

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)

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

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- *Primly out of date.*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

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	Primly out of date.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	Primly out of date.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

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

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

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

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