

Need another word that means the same as “makeshift”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “makeshift” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Makeshift” are: improvised, jury-rigged, temporary, provisional, standby, rough and ready, substitute, impromptu, extemporaneous, extempore, cobbled together, make-do, stopgap

Makeshift as a Noun

Definitions of "Makeshift" as a noun

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

- *Something contrived to meet an urgent need or emergency.*
- *A temporary substitute or device.*



Synonyms of "Makeshift" as a noun (2 Words)

make-do Something contrived to meet an urgent need or emergency.

stopgap Something contrived to meet an urgent need or emergency.
*Transplants are only a **stopgap** until more sophisticated alternatives can work.*



Makeshift as an Adjective

Definitions of "Makeshift" as an adjective

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

- *Acting as an interim and temporary measure.*
- *Done or made using whatever is available.*



Synonyms of "Makeshift" as an adjective (11 Words)

- cobbled together** Mentally and emotionally stable.
- extemporary** Spoken or done without preparation.
*An **extemporary** lecture.*
- extempore** Spoken or done without preparation.
*An **extempore** speech.*
- impromptu** Done without being planned, organized, or rehearsed.
*An **impromptu** speech.*
- improvised** Done or made using whatever is available.
*An **improvised** short speech.*
- jury-rigged** Done or made using whatever is available.
- provisional** Denoting the unofficial wings of the IRA and Sinn Fein established in 1969 and advocating terrorism.
*A **provisional** government.*

- rough and ready** Not carefully or expertly made.
- standby** Ready for emergency use.
*A **standby** generator.*
- substitute** Capable of substituting in any of several positions on a team.
***Substitute** coffee.*
- temporary** Not permanent; not lasting- James Thurber.
*Employed on a **temporary** basis.*



Usage Examples of "Makeshift" as an adjective

- *The rock served as a makeshift hammer.*
- *Arranging a row of chairs to form a makeshift bed.*

Associations of "Makeshift" (30 Words)

armistice	An agreement made by opposing sides in a war to stop fighting for a certain time; a truce. <i>The Italian government signed an armistice with the Allies.</i>
cessation	The fact or process of ending or being brought to an end. <i>The cessation of hostilities.</i>
discontinuance	The act of discontinuing or breaking off; an interruption (temporary or permanent).
ephemeral	An ephemeral plant. <i>The ephemeral joys of childhood.</i>
episodic	Occurring or appearing at usually irregular intervals. <i>Episodic in his affections.</i>
evanescent	Tending to vanish like vapor. <i>The evanescent Arctic summer.</i>
extemporaneous	With little or no preparation or forethought. <i>An extemporaneous speech.</i>
extempore	With little or no preparation or forethought. <i>An extempore skit.</i>
extemporize	Manage in a makeshift way; do with whatever is at hand. <i>He extemporized at the piano.</i>
fleeting	Lasting for a markedly brief time. <i>For a fleeting moment I saw the face of a boy.</i>
immediate	Immediately before or after as in a chain of cause and effect. <i>The immediate past.</i>
impromptu	With little or no preparation or forethought. <i>An impromptu speech.</i>
improvised	Done or made using whatever is available. <i>We slept on improvised beds.</i>
instant	Instant coffee. <i>Relief was instantaneous.</i>

momentary	Lasting for a very short time; brief. <i>A momentary lapse of concentration.</i>
offhand	Without previous thought or consideration. <i>I can't think of a better answer offhand.</i>
provisional	A provisional stamp. <i>Norman as yet had only a provisional licence.</i>
provisory	Subject to a proviso. <i>A provisory clause.</i>
relocation	The act of changing your residence or place of business. <i>The planned relocation of national headquarters to Warwickshire.</i>
sojourn	A temporary stay (e.g., as a guest). <i>Her sojourn in Rome.</i>
<u>spontaneous</u>	(of movement or activity in an organism) instinctive or involuntary. <i>The audience broke into spontaneous applause.</i>
spontaneously	Without advance preparation. <i>A surprising number of early pregnancies spontaneously abort.</i>
stopgap	A temporary way of dealing with a problem or satisfying a need. <i>Transplants are only a stopgap until more sophisticated alternatives can work.</i>
succinctness	Terseness and economy in writing and speaking achieved by expressing a great deal in just a few words.
temporary	A person employed on a temporary basis typically an office worker who finds employment through an agency. <i>Temporary housing.</i>
<u>tentative</u>	Unsettled in mind or opinion. <i>Just a tentative schedule.</i>
transience	The attribute of being brief or fleeting. <i>The transience of life and happiness.</i>
<u>transient</u>	Lasting a very short time. <i>Youth's transient beauty.</i>
transitory	Not permanent. <i>Love is transitory but it is eternal.</i>
<u>truce</u>	A state of peace agreed to between opponents so they can discuss peace terms. <i>The guerrillas called a three day truce.</i>