

Need another word that means the same as “manipulative”? Find 20 synonyms and 30 related words for “manipulative” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Manipulative” are: scheming, calculating, cunning, crafty, wily, shrewd, devious, designing, conniving, machiavellian, artful, guileful, slippery, slick, sly, unscrupulous, disingenuous, manual, done with one's hands, dexterous

Manipulative as an Adjective

Definitions of "Manipulative" as an adjective

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

- *Relating to manipulation of an object or part of the body.*
- *Skillful in influencing or controlling others to your own advantage.*
- *Exercising unscrupulous control or influence over a person or situation.*



Synonyms of "Manipulative" as an adjective (20 Words)

artful	Not straightforward or candid; giving a false appearance of frankness- David Cannadine. <i>Her artful wiles.</i>
calculating	Acting in a scheming and ruthlessly determined way. <i>The most calculating and selfish men in the community.</i>
<u>conniving</u>	Acting with a specific goal. <i>A heartless and conniving woman.</i>
crafty	(of something pleasurable) consumed or done in an unplanned, surreptitious way. <i>A crafty crook faked an injury to escape from prison.</i>
<u>cunning</u>	Having or showing skill in achieving one's ends by deceit or evasion. <i>A cunning baby.</i>

designing	Concealing crafty designs for advancing your own interest. <i>A designing little minx.</i>
<u>devious</u>	Showing a skilful use of underhand tactics to achieve goals. <i>They arrived at the town by a devious route.</i>
dexterous	Showing or having skill, especially with the hands. <i>Dexterous of hand and inventive of mind.</i>
<u>disingenuous</u>	Not straightforward or candid; giving a false appearance of frankness- David Cannadine. <i>An ambitious disingenuous philistine and hypocritical operator who exemplified the most disagreeable traits of his time.</i>
done with one's hands	Having finished or arrived at completion.
guileful	Marked by skill in deception. <i>A supremely guileful and deceptive politician.</i>
machiavellian	Of or relating to Machiavelli or the principles of conduct he recommended.
<u>manual</u>	Doing or requiring physical work. <i>Manual dexterity.</i>
scheming	Concealing crafty designs for advancing your own interest. <i>A scheming gold digger.</i>
shrewd	Mischievous; malicious. <i>A shrewd east wind.</i>
<u>slick</u>	Made slick by e g ice or grease. <i>A slick commercial.</i>
slippery	(of a word or concept) elusive in meaning because changing according to one's point of view. <i>Slippery sidewalks.</i>
<u>sly</u>	Marked by skill in deception. <i>A sly manipulative woman.</i>
<u>unscrupulous</u>	Having or showing no moral principles; not honest or fair. <i>Unscrupulous landlords might be tempted to harass existing tenants.</i>
wily	Skilled at gaining an advantage, especially deceitfully. <i>A wily old attorney.</i>



Usage Examples of "Manipulative" as an adjective

- *A manipulative skill.*
- *She was sly, selfish, and manipulative.*
- *The early manipulative techniques of a three-year-old child.*



Associations of "Manipulative" (30 Words)

artful	Not straightforward or candid; giving a false appearance of frankness. <i>An artful choice of metaphors.</i>
artfully	In a way that is clever or skilful and also cunning. <i>Body scanners are turning up artfully concealed items.</i>
astute	Having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage. <i>An astute businessman.</i>
catchy	Likely to attract attention. <i>A catchy title for a movie.</i>
<u>chicanery</u>	The use of deception or subterfuge to achieve one's purpose. <i>Storylines packed with political chicanery.</i>
controlling	Able to control or determine policy. <i>A controlling interest in the firm.</i>
<u>covert</u>	A feather covering the base of a main flight or tail feather of a bird. <i>Covert operations against the dictatorship.</i>
crafty	(of something pleasurable) consumed or done in an unplanned, surreptitious way. <i>A crafty crook faked an injury to escape from prison.</i>
<u>cunning</u>	Ingenious. <i>Cunning men often pass for wise.</i>
deceitful	Intended to deceive. <i>Smooth shining and deceitful as thin ice.</i>
difficult	Characterized by or causing hardships or problems. <i>A difficult economic climate.</i>
dominant	A dominant trait or gene. <i>This disorder is inherited as a dominant.</i>
<u>duplicity</u>	The state of being double. <i>The president was accused of duplicity in his dealings with Congress.</i>
<u>elusive</u>	Difficult to remember. <i>That elusive thing the soul.</i>
fraudulence	Something intended to deceive; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage.
guile	The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them). <i>He used all his guile and guts to free himself from the muddle he was in.</i>

humbug	Deceive; trick. <i>His comments are sheer humbug.</i>
impalpable	Imperceptible to the senses or the mind. <i>Impalpable shadows.</i>
ingenious	(of a machine or idea) cleverly and originally devised and well suited to its purpose. <i>An ingenious solution to the problem.</i>
machiavellian	Of or relating to Machiavelli or the principles of conduct he recommended.
secretive	(of a state or activity) characterized by the concealment of intentions and information. <i>She was very secretive about her past.</i>
shrewd	Mischievous; malicious. <i>She was shrewd enough to guess the motive behind his gesture.</i>
skulduggery	Underhand, unscrupulous, or dishonest behaviour or activities. <i>A firm that investigates commercial skulduggery.</i>
sly	Having or showing a cunning and deceitful nature. <i>Sly as a fox.</i>
slyly	In a way that suggests some secret knowledge that may be harmful or embarrassing; knowingly. <i>He slyly manipulates votes.</i>
trickery	The practice of deception. <i>The dealer resorted to trickery.</i>
tricky	Not to be trusted- James Agee. <i>Tricky Dick.</i>
twisted	(of a joint) injured by wrenching; sprained. <i>The crash left a trail of twisted metal across the carriageway.</i>
wile	The use of tricks to deceive someone (usually to extract money from them). <i>She didn't employ any feminine wiles to capture his attention.</i>
wily	Skilled at gaining an advantage, especially deceitfully. <i>His wily opponents.</i>

