



## **Hanging Wreaths on Doors**

In Ancient Rome the people who lived there believed that the wreaths were a sign of victory. Today people think that this is where the hanging the wreaths on doors comes from. During the December darkness of Eastern Europe, people gathered wreaths of evergreen and lit fires as a sign of hope for light in the spring. In Germany, Christians took this symbolism and made wreaths during Advent looking forward to Jesus' birth. This tradition spread throughout Europe and that is why we have wreaths in England now.

Some people make their own wreaths or you can buy them made out of plastic. Most people hang them on their front doors.

Many years ago wreaths used to be made out of candles four round the outside and a fifth on in the middle. Three would be violet and the other one rose coloured.