Wacky weather doesn’t dampen flow of intriguing, innovative or just plain gorgeous new stuff.

Those of us sweltering in Southern California in mid-February would never know it, but winter isn’t over and spring doesn’t do its thing until the 20th of this month. Nonetheless, new styles, materials, accessories and some cool and hot stuff have made the grade this season. Here’s a round-up of some of our favorites:

Hot Stuff!

It seems silly to write about heated clothing during this mid-February day when it’s 82 degrees
in SoCal. But I couldn’t resist including ExoGlo™ in this round-up of cool – oops! – hot new stuff.

The brand includes jackets, vests and other apparel for riders and blankets for horses that come with battery-powered, heated FabRoc™ panels sewn into the material. FabRoc is “a material invented for the aerospace industry and is extremely efficient in generating heat from a low voltage source,” the manufacturer says.

Equestrian “warmwear” includes vests, coats, gloves, neck warmers, back supporters and insoles. ExoGlo says the horse blanket’s panels send heat over three inches into the horse’s muscles, for therapeutic effect.

Meanwhile, our weirdly hot weather makes the Kerrits Ice Fil® line seem a more appealing choice at the moment. The Tech Tights in this line have exclusive anti-slip Kerrits Sticks™ technology, which is a silicone carrot pattern in the inner leg and seat. It contributes to a secure grip with a nice balance of stretch, stick and breathability. Ice Fil moisture control technology absorbs sweat and draws moisture away from the body in a way that can drop the skin temperature by up to five degrees, says company founder Kerri Kent.

The tights come in adult and kids sizes and snug calf and boot cut styles.


Special Fabrics Deserve Special Treatment

Easy care and performance enhancing characteristics dominate cutting edge riding wear, and that’s been a big boon in comfort. Even so, we all know that our sport really is a sport, and that means those clothes get dirty, sweaty and flat-out stinky.
To the rescue comes Rockin’ Green’s Athletic Wear Detergent and Stinky Gear Odor Neutralizer. This is an eco-friendly line of laundry soap and other cleaning products designed for the modern, high tech fabrics favored by high performance athletes.

“It’s safe for all types of garments, and works great on synthetics and microfiber,” claims the company. “It unlocks the smelly sweat, dirt and odor from your wicking fabrics and leaves them fresh and clean. The high performance clean is made even better by only using quality ingredients, which are biodegradable and pack an extra cleaning punch with a natural boost from tea tree oil. The detergent is free from phosphates, bleach, optical brighteners or fabric softeners. As with the entire Rockin’ Green line, only natural, plant-derived surfactants and enzymes are utilized.”

For more information, visit [www.rockingreensoap.com](http://www.rockingreensoap.com).

Accessorize!

Los Angeles-based rider and artisan Cindy Gellerson has one of the coolest lines of equestrian-themed accessories anywhere. Here’s three of our new faves. The leather phone/wallet case is a descendant of Cindy’s original inspiration for starting AtelierBits: a fall during a twilight trail ride, when a friend had to leave Cindy and ride home for help because neither had their cell phones aboard. It includes slots for credit cards and cash, plus a loop to attach the case to a belt.
The novelty equestrian print scarf comes with a custom leather cuff bracelet with bridle stitching. And, the single wrap stud-chain bracelet is made of a stainless steel stud chain laced with Dakota leather. Nice!

For more, visit www.atelierbits.com.

FITS Kimberly Breech

Confidence and comfort being the key to looking great in any setting, FITS' new Kimberly knee patch breech is one of the most fashionable pieces you can find. Powered by compression fabrics familiar to most pro athletes, the breech reveals its athletic nature only when worn. A 29 percent Lycra® fabric, more than that found in any other breech brand, says FITS, enables the Kimberly to comfortably keep muscle fatigue at bay, while its perforated deerskin knee patches provide plenty of grip. All in a traditional, sleek style that features a back yoke and Euroseat design. A Powermesh ab panel smooths and slims that area and there's more in the lower leg for a sleek, cool and supportive fit under boots. FITS All Season fabric wicks in summer, warms in winter and sheds shavings, hay and dirt year round.

For more info visit: www.fitsriding.com.
Boot This

Ariat unleashes its new dressage boot, the Cadence, on the market this month. “Unique performance construction featuring premium full-grain leather upper with a reinforced outside calf, creating sturdy calf support ideal for dressage riding,” are among its attributes, Ariat says. “Technology features include an ATS® footbed that provides all day stability and comfort, as well as a Duratread™ outsole for maximum wear resistance. The full-length elastic gore panel on the lateral side creates a comfortable, snug fit. The Cadence is also leather lined for all around comfort, has a high Spanish cut topline, square toe design and a full-length back zipper with keeper.

For more info, visit www.ariat.com.

B Vertigo’s Lorraine Technical Competition Shirt. Nobody will know about these fun racing stripes when you have your coat on, but you can let your colors fly while relaxing in this comfortable show shirt after your ride.

For more info visit www.horze.com.
Horze Crescendo Softshell jacket features a classic style in a modern, stretch fabric. Crystal