

Need another word that means the same as “motherly”? Find 17 synonyms for “motherly” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Motherly” are: maternal, maternalistic, protective, caring, loving, devoted, affectionate, fond, warm, tender, gentle, kind, kindly, comforting, understanding, compassionate, maternally

Motherly as an Adjective

Definitions of "Motherly" as an adjective

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

- *Of, resembling, or characteristic of a mother, especially in being caring, protective, and kind.*
- *Befitting a mother; warm and nurturing.*



Synonyms of "Motherly" as an adjective (16 Words)

- affectionate** Having or displaying warmth or affection.
*His **affectionate** nature.*
- caring** Displaying kindness and concern for others.
***Caring** friends.*
- comforting** Serving to improve a person's mood or restore a sense of physical well-being.
*A **comforting** bowl of soup.*
- compassionate** Showing or having compassion.
*She tried to sound **compassionate**.*
- devoted** (followed by `to') dedicated exclusively to a purpose or use.
*A **devoted** husband and father.*

<u>fond</u>	Having an affection or liking for. <i>He was not too fond of dancing.</i>
<u>gentle</u>	Marked by moderate steepness. Gentle rain.
kind	Agreeable, conducive to comfort. <i>Thanked her for her kind letter.</i>
<u>kindly</u>	Showing or motivated by sympathy and understanding and generosity. <i>He was a quiet kindly man.</i>
loving	Enjoying the specified activity or thing. <i>Her music loving son.</i>
maternal	(of feelings) typical of a caring mother; motherly. Maternal care.
maternalistic	Relating to or derived from one's mother.
<u>protective</u>	Intended to protect someone or something. Protective gloves are worn to minimize injury.
<u>tender</u>	Inclined to heel over easily under sail. <i>Pelargoniums are colourful but tender plants.</i>
understanding	Characterized by understanding based on comprehension and discernment and empathy. <i>People expect their doctor to be understanding.</i>
warm	Psychologically warm friendly and responsive. <i>Her fair colouring suited soft warm shades.</i>



Usage Examples of "Motherly" as an adjective

- *She held both her arms wide in a gesture of motherly love.*



Motherly as an Adverb

Definitions of "Motherly" as an adverb

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

- *In a maternal manner; as a mother.*



Synonyms of "Motherly" as an adverb (1 Word)

maternally In a maternal manner; as a mother.
*She loved her students almost **maternally**.*

