

elegant

1. ['elɪɡənt] *n* *урон.*

щёголь, денди, модник

2. ['elɪɡənt] *a*

1. эlegantный, изящный

elegant room - со вкусом обставленная комната

to be elegant in dress - элегантно/со вкусом/ одеваться

2. утончённый, изысканный

a style elegant but not ostentatious - утончённый, но не вычурный стиль

to be elegant in taste [manner] - отличаться утончённым вкусом [-ыми манерами]

3. отточенный ясный, простой (*о формулировке, научном определении и т. п.*)

elegant proof/demonstration/ - красивое доказательство

4. *амер. разг.* отличный, первоклассный

◇ elegant arts - изящные искусства

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ele·gant *BrE* ['elɪɡənt] ^m *NAmE* ['elɪɡənt] ^m **adjective**

1. (*of people or their behaviour*) attractive and showing a good sense of style

Syn: †stylish

• She was tall and elegant.

2. (*of clothes, places and things*) attractive and designed well

Syn: †stylish

• an elegant dress

• an elegant room/restaurant

3. (*of a plan or an idea*) clever but simple

• an elegant solution to the problem

Derived Words †elegance ▫ †elegantly

Word Origin:

late 15th cent.: from French, or from Latin **elegans**, **elegant-**, related to **eligere** 'choose, select', from **e-** (variant of **ex-**) 'out' + **legere** 'to pick'.

Thesaurus:

elegant [**elegance** **elegant** **elegantly**] **adj.**

• She was tall, slim and elegant.

stylish • • **well-dressed** • • **graceful** • • **fashionable** • • **glamorous** • • **classic** • |especially *BrE* **smart** •

Opp: inelegant

a/an elegant/stylish/well-dressed/graceful/fashionable/glamorous/smart **woman**

a/an elegant/well-dressed/fashionable/smart **man**

a/an elegant/stylish/fashionable/glamorous/classic/smart **dress**

a/an elegant/stylish/fashionable/smart **restaurant**

Example Bank:

- the artist's supremely elegant portraits of society beauties
- the beautifully elegant spire of the church
- the foyer of an impossibly elegant Paris hotel
- the quietly elegant wives of the directors
- Guests can dine and relax in comfortable elegant surroundings.
- She was looking for something cool and elegant to wear.
- She was tall, slim and elegant.
- The beautifully elegant spire rises to a height of 80 metres.

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ele·gant /'eləɡənt, 'elɪɡənt/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **adjective**

[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** French; **Origin:** Latin **elegans** 'specially chosen as being of good quality', from **eligere**; ⇒ †**elect** †]

1. beautiful, attractive, or graceful:

▪ a tall, elegant young woman

▪ You can dine in elegant surroundings.

2. an idea or a plan that is elegant is very intelligent yet simple:

▪ an elegant solution to the problem

—**elegantly** *adverb*

—**elegance** *noun* [uncountable]:

▪ the style and elegance of the designs

THESAURUS

■ **place/thing etc**

▪ **beautiful** used to describe something that looks, feels, sounds etc so good that it gives you a lot of pleasure: a beautiful tropical beach | a beautiful song | The weather was beautiful.

- **lovely** *especially British English spoken* used when saying that something looks, feels, or sounds very nice: What a lovely day! | a lovely voice | a lovely perfume
- **pretty** pleasant to look at – often used about things that are not big or impressive: a pretty little pink dress | a pretty village
- **attractive** pleasant to look at. **Attractive** sounds more formal than **pretty**: an attractive white-painted cottage with green shutters | an attractive city
- **magnificent** very big, beautiful, and impressive – used about buildings, objects, and views: The Taj Mahal always looks magnificent. | a magnificent Persian carpet | There were magnificent views over the old city.
- **picturesque** *written* pleasant to look at – used in written descriptions of towns, buildings, and places: the picturesque harbour town of Castleton | Regensburg Cathedral occupies a picturesque position on the River Danube in Bavaria.
- **stunning/breathtaking** extremely beautiful and impressive – used especially about views: All around is a stunning view of Cape Town. | The landscape is breathtaking.
- **exquisite** /ɪk'skwɪzət, ɪk'skwɪzɪt, 'ekskwɪ-/ used to describe things that have very beautiful small details, especially things that have been made with a lot of skill: an exquisite piece of jewellery | an exquisite flower | an exquisite picture of a bird of paradise
- **elegant** designed in a way that looks very attractive and has a lot of style: an elegant Neo-Classical building | a long and elegant staircase

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