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Flutterby flying fairies

ProAn Attractive color scheme. Standing up to lots of crashes. Cons Flew up much higher than expected. A hand placed under the fairy sends it in unpredictable directions. Takes lots of batteries. Gets stuck in hair. My seven-year-old daughter had seen the commercial for Spin Master's Flutterby Flying Fairy (\$24.88 at Walmart). It's 30 seconds of slow motion magic where two little girls control hovering electronic fairies with their outstretched hand. When I brought the fairy home from PCMag Labs for her to test, she couldn't wait to create the magic for herself. Unfortunately, imagination was not matched by reality, as what came next was frustration, confusion and physical pain—the damned thing got tangled in the hair in what was a traumatic last straw. The Flutterby Flying Fairy is essentially an indoor toy helicopter with a plastic fairy body. It measures about 5 of 7.5 at 11 inches (HWD). The blades of the helicopter are actually fluttering panels of her dress. The purple and pink color job is decent and in the box, it looks like a winner. The Flutterby is actually composed of two parts: the fairy and a charging station. The first red flag went up when I discovered that the charging station takes a whopping six AA batteries. It's a lot for any toy, let alone a little flying fairy. The fairy connects to the station and takes about 30 minutes to recharge. The charging station is also her fairy launch pad. When she is ready to fly, unplug the power cord from under her skirt. Then turn the power button under her skirt into the on mode, and press the big purple button to unleash the magic! The spirits soared when the fairy took flight on his maiden voyage. Spirits became confused when the fairy was launched into the air and shot straight up the ceiling, where it violently hovered, desperately trying to push past the boundaries of the room. It reminded me of when you have a fly in the house and the thing finds a corner of the ceiling and repeatedly crashes into the walls trying to escape. The fairy crashed down to earth in a violent spin of dress-leaves. We tried again. And again. Same result. Maybe my daughter's bedroom, about the same size as the bedroom in the commercial, was too small. Maybe this fairy needs his space. We tried it next in the larger living room, with the same result. You are instructed to hold your hand out under the fair to check her flight patterns. She's going to float a few inches from your hand. My daughter tried and tried but I can't imagine any little girl except those in the commercial who could control this plastic pest. Every time I stuck out my big, dad's hand to control the fairy, it launched it in a different direction, finally crashing into what furniture was in its way. I could never get the fairy to float over my hand. Then came the trauma. My daughter was to make the Flutterby Flying Fairy work. She launched the fairy into the air, stuck her hand out, and the toy crashed into her head. The effect hurt her, but even worse, the leaves of the toy's dress entangled in her hair all the way down to her scalp. It wasn't easy sorting out the two. That's when my daughter looked at me and asked, Can we play with something else? The Flutterby Flying Fairy costs more than \$35 dollars when you factor in six AA batteries. Despite the attractiveness of the concept-look! Flying fairies!—it's definitely not a toy I'd recommend. My daughter couldn't make it work. I couldn't make it work. And if your little girl has long hair, it's an accident waiting to happen. Check Stock \$24.88 at Walmart MSRP \$34.99 Pros stands up to lots of crashes. Cons Flew up much higher than expected. A hand placed under the fairy sends it in unpredictable directions. View More The Flutterby Flying Fairy is a cool concept, but unfortunately it is flawed in execution. And can get tangled up in little girl hair. Best Toy Picks Additional Reading ©2020 Walmart Stores, Inc. ©2020 Walmart Stores, Inc. Inc.