

Need another word that means the same as “dainty”? Find 39 synonyms and 30 related words for “dainty” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Dainty” are: exquisite, nice, overnice, prissy, squeamish, delicate, neat, refined, tasteful, fine, elegant, tasty, delicious, choice, palatable, luscious, mouth-watering, delectable, toothsome, succulent, juicy, fastidious, fussy, hard to please, finicky, finical, faddish, delicacy, goody, kickshaw, treat, titbit, fancy, luxury, nibble, savoury, appetizer, confection, bonbon**

## Dainty as a Noun

### Definitions of "Dainty" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “dainty” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *Something good to eat; a delicacy.*
- *Something considered choice to eat.*



## Synonyms of "Dainty" as a noun (12 Words)

- appetizer** Something that arouses or increases anticipation for what is to follow.  
*The meal started off with an assortment of **appetizers** including mini egg rolls and fried mozzarella.*
- bonbon** A piece of confectionery; a sweet.
- confection** An elaborate article of women's dress.  
*The **confection** of a syllabub.*
- delicacy** Lightness in movement or manner.  
*The **delicacy** of the situation.*
- fancy** (in 16th and 17th century music) a composition for keyboard or strings in free or variation form.  
*I ve a **fancy** they want to be alone.*

<b>goody</b>	A good or favoured person, especially a hero in a book, film, etc.
<b>kickshaw</b>	Something considered choice to eat.
<b>luxury</b>	The quality possessed by something that is excessively expensive. <i>They actually had the <b>luxury</b> of a whole day together.</i>
<b>nibble</b>	Small savoury snacks, typically eaten before a meal or with drinks. <i>I took a <b>nibble</b> from one of the sandwiches.</i>
<b>savoury</b>	A savoury dish especially a snack or appetizer. <i>Refreshments include cakes and savouries.</i>
<b>titbit</b>	A small piece of tasty food. <i>They were hoping for <b>titbits</b> about the family.</i>
<b>treat</b>	An act of treating someone to something. <i>He wanted to take her to the pictures as a <b>treat</b>.</i>





## Usage Examples of "Dainty" as a noun

- *Home-made breads, jams, and dainties.*



## Dainty as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Dainty" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "dainty" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Delicately small and pretty.*
- *(of food) particularly good to eat and served in a small portion.*
- *(of a person) delicate and graceful in build or movement.*
- *Especially pleasing to the taste.*
- *Affectedly dainty or refined.*

- *Delicately beautiful.*
- *Especially pleasing to the taste.*
- *Excessively fastidious and easily disgusted.*
- *Fastidious, especially concerning food.*



## Synonyms of "Dainty" as an adjective (27 Words)

<b>choice</b>	Of superior grade. <i>He picked some <b>choice</b> early plums.</i>
<b>delectable</b>	Extremely pleasing to the sense of taste. <i>The <b>delectable</b> Miss Haynes.</i>
<b>delicate</b>	Easily hurt. <i>A <b>delicate</b> approach is needed.</i>
<b>delicious</b>	Greatly pleasing or entertaining. <i>A <b>delicious</b> joke.</i>

<b>elegant</b>	Suggesting taste, ease, and wealth. <i>She was <b>elegant</b> to her fingertips.</i>
<b><u>exquisite</u></b>	Lavishly elegant and refined. <i>Suffered <b>exquisite</b> pain.</i>
<b>faddish</b>	Intensely fashionable or popular for a short period of time. <i>Tastes in flavoured coffee are so <b>faddish</b>.</i>
<b><u>fastidious</u></b>	Very concerned about matters of cleanliness. <i>The child seemed <b>fastidious</b> about getting her fingers dirty.</i>
<b>fine</b>	Characterized by elegance or refinement or accomplishment. <i>A <b>fine</b> gentleman.</i>
<b>finical</b>	Exacting especially about details.
<b><u>finicky</u></b>	Exacting especially about details. <i>His <b>finicky</b> copperplate hand.</i>
<b>fussy</b>	Fastidious about one's needs or requirements; hard to please. <i>Eleanor patted her hair with quick <b>fussy</b> movements.</i>
<b>hard to please</b>	Given to excessive indulgence of bodily appetites especially for intoxicating liquors.
<b><u>juicy</u></b>	Having strong sexual appeal. <i>A <b>juicy</b> contract.</i>
<b><u>luscious</u></b>	Appealing strongly to the senses; pleasingly rich. <i>The <b>luscious</b> brush strokes and warm colours of these late masterpieces.</i>
<b>mouth-watering</b>	Pleasing to the sense of taste.
<b>neat</b>	Having a pleasing appearance; well formed. <i>The books had been stacked up in <b>neat</b> piles.</i>
<b>nice</b>	Excessively fastidious and easily disgusted. <i>A <b>nice</b> face.</i>
<b>overnice</b>	Excessively fussy or fastidious. <i>Mildred was <b>overnice</b> in regard to their father.</i>
<b><u>palatable</u></b>	Acceptable to the taste or mind. <i><b>Palatable</b> food.</i>
<b>prissy</b>	Fussily and excessively respectable. <i>A middle class family with two <b>prissy</b> children.</i>
<b><u>refined</u></b>	Freed from impurities by processing- Shakespeare. <i>She was delicate and <b>refined</b> and unused to hardship.</i>
<b>squeamish</b>	Having fastidious moral views; scrupulous. <i>So <b>squeamish</b> he would only touch the toilet handle with his elbow.</i>

