

deft[deft] *a*

ловкий, искусный; проворный

deft fingers - ловкие пальцы

deft waiter - расторопный официант

of deft tongue - острый на язык

she is a deft hand with the needle - она искусно шьёт /вышивает/

deft

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

deft [deft defter deftest] *BrE* [deft] ^u *NAmE* [deft] ^u **adjective****1.** (of a person's movements) skilful and quick• **deft hands/fingers/footwork**

• He finished off the painting with a few deft strokes of the brush.

• In one, deft movement, he had her hand locked behind her back.

2. skilful

• her deft command of the language

Derived Words ↑deftly ▪ ↑deftnessWord Origin:

Middle English: variant of ↑daft, in the obsolete sense 'meek'.

deft

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

deft /deft/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u **adjective** *written*

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: daft]

1. a deft movement is skilful, and often quick:

" He sketched her with quick, deft strokes.

" deft footwork

2. skilful at doing something **SYN** adept:

" his deft chairmanship of the company

—deftly *adverb*—deftness *noun* [uncountable]**deft**

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