

intricate1. [ˈɪntrɪkɪt] *a*

- запутанный, сложный, замысловатый, затруднительный
 intricate pattern - сложная /замысловатая/ выкройка
 intricate directions - путанные /неясные/ указания
 an intricate piece of machinery - сложная деталь машины
 intricate problem - сложная /неоднозначная/ проблема

2. [ˈɪntrɪkeɪt] *v редк.*

усложнять, запутывать

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

in-tri-cate *BrE* [ˈɪntrɪkət] ^u *NAmE* [ˈɪntrɪkət] ^u **adjective**

having a lot of different parts and small details that fit together

- intricate patterns
- an intricate network of loyalties and relationships

Derived Word ↑ **intricately**

Word Origin:

[**intricate intricately**] late Middle English: from Latin **intricat-** 'entangled', from the verb **intricare**, from **in-** 'into' + **tricae** 'tricks, perplexities'.

Example Bank:

- an amazingly intricate structure
- It is difficult to describe the intricate network of loyalties and relationships.
- The building has intricate geometric designs on several of the walls.

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in tri-cate /ˈɪntrɪkət, ˈɪntrɪkɪt/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **adjective**

[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** past participle of **intricare** 'to mix up in a complicated way', from **tricae** 'small unimportant things, things that get in your way']

containing many small parts or details that all work or fit together ⇔ **complex** :

^u intricate patterns

—intricately *adverb*:

^u intricately woven fabric

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- **complicated** consisting of a lot of different parts or details and therefore difficult to understand: The rules of the game seemed very complicated. | I didn't realize programming the VCR would be so complicated. | The brain is like a very powerful, very complicated computer. | a complicated issue
- **complex** a complex process, relationship etc is difficult to understand because it has a lot of parts that are all connected in different ways: The chemical processes involved are extremely complex. | the complex relationship between government and the media
- **elaborate** having a lot of parts or details and very carefully planned, but often more complicated than is necessary: Mike had worked out an elaborate system for categorizing his collection of DVDs. | The plan to kidnap her had become even more elaborate. | Sociologists have been coming up with increasingly elaborate theories to explain unsafe sexual practices.
- **involved** very long and complicated – use this especially about something that you think should be made simpler: The system for choosing candidates is very involved, and I won't go into it here. | Adopting a child can be a long involved process.
- **convoluted** too complicated and difficult to understand – used especially about someone's language or arguments, or about a system: convoluted sentences | Procedures for government funding have become more convoluted. | James's books are full of long paragraphs and convoluted sentences, which many people do not find appealing.
- **intricate** having a lot of small parts or details – used especially about something that is cleverly designed or made: Lasers are used to cut intricate designs in the metal. | The farmers use an intricate system of drainage canals. | the intricate workings of a watch | intricate patterns of coloured marble

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