



### Van Rysel Women's Winter Road Cycling Jacket Endurance

£69.99 [decathlon.co.uk](https://www.decathlon.co.uk)

For me, this was the best-fitting jersey: a snug, road-specific cut with a spot-on body and sleeve length. The jacket has handled cold temperatures and chilly winds well. The DWR is on a par with the other two jackets; it won't handle a prolonged shower. The snug fit makes getting a waterproof on easy.

It offers lots of storage, though two of the side

pockets are very narrow. The mesh pockets are great for a waterproof. There are two zipped pockets, too.

There is an extendable rear drop. It's not waterproof, so it only protects you from mud if you don't have mudguards. It can be buttoned up out of the way, but doing so just led to a sweaty lower back. Options: women's XS-XL (M tested), burgundy only; men's S-XXL, black/caramel, black, sage green or red/black).

★ **The best fit for me. The storage capacity is impressive, if a little restrictive. I love the subtle design but would like a brighter option**



### Endura Women's Windchill Jacket II

£99.99, [endurasport.com](https://www.endurasport.com)

While the sleeve and body length are good, this jacket is baggy at the waist and upper arms for my body shape – not something I like for road riding. On the other hand, this helps ventilation when the temperature builds up, and extra layers will fit under it more easily. Since it wasn't a great road cut for me, I used it for touring, commuting and off-road riding. This is where it has shone.

Underarm zips add extra ventilation, and I really liked the practical, zipped front pocket. I've enjoyed using it in temperatures from 2°C to 8°C. It fends off cold winds and road splash, but anything more than a squally shower penetrates the fabric on the arms and shortly afterwards the rear. Options: women's XS-XXL (M tested) in black, aubergine, bramble, bright yellow, deep teal or pacific blue; men's S-XXXL in black, yellow, pomegranate or rust red.

★ **Worth considering if you like looser-fitting jackets and want something that works well across a range of disciplines**



### Gorewear Tempest Windstopper Jacket Womens

£144.99 [gorewear.com](https://www.gorewear.com)

This is by far the most striking jacket; it drew comments on group rides for this reason. The fit was good, although I'd have liked a couple more centimetres at the sleeves. The rear drop could be longer and closer fitting, too. Despite the three rear pockets being spacious, access on the go is not easy as they are quite high up.

The fourth (zipped) pocket is handier.

This jacket was the cosiest in the coldest weather. The high collar shares the same fleece lining as the main body of the jacket. Protection from wind and cold air is excellent. When the mercury rose, I needed to unzip it. The shell resists road spray and very light rain, but nothing more.

Options: women's XXS-XL (M tested) in neon yellow, lab red, black, fireball or lab grey; men's S-XXXL (C3 Windstopper Thermo) in black, yellow/black or fireball/black.

★ **A good choice for riders with shorter bodies and limbs. It offers excellent protection in very cold weather, plus outstanding visibility**