<b>succulent</b>	Full of juice. <i>A low plant with slightly <b>succulent</b> leaves.</i>
<b>tasteful</b>	Showing good aesthetic judgement or appropriate behaviour. <i>A <b>tasteful</b> lounge bar.</i>
<b>tasty</b>	(of food) having a pleasant, distinct flavour. <i>A <b>tasty</b> young lady.</i>
<b>toothsome</b>	Having strong sexual appeal. <i>I thought he was <b>toothsome</b>.</i>



### Usage Examples of "Dainty" as an adjective

- *A dainty teacup.*
- *The china cup seemed too dainty in his large hands.*
- *He is one of the daintiest players in the game.*
- *A dainty dish to set before a kind.*
- *A dainty lace handkerchief.*
- *A dainty appetite.*



- *A dainty morsel.*



## Associations of "Dainty" (30 Words)

- breakable** Capable of being broken or damaged.  
**Breakable** articles should be packed carefully.
- brittle** A brittle sweet made from nuts and set melted sugar.  
Her manner was artificially bright and **brittle**.
- cultivated** Marked by refinement in taste and manners.  
**Cultivated** roses.
- cultured** (of a pearl) formed round a foreign body inserted into an oyster.  
**Cultured** Bostonians.



<b>dandy</b>	Relating to or characteristic of a dandy. <i>The Winchester Model 37 shotgun is a <b>dandy</b> at a low price.</i>
<b>debonair</b>	Confident, stylish, and charming (typically used of a man). <i>Life that is gay brisk and <b>debonair</b>.</i>
<b>delicacy</b>	The quality of requiring discretion or sensitivity. <i>Miniature pearls of exquisite <b>delicacy</b>.</i>
<b>delicate</b>	A delicate fabric or garment. <i><b>Delicate</b> china.</i>
<b>effeminacy</b>	The trait of being effeminate (derogatory of a man). <i>The students associated science with masculinity and arts with <b>effeminacy</b>.</i>
<b>elegance</b>	The quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner. <i>The simplicity and <b>elegance</b> of his invention.</i>
<b>elegant</b>	Displaying effortless beauty and simplicity in movement or execution. <i>An <b>elegant</b> dark suit.</i>
<b>enchantingly</b>	In a bewitching manner.
<b>feeble</b>	(of a sound) faint. <i><b>Feeble</b> efforts.</i>
<b>femininity</b>	Qualities or attributes regarded as characteristic of women. <i>She alternated between embracing her <b>femininity</b> and concealing it.</i>
<b>foppish</b>	Affecting extreme elegance in dress and manner. <i>A <b>foppish</b> dandy.</i>
<b>fragile</b>	Easily destroyed or threatened. <i><b>Fragile</b> porcelain plates.</i>
<b>graceful</b>	Characterized by beauty of movement, style, form, or execution. <i>She was a tall girl slender and <b>graceful</b>.</i>
<b>mincing</b>	Affectedly dainty or refined. <i>I don't have to go through the rest of my life with that <b>mincing</b> voice of yours.</i>
<b>neat</b>	(of an alcoholic drink) without water. <i>Her <b>neat</b> dress.</i>
<b>refined</b>	(used of persons and their behavior) cultivated and genteel. <i><b>Refined</b> sugar.</i>
<b>resemble</b>	Appear like; be similar or bear a likeness to. <i>Some people <b>resemble</b> their dogs.</i>
<b>sensitiveness</b>	Responsiveness to external stimuli; the faculty of sensation. <i>The <b>sensitiveness</b> of Mimosa leaves does not depend on a change of growth.</i>

<b>sensitivity</b>	Sensitivity to emotional feelings of self and others. <i>A total lack of common decency and <b>sensitivity</b>.</i>
<b>sensitize</b>	Make (an organism) abnormally sensitive to a foreign substance. <i>The introductory section aims to <b>sensitize</b> students to the methodology of the course.</i>
<b>svelte</b>	Moving and bending with ease. <i>She was <b>svelte</b> and sophisticated.</i>
<b>tasteful</b>	Having or showing or conforming to good taste. <i>A <b>tasteful</b> lounge bar.</i>
<b>ticklish</b>	(of a person) easily upset. <i>I m <b>ticklish</b> on the feet.</i>
<b>touchy</b>	(of an issue or situation) requiring careful handling; delicate. <i>The monarchy has become a <b>touchy</b> topic.</i>
<b>urbane</b>	Showing a high degree of refinement and the assurance that comes from wide social experience. <i>The supposedly <b>urbane</b> restrained English gentleman.</i>
<b>weakness</b>	A disadvantage or fault. <i>His <b>weakness</b> increased as he became older.</i>

