

# handy

[ˈhændi] *a*

1. ловкий, умелый; проворный

to be handy at smth., to be handy at /in/ doing smth. - уметь делать что-л, быть искусным в чём-л.

she is handy with the needle - она хорошо шьёт

he is handy in the house - он всё умеет делать по дому

2. удобный (для пользования); портативный

handy volume - небольшой /удобный для пользования/ том

3. легко управляемый

handy ship - манёвренный корабль

4. близкий, находящийся под рукой

to keep smth. handy - держать что-л. под рукой

the post-office is handy - почта рядом

◇ to come in handy - прийтись кстати; удачно подвернуться

that would come in very handy - это будет очень кстати

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**handy** [**handy handier handiest**] *BrE* [ˈhændi] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [ˈhændi] <sup>m</sup> **adjective**

(**hand-ier**, **handi-est**)(*informal*)

1. easy to use or to do

**Syn:** ↑useful

• a handy little tool

• **handy hints/tips** for removing stains

• a handy-sized dictionary

2. **not before noun** located near to sb/sth; located or stored in a convenient place

• Always keep a first-aid kit handy.

• Have you got a pen handy?

• ~ (**for sth/for doing sth**) (*BrE*) Our house is very handy for the station.

3. **not before noun** skilful in using your hands or tools to make or repair things

• to be handy around the house

• to be handy with a sewing machine

**see also** ↑handily

**Idiom:** ↑come in handy

**Derived Word** ↑handiness

## Example Bank:

- Always keep a cloth handy to wipe up any mess.
- I advise you to buy one— it may come in handy one day.
- Lucy is quite handy with a drill!
- My new house is very handy for the station.
- The arrangement was handy for both of us.
- The house was near Drury Lane, very handy for the theatre.
- Take your penknife— you never know when it might come in handy.
- The introductory booklet contains some handy tips for getting started.
- The wire brush is very handy for cleaning up old iron and steel.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**handy** **S3** /ˈhændi/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **adjective** (*comparative handier, superlative handiest*)

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑hand, ↑handful; **adjective:** ↑underhand, ↑handy; **verb:** ↑hand; **adverb:** ↑handily]

1. useful:

▪ It's quite a handy little tool.

▪ It's very handy having a light above your desk.

▪ Take your swimming trunks with you – they might come in handy (=be useful).

2. **informal** near and easy to reach:

▪ I always keep my gun handy just in case.

▪ Do you have a piece of paper handy?

**handy for British English:**

▪ The house was in Drury Lane, very handy for the theatre.

3. good at using something, especially a tool

**handy with**

▪ He's very handy with a screwdriver.

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## THESAURUS

- **useful** something that is useful makes it easier for you to do something: He gave me some useful advice. | a useful thing to know
- **handy informal** useful – used especially about something that is convenient and easy to use: a handy little booklet | The book is full of handy hints. | I always keep old jars – you never know when they might come in handy (=be useful).
- **helpful** useful because it helps you to do something: This drug can be helpful in treating depression. | helpful advice | helpful suggestions
- **of use [not before noun]** if someone or something is of use, they are useful for you when you are doing something: I hope you'll

find the book of use. | He wants to be of use.

- **worthwhile** if doing something is worthwhile, it is useful for you and you benefit from doing it: The training was certainly worthwhile. | a worthwhile experience | It is worthwhile to start by asking ourselves why people get involved in crime.

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