Website: [www.shophumanitaire.com](http://www.shophumanitaire.com)

*Vegan store and online shop offering shoes, boots, purses, wallets, belts, guitar straps, etc.*

**Isa Booties**

711 Briar Ridge Ct., Castle Rock, CO 80108

(303) 883-7319; fax (801) 751-2441

Email: [customerservice@isabooties.com](mailto:customerservice@isabooties.com)

Website: [www.isabooties.com](http://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.*

**Jinga Shoes**

12 Frogmore, London, England SW18 1HJ

Tel. 011-44-208-877-1630

Website: [www.jingashop.com](http://www.jingashop.com)

*Jinga Shoes offers vegan casual shoes.*

**Kidbean.com**

23 Waters Rd., Asheville, NC 28805

(866) 258-0480

Email: [info@kidbean.com](mailto:info@kidbean.com)

Website: [www.kidbean.com](http://www.kidbean.com)

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

**Love Those Shoes**

B5 River View, The Embankment, Vale Rd,

Heaton Mersey, Stockport SK4 3GN

United Kingdom; Tel: 011-44-161-975-5380

Website: [www.lovethoseshoes.com/vegan-shoes/default.asp](http://www.lovethoseshoes.com/vegan-shoes/default.asp)

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

**Mattandnat.com**

(888) 446-2636

Email: [info@mattandnat.com](mailto:info@mattandnat.com)

Website: [www.mattandnat.com](http://www.mattandnat.com)

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

**Micio Mambo**

474 Santa Clara Ave., Oakland, CA 94610

(510) 836-4246

Website: [www.miciomambo.com](http://www.miciomambo.com)

*This store front and online store offers handbags, wallets, shoes, and more.*

**Mink**

PO Box 17691, Beverly Hills, CA 90209

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

Email: [info@minkshoes.com](mailto:info@minkshoes.com)

Website: [www.minkshoes.com](http://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](mailto:info@mooshoes.com)

Website: [www.mooshoes.com](http://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.*

**Neon Collective**

Tel: 011-44-01273-231-619

Website: [www.neoncollective.com](http://www.neoncollective.com)

*This vegan boutique in England offers shoes, boots, and bags.*

**Neuaura**

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

(732) 207-7682

Email: [info@neaurashoes.com](mailto:info@neaurashoes.com)

Website: [www.neaurashoes.com](http://www.neaurashoes.com)

*Stylish vegan shoes available online and in some retail shops.*

**Novacas**

Email: [info@novacas.com](mailto:info@novacas.com)

Website: [www.novacas.com](http://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](mailto:info@veganstore.com)

Website: [www.pangeaveg.com](http://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.*

**PoshPelts.com**

(360) 929-1391

Website: [www.poshpelts.com](http://www.poshpelts.com)

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

**Queen Bee Creations**

3961 N. Williams, Ste. 101, Portland, OR 97227

(503) 232-1755

Email: [hello@Queenbee-Creations.com](mailto:hello@Queenbee-Creations.com)

Website: [Queenbee-Creations.com](http://Queenbee-Creations.com)

*All items from Queen Bee 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](mailto:rinashah@rinashah.com)

Website: [www.rinaldidesigns.com](http://www.rinaldidesigns.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](http://www.sidecarforpigspeace.com)

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

**Slappa**

6012A Old Pineville Rd., Charlotte, NC 28217

(704) 676-4891

Website: [www.slappa.com](http://www.slappa.com)

*Slappa offers cd wallets, dvd cases, laptop bags and backpacks, PSP travel cases, etc.*

**Spire USA**

116 Pleasant St. #245, Easthampton, MA 01027  
(413) 303-9059  
Website: [www.spireusa.com](http://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](mailto:splaffinfo@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.splaff.com](http://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). They also offer bags, wallets, guitar straps, and a belt.*

**Susan Nichole**

(805) 984-8178  
Email: [susan@susannichole.com](mailto:susan@susannichole.com)  
Website: [www.susannichole.com](http://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](mailto:info@truthbelts.com)  
Website: [www.truthbelts.com](http://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](http://www.vegetarianbelts.com)*

**Used Rubber USA**

(415) 716-9889  
Email: [questions@usedrubberusa.com](mailto:questions@usedrubberusa.com)  
Website: [www.usedrubberusa.com](http://www.usedrubberusa.com)  
*Recycled rubber inner tubes and tires are used to make bags, wallets, and organizers in a variety of sizes.*

**Vegan Chic**

5122 Otis Ave., Tarzana, CA 91356  
(866) 91-VEGAN or (818) 235-4709  
Website: [www.veganchic.com](http://www.veganchic.com)  
*This online store offers a wide range of shoes and bags, as well as belts and wallets.*

**The Vegan Collection**

PO Box 811971, Los Angeles, CA 90081  
Website: [www.thevegancollection.com](http://www.thevegancollection.com)  
*This online vegan store offers men's shoes and belts.*

