

While adverbs can move around, adjectives have a specific order. Sometimes called the Royal Order of Adjectives, the following diagram will help you place the right descriptor in the right place. Remember that if the noun takes an article (a, an, the) or some other limiter (your, my...), then the article/limiter goes before the first adjective.

Adjectives are placed in the order of **opinion, dimension, shape, age, color, origin, material, qualifier** and end with the noun.

Opinion	Dimension	Shape	Age	Color	Origin	Material	Qualifier
(ugly, mean, nice, smart, free, beautiful, cheap)	(thin, fat, thick, wide, deep)	(round, oval, oblong, angular)	(ancient, old, young)	(orange, red, green, blue)	(European, Roman, African)	(tin, cotton, brass, paper)	(a noun that is closely related to the main noun)

So imagine you have a party dress that is angular, cheap, cotton, and red. Here is how you would order these adjectives:

<i>cheap</i>	<i>angular</i>			<i>red</i>		<i>cotton</i>	<i>party</i>
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You would have a **cheap angular red cotton party** dress.

Many would add that this dress would be ugly. If you add ugly, then we have two adjectives with the same order of importance. In these cases you separate the two with a comma.

We now have an **ugly, cheap angular red cotton party** dress.

Or we have a **cheap, ugly angular red cotton party** dress.

Also, it is rare to have more than three adjectives that describe a noun. While it is more fun to describe the ugly dress in all its horrendous glory, in reality it is probably just an ugly red cotton dress.