

Need another word that means the same as “deft”? Find 41 synonyms and 30 related words for “deft” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Deft” are: dexterous, dextrous, agile, lithe, sprightly, acrobatic, light-footed, light, light on one's feet, spry, lively, active, quick, graceful, supple, limber, lissom, flexible, skilful, adroit, adept, nimble, neat, nimble-fingered, handy, able, capable, skilled, proficient, accomplished, expert, experienced, practised, polished, efficient, slick, professional, masterful, masterly, impressive, delicate

Deft as an Adjective

Definitions of "Deft" as an adjective

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

- *Neatly skilful and quick in one's movements.*
- *Skillful in physical movements; especially of the hands.*
- *Demonstrating skill and cleverness.*



Synonyms of "Deft" as an adjective (41 Words)

able

Having considerable skill proficiency or intelligence.

Able to get a grant for the project.

accomplished

Well educated and having good social skills.

An **accomplished** pianist.

acrobatic

Performing, involving, or adept at spectacular gymnastic feats.

An **acrobatic** dance.

active

Disposed to take action or effectuate change.

Active tuberculosis.

adept

Having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude.

An **adept** juggler.

adroit

Quick or skillful or adept in action or thought.

His **adroit** replies to hecklers won him many followers.

agile

Moving quickly and lightly.

An **agile** mind.

capable	Possibly accepting or permitting. <i>The strange events are capable of rational explanation.</i>
delicate	(of a state or condition) easily upset or affected. <i>His delicate health.</i>
dexterous	Skillful in physical movements; especially of the hands. <i>A dexterous keyboard player.</i>
dextrous	Skillful in physical movements; especially of the hands.
efficient	Being effective without wasting time or effort or expense. <i>An energy efficient heating system.</i>
experienced	Having experience; having knowledge or skill from observation or participation. <i>An experienced social worker.</i>
expert	Of or relating to or requiring special knowledge to be understood. <i>An expert job.</i>
flexible	Bending and snapping back readily without breaking. <i>Flexible schedules.</i>
graceful	Having or showing grace or elegance. <i>She was a tall girl slender and graceful.</i>
handy	Skillful with the hands. <i>A handy gadget.</i>
impressive	Evoking admiration through size, quality, or skill; grand, imposing, or awesome. <i>An impressive view of the mountains.</i>
light	Of the military or industry using or being relatively small or light arms or equipment. <i>A light sleeper.</i>
light on one's feet	Marked by temperance in indulgence.
light-footed	Having a light and springy step.
limber	(of a person or body part) lithe or supple. <i>I have to practise to keep myself limber.</i>
lissom	Moving and bending with ease. <i>The kind of outfit that should be left to lissom teenagers.</i>
lithe	(especially of a person's body) thin, supple, and graceful. <i>She lay gazing up at his tall lithe figure.</i>
lively	Filled with events or activity. <i>This whole lively world.</i>

<u>masterful</u>	Powerful and able to control others. <i>He looked masculine and masterful.</i>
masterly	Having or revealing supreme mastery or skill. <i>A masterly performance of the sonata.</i>
neat	Arranged in a tidy way; in good order. <i>A neat room.</i>
nimble	(of the mind) able to think and understand quickly. <i>As nimble as a deer.</i>
nimble-fingered	Having nimble fingers literally or figuratively; especially for stealing or picking pockets- Harry Hansen.
<u>polished</u>	(of grains especially rice) having the husk or outer layers removed. <i>His polished performance in the film.</i>
practised	Expert, typically as the result of much experience. <i>The waiter was practised at disrupting moments of intimacy.</i>
professional	Worthy of or appropriate to a professional person competent skilful or assured. <i>Professional occupations include medicine and the law and teaching.</i>
proficient	Of or relating to technique or proficiency in a practical skill. <i>She felt reasonably proficient in Italian.</i>
quick	Moving quickly and lightly. <i>Brian gave her a quick look.</i>
skilful	Having or showing skill. <i>A skilful midfielder.</i>
skilled	Having or showing the knowledge, ability, or training to perform a certain activity or task well. <i>Only the most skilled gymnasts make an Olympic team.</i>
<u>slick</u>	Made slick by e.g. ice or grease. <i>Sidewalks slick with ice.</i>
sprightly	Full of spirit and vitality. <i>She was quite sprightly for her age.</i>
spry	Moving quickly and lightly. <i>He continued to look spry and active well into his eighties.</i>
<u>supple</u>	Capable of moving or bending freely. <i>A supple mind.</i>

Usage Examples of "Deft" as an adjective

- A *deft* waiter.
- A *deft* piece of footwork.
- *Deft* fingers massaged her face.
- The script was both *deft* and *literate*.

Associations of "Deft" (30 Words)

adept	Having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude. <i>Adept</i> in handicrafts.
adroit	Quick or skillful or adept in action or thought. He was adroit at tax avoidance.
adroitness	Skillful performance or ability without difficulty. He lacks political adroitness .
<u>agile</u>	Able to think and understand quickly. His vague manner concealed an agile mind.
calligrapher	Someone skilled in penmanship.
clever	Showing skill and originality; ingenious. He was very clever at getting what he wanted.
competent	Legally qualified or sufficient. A highly competent surgeon.
<u>craftsman</u>	A skilled worker who practices some trade or handicraft. As an actor he was a consummate craftsman .
dexterous	Skillful in physical movements; especially of the hands. Dexterous of hand and inventive of mind.
dextrous	Skillful in physical movements; especially of the hands.
expert	Having or involving a great deal of knowledge or skill in a particular area. A financial expert .
extraordinarily	Extremely. It is a simple story extraordinarily well told.
fast	(of a lens) having a large aperture and therefore suitable for use with short exposure times. On the fast track in school.
master	Someone who holds a master s degree from academic institution. He acceded to his master s wishes.

masterful	Powerful and able to control others. <i>Masterful technique.</i>
nimble	Moving quickly and lightly. <i>Nimble fingers.</i>
practiced	Skillful after much practice. <i>A practiced marksman.</i>
proficiency	The quality of having great facility and competence. <i>Practice greatly improves proficiency.</i>
proficient	A person who is proficient. <i>I was proficient at my job.</i>
repairman	A skilled worker whose job is to repair things. <i>A TV repairman.</i>
seasoned	Rendered competent through trial and experience. <i>It was made from seasoned untreated oak.</i>
skilled	(of work) requiring special abilities or training. <i>A highly skilled job.</i>
skillful	Done with delicacy and skill. <i>A lesser known but no less skillful composer.</i>
spry	(especially of an old person) active; lively. <i>He continued to look spry and active well into his eighties.</i>
tanner	A small coin of the United Kingdom worth six pennies; not minted since 1970. <i>Skincare companies are coming to the rescue of consumers with sunless tanners.</i>
technical	(basketball) a foul that can be assessed on a player or a coach or a team for unsportsmanlike conduct; does not usually involve physical contact during play. <i>Analysts content that the stock market is due for a technical rally.</i>
toolmaker	A maker of tools, especially a person who makes and maintains tools for use in a manufacturing process.
veteran	A person who has had long experience in a particular field. <i>Veteran steadiness.</i>
virtuoso	Having or revealing supreme mastery or skill. <i>Virtuoso guitar playing.</i>
workmanlike	Showing efficient competence but not inspiration. <i>The book is a workmanlike job with chronology and bibliography and index.</i>