**VeganEssentials**

1701 Pearl St., Unit 8, Waukesha, WI 53186  
(866) 88-VEGAN or (262) 574-7761

Email: [questions@veganessentials.com](mailto:questions@veganessentials.com)  
Website: [www.veganessentials.com](http://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](mailto:soundsearchers.co.uk)  
Website: [www.veganline.com](http://www.veganline.com)  
*Stylish vegan shoes, boots, dress shoes, wallets, and belts.*

**Vegan Shoes**

(800) 247-5748  
Website: [www.veganshoes.com](http://www.veganshoes.com)  
*Offers sandals, running shoes, clogs, etc.*

**Veganstore.co.uk**

Vegan Store Ltd., PO Box 110, Rottingdean, Brighton BN51 9AZ United Kingdom  
Email: [sales@veganstore.co.uk](mailto:sales@veganstore.co.uk)  
Website: [www.veganstore.co.uk](http://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](mailto:vegan@veganwares.com)  
Website: [www.veganwares.com](http://www.veganwares.com)  
*They offer shoes, boots, briefcases, wallets, and more. They even make-to-order shoes and sell children's shoes.*

**Vegetarian Belts**

(416) 778-1597  
Website: [www.vegetarianbelts.com](http://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](mailto:information@vegetarian-shoes.co.uk)  
Website: [www.vegetarian-shoes.co.uk](http://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.*

**The Vegetarian Site**

PO Box 222, Glastonbury, CT 06033  
(860) 519-1918  
Email: [shopping@thevegetariansite.com](mailto:shopping@thevegetariansite.com)  
Website: [www.thevegetariansite.com](http://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](mailto:info@veggiesfootwear.com)  
Website: [www.veggiesfootwear.com](http://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](http://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](http://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.*

#### **Wicked Hemp**

(800) 643-9009

Website: [www.wickedhemp.com](http://www.wickedhemp.com)

Email: [matt@wicked-footwear.com](mailto:matt@wicked-footwear.com)

*Offers hiking shoes, casual shoes, clogs, etc.*

### **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. Check the merchandise to make sure it is non-leather. This is a partial listing of catalogs/stores with synthetic options.*

#### **Active Soles**

318 Court St., Plymouth, MA 02360

(800) 881-4322

Website: [www.activesoles.com](http://www.activesoles.com)

*New Balance shoes made from synthetic materials.*

#### **Earth**

151 Newton St., Waltham, MA 02453

(877) 372-2814

Website: [www.earthfootwear.com](http://www.earthfootwear.com)

*Earth offers a line of vegan Earth shoes. 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](http://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](http://www.greenshoes.co.uk)

*Their vegan line includes men's, women's, and children's shoes, boots, and sandals. They also make bags and belts.*

#### **J. Crew**

One Ivy Crescent, Lynchburg, VA 24513

(800) 562-0258

Email: [contactus@jcrew.com](mailto:contactus@jcrew.com)

Website: [www.jcrew.com](http://www.jcrew.com)

*Canvas deck shoes and sneakers, rubber thongs, and boots.*

#### **L.L. Bean**

Freeport, ME 04033; (800) 441-5713

Website: [www.llbean.com](http://www.llbean.com)

*Teva sandals, canvas athletic shoes, children's boots, etc.*

#### **Payless Shoe Source**

Website: [www.payless.com](http://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**

Tel: 011-44-1753 678076

Email: [dreams@pennangalan.co.uk](mailto:dreams@pennangalan.co.uk)

Website: [www.pennangalan.co.uk](http://www.pennangalan.co.uk)

*This online store out of the United Kingdom offers an array of exotic/erotic vegan-friendly fetish boots in varying colors.*

#### **Planetshoes.com**

(888) 818-SHOE (7463)

Email: [info@planetshoes.com](mailto:info@planetshoes.com)

Website: [www.planetshoes.com](http://www.planetshoes.com)

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

#### **REI**

REI, Sumner, WA 98352-0001

(800) 426-4840

Website: [www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com)

*Carry Teva sports sandals, Merrell sports sandals, End Shoes, and more. Offer non-leather belts and watch bands.*

#### **Road Runner Sports**

(800) 743-3206

Website: [www.roadrunnersports.com](http://www.roadrunnersports.com)

*Carries non-leather running shoes from Asics, Saucony, New Balance, Brooks, Reebok, and Mizuno. Also watch bands.*

#### **Stella McCartney**

Website: [www.stellamccartney.com](http://www.stellamccartney.com)

*Online store offering unique non-leather handbags and shoes.*

## **Toms**

Website: [www.toms.com](http://www.toms.com)

*Search under the word vegan on this online store and you'll find men's and women's shoes and boots.*

## **Tough Traveler**

(800) GO-TOUGH

Website: [www.toughtraveler.com](http://www.toughtraveler.com)

*Offers baby carriers, backpacks, briefcases, computer bags, hiking packs, luggage, cd disk and player waist pack, cell phone case, etc. Most are vegan; however, indicate "no leather" under comments in order.*

## **Waterfield Designs**

(877) 546-1040

Website: [www.sfbags.com](http://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](http://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 and 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.

