

adorn [ə'dɔ:n] *v*

1. 1) украшать
to adorn a room with flowers - украшать комнату цветами
to adorn oneself with fine clothes - наряжаться
 - 2) служить украшением
to adorn the stage - быть украшением сцены
2. приукрашивать, привирать
he adorned his story with adventures that never happened - он расцвелит свой рассказ приключениями, которых никогда не было

adorn [adorn adorns adorned adorning] *BrE* [ə'dɔ:ɹ̩] *NAmE* [ə'dɔ:ɹ̩] *verb*

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often passive (formal)

to make sth/sb look more attractive by decorating it or them with sth

- ~ **sth/sb** Gold rings adorned his fingers.
- (ironic) Graffiti adorned the walls.
- ~ **sth/sb/yourself with sth** The walls were adorned with paintings.
- The children adorned themselves with flowers.

Derived Word **↑adornment**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	adorn
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'dɔ:n/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'dɔ:m/
he / she /it	adorns
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'dɔ:nz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'dɔ:mz/
past simple, past participle	adorned
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'dɔ:nd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'dɔ:md/
-ing form	adorning
	<i>BrE</i> /ə'dɔ:nɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /ə'dɔ:mɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: via Old French from Latin **adornare**, from ad- 'to' + ornare 'deck, furnish'.

adorn *a* [dɔ:n] *BrE* *AmE* *verb* [transitive]

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: adorer, from Latin adornare, from ad- 'to' + ornare 'to decorate']

formal to decorate something

adorn something with something

church walls adorned with religious paintings

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adorn 581

adorns 190

adorned 1328

unadorned 376

adorning 205

adornment 269

adornments 152

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