

Warm Whiskers Get Warm Welcome From Reviewers

Plush Designs are a Hit for Style and Practicality

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Lavender-scented and buckwheat-filled, Warm Whiskers aren't typical stuffed animals, **TDmonthly Magazine's** Homeschool Roundtable discovered. They can be heated in the microwave or chilled in the freezer to act as a warm or cool compress for an injury or ache. The plush designs combined with the practical uses won rave reviews.



Laraby Lab

Warm Whiskers Polar Bear Buddy Body Pillow and Laraby Lab Body Pillow by [WARM WHISKERS](#)

Age: **3 and Up**

Gender: **Boys and Girls**

Category: **Plush**

MSRP: **\$34.00** (Polar Bear Buddy); **\$39.00** (Laraby Lab)

TDmonthly rating:



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Griff Loves Polar Bear

What It Is: Each body pillow looks like an adorable stuffed animal, but can be frozen or heated to act as a compress. Scented with lavender and filled with buckwheat, Laraby Lab and Polar Bear Buddy can also serve as sleep aids.

What the Moms Thought: "What a brilliant toy!" Wilson raved. "Your child's best friend can also be used as an ice pack or heating pad!"

"I'm thrilled to have stuffed animals filled with buckwheat and flax seed, as opposed to mystery poly-chemical blends," Dawson commented. Christensen "liked the look, smell, softness and malleability of Laraby Lab." Wilson appreciated the emotional comfort the animal design brings while simultaneously able to deliver physical comfort — making it a "must-have" item.

"The organza drawstring bag the polar bear arrived in gave it a look of luxury," Ledford said. She liked the scent, design and warming/cooling capacity as well as the size and weight of the body pillow: "large enough to cover a sprain or upset stomach, but not so large a child cannot sit comfortably with it or carry it around."



Sara Hugs Laraby



Ben and Joshua

"The warmth and coolness aren't as intense as holding ice or a heating pad to a squirming youngster," Zuidema said. The body pillows also appealed to older kids and adults, including Zuidema's husband, who soothed an elbow injury with Polar Bear Buddy.

What the Kids Thought: "It was a love fest from the moment we opened the box," said Dawson, noting that Ethan (9) and Sara (7) liked the scent and designs of both animals. They also liked freezing their body pillows and snuggling with them on warm summer nights. Zuidema reported that "[Alyssa (8)] liked the lingering scent and the gentle warmth the bear provided, and the frozen bear didn't really freeze her or leave cold water running down her skin."



Ethan Rests

Joshua (10) liked "that he's nice and warm and cozy, and that his scent helps stomach aches." Timothy (15), Joshua (10), Ben (7), and Joe (8) didn't care for the smell of the heated body pillow. But Victoria (13) said, "I love the smell!"



Joe

Joe (8) liked the other animal designs on the website. "It's cool that he can be heated or frozen," he said. Victoria (13) "liked the ability to heat or freeze the Polar Bear Buddy, depending on what sort of comfort is needed."

"Totally endearing," Elise (9) told her mom. She liked that her body pillow is "soft and comfortable to sleep with," Wilson said. Alyssa (8) also liked sleeping with her bear and "was happy that she didn't have to use it only when wounded," Zuidema noted.

What the Kids Learned From This Toy: Ethan (9) and Sara (7) learned about the calming effects of lavender. "After several days, Ethan told me that the scent did indeed help him go to sleep," remarked Dawson. "We saw the positive effects of aromatherapy as the lavender scent helped Griff (2) go to sleep every night," Ledford noted.



Victoria and Griff Snuggle