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

**New Balance:** (800) 253-7463; Several running shoes made with synthetic uppers. Call for a catalog.

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

**Vans:** (800) VANS-800; Styles include canvas 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 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

Men and women can find non-leather dress shoes in the

**Vegan Mail-Order or Stores** section of this article. You can also shop at **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](http://www.garmontusa.com)

**Humanitaire:** Boulder and Ranger styles.

**Pangea:** Wanderlust Hiking Boot.

**Vegetarian Shoes:** Offers several hiking boots.

**Wicked Hemp:** Pathfinder 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:** Winter coats made from synthetic fibers.

**Pangea:** No Bull jackets and women's pea coats.

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

**Vegetarian Shoes:** Leather-like jackets.

## **BAGS, BELTS, AND WALLETS**

**Ahimsa Footwear:** Various 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, wallets, and belts.

**Cosmo's Vegan Shoppe:** Various bags and wallets.

**Cow Jones Industrials:** Various bags and belts.

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

**Ecolution:** Briefcases, backpacks, belts, and wallets.

**English Retreads:** Bags, backpacks, wallets, and belts.

**Ethical Wares:** Stylish unisex belts.

**Fabulous Furs:** Women's handbags and backpacks.

**Fast and Furless:** Various bags, belts, and wallets.

**Gloria Gerber:** Handbags.

**Herbivore Clothing:** Purses, wallets, and belts.

**Her Design LLC:** Unique bags.

**Micio Mambo:** Variety of bags and wallets.

**Pangea:** Variety of wallets and belts.

**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.  
**Vegan Chic:** Bags, belts, and wallets.  
**Vegan Essentials:** Bags, belts, and wallets.  
**Vegan Unlimited:** Various bags and wallets.  
**Vegan Wears:** Bags, wallets, briefcases, and belts.  
**Vegetarian Belts:** Wide variety of belts.  
**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 canvas uppers and synthetic leather soles in adult and children's sizes. Call (718) 437-0101 or visit [www.cynthiakingdance.com](http://www.cynthiakingdance.com)

### Balls

**Fair Trade Sports** offers soccer, football, basketball, rugby, volleyball, and other non-leather balls. See [www.fairtradesports.com](http://www.fairtradesports.com)

### Baseball Gloves

**Carpenter Trading Company** offers custom-made vegan gloves. Visit [www.carpentertrade.com](http://www.carpentertrade.com)

### Biking Gloves

**Aerostich Rider Wearhouse** offers vegan riding gloves good for all seasons at [www.aerostich.com](http://www.aerostich.com)

### Bowling Shoes

**Dexter Shoes** offers some bowling shoes made from 100% synthetics. Visit [www.dextershoes.com](http://www.dextershoes.com)

### Briefcases

**Luggageonline.com** offers non-leather briefcases.  
**Mattandnat.com** offers briefcases.  
**Tough Traveler:** See [www.toughtraveler.com](http://www.toughtraveler.com)

### Computer Carrying Bags

**Mattandnat.com** offers computer bags.  
**Spire USA** offers laptop carrying bags.  
**Tom Bihn** See [www.tombihn.com](http://www.tombihn.com)  
**Tough Traveler:** See [www.toughtraveler.com](http://www.toughtraveler.com)  
**Waterfield Designs:** See [www.sfbags.com](http://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.  
**Splaff Flops** offers 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 [bauer.hockeygiant.com](http://bauer.hockeygiant.com)

**L.L. Bean:** Skates for children. See [www.llbean.com](http://www.llbean.com)

### iPod and Cell Phone Holders

**Tough Traveler** See [www.toughtraveler.com](http://www.toughtraveler.com)

**Waterfield Designs** See [www.sfbags.com](http://www.sfbags.com)

### Luggage

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

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

### Motorcycle Gear

**Cycleport** offers synthetic motorcycle apparel.

See [www.motoport.com](http://www.motoport.com)

**Motoliberty** sells several styles of non-leather motorcycle jackets. Visit [www.motoliberty.com](http://www.motoliberty.com)

**Motonation** has several varieties of non-leather Sidi motorcycle boots. See [www.motonation.com](http://www.motonation.com)

### Rock Climbing Shoes

**Evolve Sports and Design** offers a number of vegan rock climbing shoes. Visit [www.evolvedsports.com](http://www.evolvedsports.com)

### Snow Boots/Snowboarding Boots

**Burton Snowboards:** You'll find several types of non-leather snow boots at [www.burton.com](http://www.burton.com)

**Sole Technology (owns "Thirty Two")** offers several non-leather snow boots for men and women. See [www.thirtytwo.com](http://www.thirtytwo.com)

### Tool Belts

**Nailers, Inc.:** Visit [www.nailersinc.com](http://www.nailersinc.com) or call (619) 562-2215 for 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](http://www.alternativeoutfitters.com)

### Weight Lifting Glove

**NewGrip** offers a weight lifting glove made of neo-rene. Visit [www.NewGrip.com](http://www.NewGrip.com) or call (800) 213-0450.

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