

Need another word that means the same as “messy”? Find 24 synonyms and 30 related words for “messy” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Messy” are: mussy, dirty, filthy, grubby, soiled, grimy, begrimed, disorderly, disordered, muddled, in a muddle, chaotic, confused, disorganized, in disarray, in turmoil, disarranged, convoluted, complex, intricate, tangled, tortuous, confusing, difficult**

## Messy as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Messy" as an adjective

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

- *Untidy or dirty.*
- *(of a situation) confused and difficult to deal with.*
- *Dirty and disorderly.*
- *Generating or involving mess.*



## Synonyms of "Messy" as an adjective (24 Words)

- begrimed** Blackened with ingrained dirt.  
*A miner's **begrimed** face.*
- chaotic** Completely unordered and unpredictable and confusing.  
*The political situation was **chaotic**.*
- complex** Denoting an ion or molecule in which one or more groups are linked to a metal atom by coordinate bonds.  
*A **complex** network of water channels.*
- confused** Mentally confused unable to think with clarity or act intelligently.  
*Bewildered and **confused**.*
- confusing** Bewildering or perplexing.  
*A **confusing** jumble of road signs.*
- convoluted** (especially of an argument, story, or sentence) extremely complex and difficult to follow.  
*The film is let down by a **convoluted** plot in which nothing really happens.*

<b>difficult</b>	Hard to control. <i>Lily could be <b>difficult</b>.</i>
<b>disarranged</b>	Having the arrangement disturbed; not in order. <i>Her <b>disarranged</b> hair.</i>
<b>disordered</b>	Lacking orderly continuity. <i>She went to comb her <b>disordered</b> hair.</i>
<b>disorderly</b>	In utter disorder. <i><b>Disorderly</b> conduct.</i>
<b><u>disorganized</u></b>	Unable to plan one's activities efficiently. <i>She s very muddled and <b>disorganized</b>.</i>
<b><u>filthy</u></b>	Characterized by obscenity. <i>It looked like being a <b>filthy</b> night.</i>
<b>grimy</b>	Covered with or characterized by grime. <i>The <b>grimy</b> industrial city.</i>
<b>grubby</b>	Thickly covered with ingrained dirt or soot. <i>The <b>grubby</b> business of selling arms.</i>
<b>in a muddle</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b>in disarray</b>	Holding office.
<b>in turmoil</b>	Currently fashionable.
<b>intricate</b>	Very complicated or detailed. <i>An <b>intricate</b> network of canals.</i>
<b>muddled</b>	Not arranged in order; untidy. <i>The <b>muddled</b> display of pictures has been taken down.</i>
<b>mussy</b>	Dirty and disorderly. <i>A <b>mussy</b> fussy bedroom.</i>
<b><u>soiled</u></b>	Soiled or likely to soil with dirt or grime. <i>A <b>soiled</b> T shirt.</i>
<b><u>tangled</u></b>	Highly complex or intricate and occasionally devious. <i>The <b>tangled</b> ropes.</i>
<b><u>tortuous</u></b>	Excessively lengthy and complex. <i>His <b>tortuous</b> reasoning.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Messy" as an adjective

- *His messy hair.*
- *A messy divorce.*
- *A child's messy eating habits.*
- *Stripping wallpaper can be a messy, time-consuming job.*



## Associations of "Messy" (30 Words)

<b>chaos</b>	The formless and disordered state of matter before the creation of the cosmos. <i>Snow caused <b>chaos</b> in the region.</i>
<b><u>chaotic</u></b>	Lacking a visible order or organization. <i>The political situation was <b>chaotic</b>.</i>
<b><u>clutter</u></b>	A confused multitude of things. <i>The attic is full of <b>clutter</b>.</i>
<b>crowding</b>	A situation in which people or things are crowded together. <i>He didn't like the <b>crowding</b> on the beach.</i>
<b>dirt</b>	A substance, such as mud or dust, that soils someone or something. <i>Michael threw a handful of <b>dirt</b> on to the coffin.</i>
<b>disheveled</b>	In disarray; extremely disorderly- Al Spiers. <i>Her clothing was <b>disheveled</b>.</i>

<b>disorder</b>	Bring disorder to. <i>Skin <b>disorders</b>.</i>
<b>disorderly</b>	Completely unordered and unpredictable and confusing. <i><b>Disorderly</b> youths.</i>
<b>distracted</b>	Unable to concentrate because one is preoccupied by something worrying or unpleasant. <i>Charlotte seemed too <b>distracted</b> to give him much attention.</i>
<b><u>filthy</u></b>	Vile; despicable. <i><b>Filthy</b> language.</i>
<b>grimy</b>	Thickly covered with ingrained dirt or soot. <i>The <b>grimy</b> industrial city.</i>
<b>jumble</b>	Be all mixed up or jumbled together. <i>His words <b>jumbled</b>.</i>
<b>lousy</b>	Teeming with (something regarded as undesirable). <i><b>Lousy</b> weather.</i>
<b>mess</b>	Have one's meals with a particular person especially as a member of an armed forces mess. <i>She replaced the jug and mopped up the <b>mess</b>.</i>
<b>muddle</b>	Mix (a drink) or stir (an ingredient) into a drink. <i><b>Muddle</b> the kiwi slices with the sugar.</i>
<b><u>promiscuous</u></b>	Casual and unrestrained in sexual behavior. <i><b>Promiscuous</b> teenagers.</i>
<b>rumple</b>	Become wrinkled or crumpled or creased. <i>She left her clothes in a <b>rumple</b> on the floor.</i>
<b>seamy</b>	Morally degraded. <i>A <b>seamy</b> sex scandal.</i>
<b>seedy</b>	Shabby and squalid. <i>A <b>seedy</b> district.</i>
<b>slipshod</b>	(of shoes) worn down at the heel. <i>He'd caused many problems with his <b>slipshod</b> management.</i>
<b>sloven</b>	A coarse obnoxious person.
<b>slovenly</b>	(especially of a person or action) careless; excessively casual. <i>A fat <b>slovenly</b> ex rock star.</i>
<b><u>smother</u></b>	A mass of something that stifles or obscures. <i>I dreamt a stranger was trying to kill me by <b>smothering</b> me with a pillow.</i>
<b>squalid</b>	Morally degraded. <i>A <b>squalid</b> attempt to save themselves from electoral embarrassment.</i>

- stinking** Very bad or unpleasant.  
*She is obviously **stinking** rich.*
- unclean** Dirty.  
*Wore an **unclean** shirt.*
- unkempt** (especially of a person) having an untidy or dishevelled appearance.  
*Wild **unkempt** hair.*
- untidy** Not inclined to keep one's possessions or appearance neat and in order.  
*The place was dreadfully **untidy**.*

