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A wreath is an assortment of flowers, leaves, fruits, twigs or various materials that is constructed to resemble a ring.

In English-speaking countries, wreaths are used typically as household ornaments, mainly as Christmas decorations. They are also used in ceremonial events in many cultures around the globe.

Wreaths have much history and symbolism associated with them. They are usually made from evergreens and symbolize strength, as evergreens last even throughout the harshest winters.

In the early days in Europe, people would put wreaths on their doors to identify their home in the same manner that house numbers are used today. Each house would have a different wreath made of exotic flowers, most likely grown by the home owner right on their own land. Today, wreaths are a common custom in New England, with a different wreath for each season.

In Ancient Greece, the wreath was given to Olympic champions as a trophy of their accomplishments. Later, head wreaths signified royalty or social standing. When hung on a door, a wreath symbolizes a welcoming greeting.

HOW TO MAKE A BALLOON BIRTHDAY WREATH



First you need balloons, 2 bags of 72 balloons. You need 1½ to 2 inch balloons.

You also need:

1. 2 **greening pin packs** – found at craft stores in the artificial plant section.
2. And a **straw wreath** – leave the plastic on so it doesn't shed.



You just take a greening pin, stick the balloon in the middle...



and stick it to the straw wreath.



Push it in nice and tight.



Do this over and over *and over* until the whole wreath is filled in colorful balloons!



What a way to welcome the birthday person with COLOR!



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