

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

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. <i>They actually had the luxury of a whole day together.</i>
nibble	Small savoury snacks, typically eaten before a meal or with drinks. <i>I took a nibble from one of the sandwiches.</i>
savoury	A savoury dish especially a snack or appetizer. <i>Refreshments include cakes and savouries.</i>
titbit	A small piece of tasty food. <i>They were hoping for titbits about the family.</i>
treat	An act of treating someone to something. <i>He wanted to take her to the pictures as a treat.</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)

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

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

succulent

Full of juice.

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

tasteful

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

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

