

**dowdy**

1. ['dɑvdi] *n*  
 неряшливо *или* безвкусно одетая женщина

2. ['dɑvdi] *a*  
 1) неряшливо *или* безвкусно одетый  
 2) безвкусный; немодный; неизящный

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**dowdy** [dowdy dowdier dowdiest] *BrE* ['dɑvdi] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* ['dɑvdi] <sup>m</sup> **adjective**

(dow·dier, dow·di·est)

- (of a woman) not attractive or fashionable
  - He had a rather dowdy wife and several children.
- (of a thing) dull or boring and not attractive

**Syn:** ↑drab

- a dowdy dress

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (as a noun): from dowd 'a person of unfashionable and dull appearance'.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**dowdy** /'dɑvdi/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **adjective**

[**Date:** 1500-1600; **Origin:** dowd 'dull unattractive person' (14-20 centuries)]

- a dowdy woman is not attractive, because she wears dull and unfashionable clothes
- dowdy things are dull, unattractive, and unfashionable:
  - a dowdy dress

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RANGE: **8k** DOWDY <sup>269</sup>

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