

# embellish

[ɪmˈbɛlɪʃ] v

- украшать, разукрашивать  
to embellish a dress with lace and ribbons - оживить /отделать/ платье кружевами и лентами  
the book was embellished with /by/ drawings - книгу украшали рисунки
- приукрашивать (*выдумкой*), привирать  
to embellish a story with details - присочинить подробности
- наделять красотой, делать красивым

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**em·bel·lish** [embellish embellishes embellished embellishing] BrE [ɪmˈbɛlɪʃ]

“ NAmE [ɪmˈbɛlɪʃ] ” verb (formal)

- ~ sth to make sth more beautiful by adding decorations to it

Syn: ↑decorate

- The huge carved door was embellished with brass door knockers.

- ~ sth to make a story more interesting by adding details that are not always true

Syn: ↑embroider

- His account of his travels was embellished with details of famous people he met.

Derived Word ↑embellishment

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	embellish
	BrE /ɪmˈbɛlɪʃ/
	NAmE /ɪmˈbɛlɪʃ/
he / she / it	embellishes
	BrE /ɪmˈbɛlɪʃɪz/
	NAmE /ɪmˈbɛlɪʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	embellished
	BrE /ɪmˈbɛlɪʃt/
	NAmE /ɪmˈbɛlɪʃt/
-ing form	embellishing
	BrE /ɪmˈbɛlɪʃɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪmˈbɛlɪʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **embelliss-**, lengthened stem of **embellir**, based on **bel** 'handsome', from Latin **bellus**.

Example Bank:

- embellished with gold lettering/golden embroidery/jewellery/precious metal/sweeping chintz curtains

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**em·bel·lish** /ɪmˈbɛlɪʃ/ BrE “ AmE “ verb [transitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: embelir, from bel 'beautiful']

- to make something more beautiful by adding decorations to it **SYN** decorate

embellish something with something

- The dress was embellished with gold threads.

- to make a story or statement more interesting by adding details that are not true **SYN** embroider :

- She gave an embellished account of what had happened.

—embellishment noun [uncountable and countable]

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