

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)

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

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

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

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