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## Retail Therapy

Minky Dimples hoodie comfortable as a housecoat

Calgary-based Triple Flip says that their clothes “are all created with real girls in mind.” The clothes are designed specifically for girls with an active lifestyle and meant to fit comfortably during whatever it is that keeps them active.

This sounds perfect for my daughter Emily, 12, a “real girl”. She figure skates at least an hour, six days a week, and fits the “active” bill, too. She also has a love for a certain citrusy-sounding yoga wear brand of clothing, so Triple Flip seems to be on the right track for her.

Emily tried out the Minky Dimples Jacket in hot pink, Triple Flip’s best selling item. Even before it came, she said loved the look of the jacket from the photo on the company website. Emily likes to dress a little differently and said the jacket’s dimples gave it a “quirky” look that suited her personality.

When Minky Dimples came, Emily’s first reaction was, “It’s so soft!” It was a comment that she would hear many times throughout the test-drive day. The jacket drew a lot of attention, first at school then later at skating. Emily never told anyone she was testing out the jacket but a number of friends came up to feel it. She had to endure a lot of jacket-patting that day.

Clearly Minky Dimples passed the aesthetics test but could it stand up to the demanding world of figure skating? Seriously, those skaters work hard.

First it must be said that Minky Dimples is a hoodie and is not meant for figure skating — hoods can get in the way during spins and jumps.



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Triple Flip also makes a proper figure skating jacket. However, Emily recently fractured her wrist at a skating competition, and wouldn’t be trying any risky manoeuvres on her test drive.

As Emily put Minky Dimples through its paces, her skating coach spotted her and waved her over to the boards. “Nice jacket,” the coach said.

For something designed more like a warm-up jacket, Minky Dimples did a great job on the ice.