

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)

Something that arouses or increases anticipation for what is to follow.

**appetizer** The meal started off with an assortment of **appetizer**s 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.

(in 16th and 17th century music) a composition for keyboard or strings in free

**fancy** or variation form.

I ve a **fancy** they want to be alone.



**goody** A good or favoured person, especially a hero in a book, film, etc.

kickshaw Something considered choice to eat.

**luxury**The quality possessed by something that is excessively expensive.

They actually had the **luxury** of a whole day together.

nibble Small savoury snacks, typically eaten before a meal or with drinks.

I took a **nibble** from one of the sandwiches.

**savoury**A savoury dish especially a snack or appetizer.

Refreshments include cakes and savouries.

titbit A small piece of tasty food.

They were hoping for **titbit**s about the family.

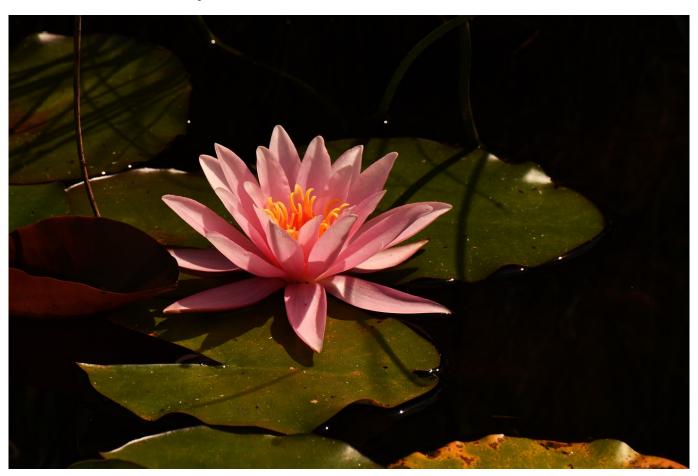
**treat**An act of treating someone to something.
He wanted to take her to the pictures as a **treat**.





#### Usage Examples of "Dainty" as a noun

• Home-made breads, jams, and dainties.



# Dainty as an Adjective

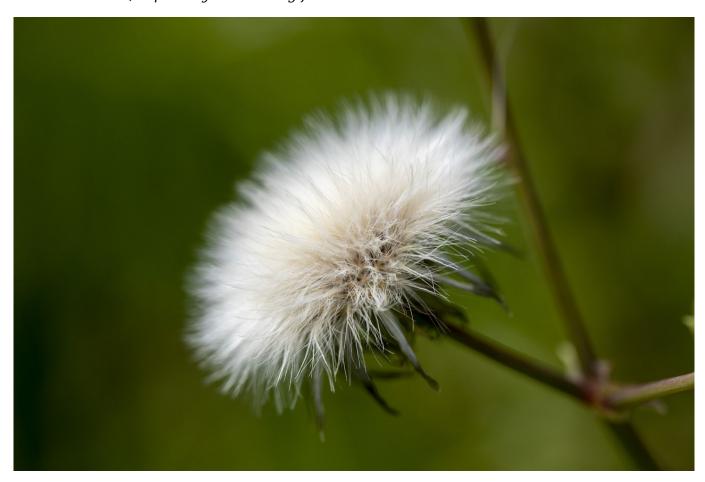
#### Definitions of "Dainty" as an adjective

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)

**choice** Of superior grade.

He picked some **choice** early plums.

**delectable** Extremely pleasing to the sense of taste.

The **delectable** Miss Haynes.

**delicate** Easily hurt.

A **delicate** approach is needed.

**delicious** Greatly pleasing or entertaining.

A **delicious** joke.



**elegant** Suggesting taste, ease, and wealth.

She was **elegant** to her fingertips.

**exquisite** Lavishly elegant and refined.

Suffered **exquisite** pain.

faddish Intensely fashionable or popular for a short period of time.

Tastes in flavoured coffee are so **faddish**.

**fastidious**Very concerned about matters of cleanliness.

The child seemed **fastidious** about getting her fingers dirty.

fine Characterized by elegance or refinement or accomplishment.

A **fine** gentleman.

