

Need another word that means the same as “threadbare”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “threadbare” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Threadbare” are: banal, commonplace, hackneyed, old-hat, shopworn, stock, timeworn, tired, trite, well-worn, worn, well worn, old, thin, holey, moth-eaten, mangy, ragged, frayed, tattered, battered**

## Threadbare as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Threadbare" as an adjective

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

- *Having the nap worn away so that the threads show through.*
- *Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse.*
- *(of an argument, excuse, idea, etc.) used so often that it is no longer effective.*
- *(of a person, building, or room) poor or shabby in appearance.*
- *(of cloth, clothing, or soft furnishings) becoming thin and tattered with age.*



## Synonyms of "Threadbare" as an adjective (21 Words)

<b>banal</b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>Songs with <b>banal</b> repeated words.</i>
<b>battered</b>	Damaged especially by hard usage. <i>The <b>battered</b> woman syndrome.</i>
<b>commonplace</b>	Not interesting or original; trite. <i>Unemployment was <b>commonplace</b> in his trade.</i>
<b>frayed</b>	Worn away or tattered along the edges. <i>The <b>frayed</b> collar of her old coat.</i>
<b>hackneyed</b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i><b>Hackneyed</b> old sayings.</i>
<b>holey</b>	Allowing passage in and out.
<b>mangy</b>	Having many worn or threadbare spots in the nap. <i>A girl in a <b>mangy</b> fur coat.</i>

<b>moth-eaten</b>	Worn or eaten away by (or as if by) moths.
<b>old</b>	Very familiar used for emphasis old adj skilled through long experience. <i>We moved back into our <b>old</b> house.</i>
<b>old-hat</b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse.
<b>ragged</b>	Having an irregular or uneven surface, edge, or outline. <i>A <b>ragged</b> coastline.</i>
<b>shopworn</b>	Worn or faded from being on display in a store. <i><b>Shopworn</b> merchandise at half price.</i>
<u><a href="#">stock</a></u>	Of a product or type of product usually kept in stock and thus regularly available for sale. <i>A <b>stock</b> item.</i>
<u><a href="#">tattered</a></u>	Worn to shreds; or wearing torn or ragged clothing. <i>An old woman in <b>tattered</b> clothes.</i>
<u><a href="#">thin</a></u>	Relatively thin in consistency or low in density not viscous. <i>Tall <b>thin</b> lettering.</i>
<b>timeworn</b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>Parroting some <b>timeworn</b> axiom.</i>
<b>tired</b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>A few boxes of <b>tired</b> vegetables.</i>
<u><a href="#">trite</a></u>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>His remarks were <b>trite</b> and commonplace.</i>
<b>well worn</b>	Wise or advantageous and hence advisable.
<b>well-worn</b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse.
<u><a href="#">worn</a></u>	Affected by wear; damaged by long use. <i>Looking care<b>worn</b> as she bent over her mending.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Threadbare" as an adjective

- *Tatty rooms with threadbare carpets.*
- *Threadbare rugs.*
- *We huddle round a cassette deck in a threadbare rehearsal room.*
- *Repeating threadbare jokes.*
- *The song was a tissue of threadbare clichés.*



## Associations of "Threadbare" (30 Words)

- aged** Used of tobacco aging as a preservative process aged is pronounced as one syllable.  
*Young people **aged** 14 to 18.*
- antediluvian** A very old person.  
*They maintain **antediluvian** sex role stereotypes.*
- antique** Make something resemble an antique by artificial means.  
*The **antique** fear that days would dwindle away to complete darkness.*
- banal** So lacking in originality as to be obvious and boring.  
*Songs with **banal** repeated words.*
- banality** The fact or condition of being banal; unoriginality.  
*There is an essential **banality** to the story he tells.*
- bathetic** Producing an unintentional effect of anticlimax.  
*The movie manages to be poignant without becoming **bathetic**.*

<b>battered</b>	Exhibiting symptoms resulting from repeated physical and emotional injury. <i>A <b>battered</b> old car.</i>
<b>classic</b>	An artist who has created classic works. <i>She made the <b>classic</b> mistake of choosing style over substance.</i>
<b>clothes</b>	Bedclothes. <i>He always bought his <b>clothes</b> at the same store.</i>
<b>commonplace</b>	A notable passage in a work copied into a commonplace book. <i>The usual <b>commonplace</b> remarks.</i>
<b>dowdy</b>	Lacking in smartness or taste. <i>She could achieve the kind of casual chic which made every other woman around her look <b>dowdy</b>.</i>
<b>dull</b>	Make dull or blunt. <i>A <b>dull</b> gaze.</i>
<b>hackneyed</b>	(of a phrase or idea) having been overused; unoriginal and trite. <i><b>Hackneyed</b> old sayings.</i>
<b>immemorial</b>	Originating in the distant past; very old. <i>An <b>immemorial</b> custom.</i>
<b>monotony</b>	Constancy of tone or pitch or inflection. <i>He had never grown accustomed to the <b>monotony</b> of his work.</i>
<b>obsolescence</b>	The process of becoming obsolete or outdated and no longer used. <i>A policy of planned <b>obsolescence</b>.</i>
<b>obsolete</b>	Cause a product or idea to become obsolete by replacing it with something new. <i><b>Obsolete</b> words.</i>
<b>old</b>	Past times especially in the phrase in days of old. <i><b>Old</b> country.</i>
<b>outdated</b>	Out of date; obsolete. <i><b>Outdated</b> equipment.</i>
<b>primeval</b>	(of emotion or behaviour) strongly instinctive and unreasoning. <i>The forest <b>primeval</b>.</i>
<b>shopworn</b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>He appraised his brown but slightly <b>shopworn</b> body in the mirror.</i>
<b>sparsity</b>	The property of being scanty or scattered; lacking denseness.
<b>stock</b>	A portion of a company's stock as held by an individual or group as an investment. <i>I need to replenish my <b>stock</b> of wine.</i>

<b>superannuated</b>	(of a post or employee) belonging to a superannuation scheme. <i>She is not <b>superannuated</b> and has no paid holiday.</i>
<b>timeworn</b>	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse. <i>Parroting some <b>timeworn</b> axiom.</i>
<b>traditionally</b>	As part of a long-established custom, practice, or belief; typically. <i>Behaviour that is <b>traditionally</b> associated with adolescence.</i>
<b><u>trite</u></b>	(of a remark or idea) lacking originality or freshness; dull on account of overuse. <i>This point may now seem obvious and <b>trite</b>.</i>
<b>used</b>	Previously used or owned by another. <i>Bought a secondhand or <b>used</b> car.</i>
<b>wear</b>	Have in one's aspect wear an expression of one's attitude or personality. <i><b>Wear</b> one's hair in a certain way.</i>
<b>yore</b>	Time long past.