

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.*

fond	Having an affection or liking for. <i>He was not too fond of dancing.</i>
gentle	Marked by moderate steepness. Gentle rain.
kind	Agreeable, conducive to comfort. <i>Thanked her for her kind letter.</i>
kindly	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.
protective	Intended to protect someone or something. Protective gloves are worn to minimize injury.
tender	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**.*

