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Cruise the highways and rat runs of Gizmo City with the grand wizard of gadgetology, Jonathan Margolis.

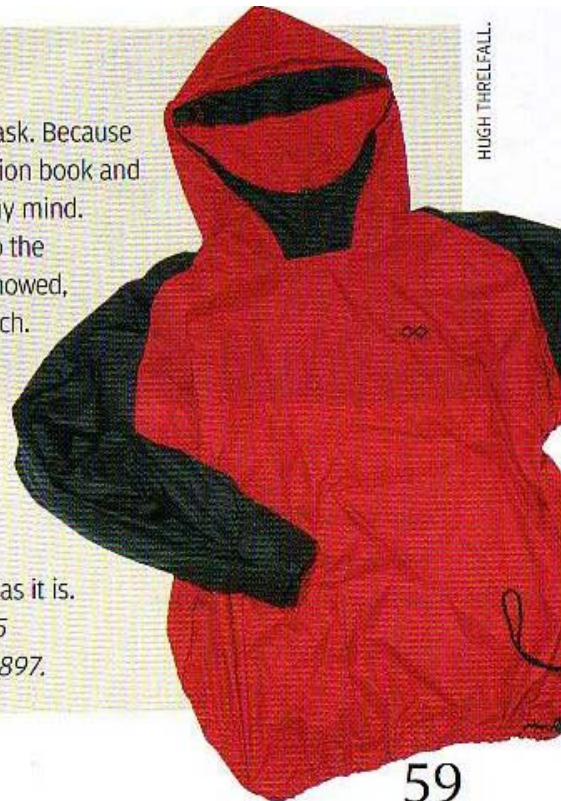


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Why an item of clothing on a page about gadgets, you ask. Because a garment so complex that it requires both an instruction book and video qualifies as technology rather than fashion, to my mind.

I took the Skoody, as this British invention is called, to the Canadian Rockies last autumn and discovered, when it snowed, just how much coat it is possible to pack into a small pouch. For this isn't just a plastic mac-type thing, it has woolly, furry, warmth-holding bits and what starts out as a tiny pouch really does morph into a coat capable of protecting you from the ravages of a Canadian fall.

By the way, you can disregard all the fantastically complicated instructions for folding and unfolding it. Trust me: open it, wear it, then stuff it back in the bag as it is. *Skoody coats, in a range of colours, £30 adult size, £25 children's. From www.skoody.co.uk or call 0870-112 0897.*



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