

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.*

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

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

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

