

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.

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

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

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

<b><u>masterful</u></b>	Powerful and able to control others. <i><b>Masterful</b> technique.</i>
<b>nimble</b>	Moving quickly and lightly. <i><b>Nimble</b> fingers.</i>
<b>practiced</b>	Skillful after much practice. <i>A <b>practiced</b> marksman.</i>
<b>proficiency</b>	The quality of having great facility and competence. <i>Practice greatly improves <b>proficiency</b>.</i>
<b>proficient</b>	A person who is proficient. <i>I was <b>proficient</b> at my job.</i>
<b>repairman</b>	A skilled worker whose job is to repair things. <i>A TV <b>repairman</b>.</i>
<b><u>seasoned</u></b>	Rendered competent through trial and experience. <i>It was made from <b>seasoned</b> untreated oak.</i>
<b>skilled</b>	(of work) requiring special abilities or training. <i>A highly <b>skilled</b> job.</i>
<b>skillful</b>	Done with delicacy and skill. <i>A lesser known but no less <b>skillful</b> composer.</i>
<b>spry</b>	(especially of an old person) active; lively. <i>He continued to look <b>spry</b> and active well into his eighties.</i>
<b>tanner</b>	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 <b>tanners</b>.</i>
<b><u>technical</u></b>	(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 <b>technical</b> rally.</i>
<b>toolmaker</b>	A maker of tools, especially a person who makes and maintains tools for use in a manufacturing process.
<b><u>veteran</u></b>	A person who has had long experience in a particular field. <i><b>Veteran</b> steadiness.</i>
<b>virtuoso</b>	Having or revealing supreme mastery or skill. <i><b>Virtuoso</b> guitar playing.</i>
<b>workmanlike</b>	Showing efficient competence but not inspiration. <i>The book is a <b>workmanlike</b> job with chronology and bibliography and index.</i>