

Soft Star Child Merry Jane: Classic Shoes They Can Use

Description

Mary Janes are classic shoes that originated in the early 1900s from a character of the same name in a popular comic strip [Buster Brown](#). Buster, and his little sister, Mary Jane, both wore the same shoe that became known as the Mary Jane with the help of an obviously [successful ad campaign](#).



Typically made of leather with a strap that goes over the foot and is secured by a buckle, Mary Janes are often considered a formal/semi-formal shoe. In kid terms, this means uncomfortable and *not* meant for the playground. Determined to turn this classic style into a shoe that's fun for kids and parents will adore, the elves at Soft Star Shoes created a more comfortable, versatile design of the Mary Janes.



Soft Star sent Avery a pair of their [Child Merry Janes](#) giving her the mission to test them out before their release on August 16th. As a [seasoned Soft Star fanatic](#), she readily and happily accepted.



It's always important to know what kind of tread you're dealing with, and the Vibram rubber sole checked out for us.



Durability is essential for an active kid, as well as flexibility. Two qualities the Soft Star Merry Jane, like all of their shoes, has.



With a little help from Dad to get them on, I snuck a quick pic of her new test subjects before she could jump up in constant state of motion. You know, a toddler.



Avery kept seated long enough for a side shot of her new kicks.



Then it was time to begin the mission of putting the Merry Janes to the toddler test. After a little begging and playground persuasion, she agreed to 10 seconds of standing still for me to take a picture.



Youâ€™d think I would get better at taking her picture by now, but I completely cut off the top half of her body! No worries, the flexible elastic band connecting the buckle to the shoe and grippy Vibram rubber sole made for an easy transition from standing to squatting!



The Merry Janes passed the squat test, an extremely important test, without a hitch. Theyâ€™re also perfect for practicing much needed balancing skills.



Next, we took them outside for a spin walk/run around the neighborhood to break them in. Alternating from a slow walk to a fast run, Avery had no issues with the shoes slipping off or weighing her down.

She had zero complaints on our walk and said she loved her new “Yellow Soft Star rocket shoes!”

- Not by my request, she decided to test out their puddle jumping abilities.



We haven't had much rain in Texas lately, but kids have a keen eye for puddles. The passed. But what about their performance in the wild on the playground, where kids can be found roaming free?



Avery quickly confirmed they perform well in a kids'™ natural territory by running all over a local playground. It's™ hard to get a detailed description from a toddler on how they feel, so I look for visual cues to get a good idea.

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Soft Star calls their version of the classics “Merry” since they make feet happy, and judging by the look on Avery™’s face, who can argue? Do kids even know how to fake smile?

The testing phase is never really over when it comes to kids and parenting, but the new Soft Star Shoes Merry Janes have quickly become a new favorite for our little girl. Having a buckle instead of just elastic or velcro takes a little longer, but itâ€™s not as bad as I first expected. Avery is able to get the shoes on herself and then have Mommy or Daddy secure the buckle. That elastic band attaching the buckle makes the process much easier!

Parents will love seeing their kids in stylish shoes theyâ€™ll wear without putting up a fight, and kids will love cheerfully playing in their new shoes. Although they are geared mostly towards girls, Soft Starâ€™s [Custom Child Merry Jane](#) gives you the option to make a good looking, functional shoe for any boy or girl.

Keep both eyes on the calendar for when August 16th rolls around to order your kid a new pair of Soft Star Child Merry Janes. Follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Pinterest](#) to keep up to date on all of their latest news too.

Soft Star Shoes provided their Child Merry Janes free of charge in exchange for my honest review. All words are my own and I was not compensated in any other way. Get yourself and your kids in a handmade pair of Soft Star Shoes and see why their [minimal footwear will make your entire familyâ€™s feet happy and healthy!](#)

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