**finical** Exacting especially about details.

**finicky** Exacting especially about details. His **finicky** copperplate hand.

The fillery copper place name.

**fussy**Fastidious about one's needs or requirements; hard to please.

Eleanor patted her hair with quick **fussy** movements.

hard to please

Given to excessive indulgence of bodily appetites especially for

intoxicating liquors.

juicy Having strong sexual appeal.

A **juicy** contract.

Appealing strongly to the senses; pleasingly rich.

**luscious** The **luscious** brush strokes and warm colours of these late

masterpieces.

**mouth-watering** Pleasing to the sense of taste.

neat Having a pleasing appearance; well formed.

The books had been stacked up in **neat** piles.

**nice** Excessively fastidious and easily disgusted.

A **nice** face.

**overnice** Excessively fussy or fastidious.

Mildred was **overnice** in regard to their father.

Palatable Acceptable to the taste or mind.

**Palatable** food.

**prissy**Fussily and excessively respectable.

A middle class family with two **prissy** children.

refined Freed from impurities by processing- Shakespeare.

She was delicate and **refined** and unused to hardship.

Having fastidious moral views; scrupulous.

squeamish

So squeamish he would only touch the toilet handle with his elbow.



**succulent** Full of juice.

A low plant with slightly **succulent** leaves.

Showing good aesthetic judgement or appropriate behaviour.

A tasteful lounge bar.

tasty (of food) having a pleasant, distinct flavour.

A **tasty** young lady.

toothsome Having strong sexual appeal. *I thought he was toothsome*.



# Usage Examples of "Dainty" as an adjective

- A dainty teacup.
- The china cup seemed too dainty in his large hands.
- $\bullet$  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.

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.



**dandy**Relating to or characteristic of a dandy.

The Winchester Model 37 shotgun is a **dandy** at a low price.

debonair Confident, stylish, and charming (typically used of a man.

Life that is gay brisk and **debonair**.

**delicacy** The quality of requiring discretion or sensitivity.

Miniature pearls of exquisite **delicacy**.

**delicate** A delicate fabric or garment.

**Delicate** china.

effeminacy The trait of being effeminate (derogatory of a man.

The students associated science with masculinity and arts with **effeminacy**.

**elegance** The quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner.

The simplicity and **elegance** of his invention.

**elegant** Displaying effortless beauty and simplicity in movement or execution.

An **elegant** dark suit.

**enchantingly** In a bewitching manner.

feeble (of a sound) faint.

Feeble efforts.

**femininity** Qualities or attributes regarded as characteristic of women.

She alternated between embracing her **femininity** and concealing it.

**foppish** Affecting extreme elegance in dress and manner.

A **foppish** dandy.

fragile Easily destroyed or threatened.

**Fragile** porcelain plates.

Characterized by beauty of movement, style, form, or execution.

She was a tall girl slender and graceful.

Affectedly dainty or refined.

**mincing** I don t have to go through the rest of my life with that **mincing** voice of

yours.

(of an alcoholic drink) without water.

neat Her neat dress.

(used of persons and their behavior) cultivated and genteel.

**refined** (used of persons **Refined** sugar.

**resemble** Appear like; be similar or bear a likeness to.

Some people **resemble** their dogs.

Responsiveness to external stimuli; the faculty of sensation.

**sensitiveness** The **sensitiveness** of Mimosa leaves does not depend on a change of

growth.



**sensitivity** Sensitivity to emotional feelings of self and others.

A total lack of common decency and **sensitivity**.

Make (an organism) abnormally sensitive to a foreign substance.

**sensitize** The introductory section aims to **sensitize** students to the methodology of

the course.

syelte Moving and bending with ease.

She was **svelte** and sophisticated.

tasteful Having or showing or conforming to good taste.

A **tasteful** lounge bar.

ticklish (of a person) easily upset.

I m **ticklish** on the feet.

touchy (of an issue or situation) requiring careful handling; delicate.

The monarchy has become a **touchy** topic.

Showing a high degree of refinement and the assurance that comes from

**urbane** wide social experience.

The supposedly **urbane** restrained English gentleman.

A disadvantage or fault.

weakness
His weakness increased as he became older.



