

MĂRȚIȘOR

Mărțișor is a traditional Romanian celebration of the coming of spring. It is celebrated on the March 1st every year. The day's name is the diminutive of March (in Romanian *Martie*), and thus means something like "little" or "dear March". Its origins are old and mention of this exists in the Roman celebrations of Mars, the god of fertility and vegetation.

Mărțișor is also the name of a talisman object consisting of a small decoration or jewel tied to a white and red string, symbolizing the coming of spring. The small decoration can be something like a flower, an animal or a heart and it is offered to women by men on this day. However, giving a little nickel tied to a red and white string is an old custom and was originally designated for both men and women. It was believed that the one who wears the red and white string would be powerful and healthy for the year to come. The decoration is a symbol of the coming spring like the holiday itself. A woman wears it pinned to her blouse on this day and up to two weeks after. In some parts of the country, women also give such gifts to men. A duality of symbols is kept in the colours of the Mărțișor: white - the colour of winter and red - the colour of spring. It might also symbolize peace and war, or love and purity/divinity.

Mom's Day is the most wonderful part this spring
Amazing smells in the air
Rose petals on my porch
Tiny flowers in the trees
Inspiring landscapes through the window
Spring spirit in our souls
Overnight thoughts
Reach minds full of hope.

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Martisor

Lovely, beautiful

Loving, liking, celebrating

Heart, couple, love, beauty

Hating, crying, dancing

Scary, ugly

Hatred

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