

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)

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

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

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

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

