

Need another word that means the same as “dowdy”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “dowdy” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Dowdy” are: frumpish, frumpy, unfashionable, drab, dull, old-fashioned, outmoded, out of style, not smart, inelegant, ill-dressed, shabby, scruffy, faded, untidy, dingy, frowzy, baron hugh caswall tremenheere dowding, dowding, hugh dowding, pandowdy

Dowdy as a Noun

Definitions of "Dowdy" as a noun

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

- *British marshal of the RAF who commanded the British air defense forces that defeated the Luftwaffe during the Battle of Britain (1882-1970).*
- *Deep-dish apple dessert covered with a rich crust.*

Synonyms of "Dowdy" as a noun (4 Words)

baron hugh caswall tremenheere dowding	A British peer of the lowest rank.
dowding	British marshal of the RAF who commanded the British air defense forces that defeated the Luftwaffe during the Battle of Britain (1882-1970).

hugh dowding	British marshal of the RAF who commanded the British air defense forces that defeated the Luftwaffe during the Battle of Britain (1882-1970).
pandowdy	A kind of spiced apple pudding baked in a deep dish. <i>Spoon bread and apple pandowdy.</i>

Dowdy as an Adjective

Definitions of "Dowdy" as an adjective

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

- *(of a person or their clothes) unfashionable and unstylish in appearance (typically used of a woman).*
- *Lacking in smartness or taste.*
- *Primly out of date.*

Synonyms of "Dowdy" as an adjective (17 Words)

dingy	(of color) discolored by impurities; not bright and clear. A dingy room.
drab	Lacking brightness or interest; drearily dull. Drab faded curtains.
dull	(of an edge or blade) blunt. Next morning dawned dull .
faded	Reduced in strength. The faded tones of an old recording.
frowzy	Scruffy and neglected in appearance. A frowzy drinking club.
frumpish	Primly out of date. The most frumpish wedding dress ever.
frumpy	Primly out of date. Frumpy shapeless dresses.
ill-dressed	Not well dressed.
inelegant	(of language) unpolished. An inelegant title.

not smart	Characterized by quickness and ease in learning.
old-fashioned	Out of fashion.
out of style	Knocked unconscious by a heavy blow.
outmoded	Old-fashioned. Outmoded ideas.
scruffy	Shabby and untidy. A teenager in scruffy jeans and a baggy T shirt.
shabby	Showing signs of wear and tear. Shabby treatment.
unfashionable	Unpopular and considered unappealing or unfashionable at the time. Unfashionable clothes.
untidy	Not inclined to keep one's possessions or appearance neat and in order. An untidy living room.

Usage Examples of "Dowdy" as an adjective

- She could achieve the kind of casual chic which made every other woman around her look dowdy.
- A dowdy grey outfit.
- A clean and sunny but completely dowdy room.

Associations of "Dowdy" (30 Words)

aged	Of wines fruit cheeses having reached a desired or final condition aged pronounced as one syllable. Young people aged 14 to 18.
aging	Acquiring desirable qualities by being left undisturbed for some time.
anachronistic	Chronologically misplaced. English public schools are anachronistic .
antediluvian	A very old person. Antediluvian ideas.
antiquate	Give an antique appearance to.
antiquated	Old-fashioned or outdated. This antiquated central heating system.
antique	Shop for antiques. An antiqued door.

antiquity	The historic period preceding the Middle Ages in Europe. <i>A church of great antiquity.</i>
astern	(of a ship or an airplane) behind. <i>The captain looked astern to see what the fuss was about.</i>
battered	Having suffered repeated violence from a spouse, partner, or parent. <i>He finished the day battered and bruised.</i>
bric-a-brac	Miscellaneous curios.
bygone	A thing dating from an earlier time. <i>Relics of a bygone age.</i>
classic	An artist who has created classic works. <i>Classic double breasted suit.</i>
dated	Old-fashioned. <i>A dated expression.</i>
diehard	A person who strongly opposes change or who continues to support something in spite of opposition. <i>My stepfather was a diehard Republican.</i>
elder	An official in the early Christian Church, or of various Protestant Churches and sects. <i>She was two years his elder.</i>
immemorial	Long past; beyond the limits of memory or tradition or recorded history. <i>An immemorial custom.</i>
mangy	Having mange. <i>A mangy old fur coat.</i>
obsolete	Cause a product or idea to become obsolete by replacing it with something new. <i>The disposal of old and obsolete machinery.</i>
outdated	Out of date; obsolete. <i>Outdated equipment.</i>
primeval	Of the earliest time in history. <i>A primeval desire.</i>
senescent	Growing old.
shopworn	Worn or faded from being on display in a store. <i>He brought out some shopworn lettuce.</i>
sparsity	The property of being scanty or scattered; lacking denseness.
superannuated	Outdated or obsolete through age or new developments. <i>He left the house for the support of twelve superannuated wool carders.</i>

<u>threadbare</u>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>Tatty rooms with threadbare carpets.</i>
timeworn	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>Parroting some timeworn axiom.</i>
traditionally	According to tradition; in a traditional manner. <i>A nation traditionally hostile to taxation.</i>
used	Having already been used. <i>Scrawling on the back of a used envelope.</i>
yore	Time long past.