

WOMEN'S TOPS

NorthWave Velvet LS £44.99

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The Velvet certainly looks very girly in the bright pink pictured here, but more subtle blue, red and black versions are also available. That said, it's a proper riding top designed for the dirt. It's made from soft thermal material that's fleecy on the inside, and it wicks dampness from the skin quickly.

This mid-weight jersey, which is thicker than most of the women's tops on test,

features two large pockets on the rear with reflective flashes, but no zip pocket. Extra airflow is provided by the large invisible zip, although this lacks a garage to prevent the zip rubbing on your neck. The high-cut collar helps keep out draughts.

NorthWave has cut the Velvet with women in mind so it fits in all the right places, although the cuffs don't seal as well as the Gore Alpine's (overleaf).

WMB VERDICT

FIT

FEATURES

PERFORMANCE

VALUE

Good warm classic-style women's riding jersey

OVERALL

