

BELTANE MAY TREE RITUAL

During this ritual, a tree (or bush) is decorated with colorful ribbons, each representing a personal aspiration (or “wish”) or thing you are grateful to the gods for.

For this ritual, you will need colored ribbon (or scraps of fabric) and a marker. Chose a tree (or bush) in your natural environment (indoor plants can be used if necessary) that will become your “May tree.”

Before the ritual, each person writes their thanks and wishes on a ribbon (or fabric) of corresponding color. These can be personal or for someone else as long as the intention is pure. Corresponding colors for ribbons are as follows:

- White- peace, harmony, protection
 - Black- safety, dispelling negative energy
 - Brown- to bless home/house or pets
 - Blue- healing, wisdom, forgiveness
 - Green- good fortune, prosperity, fertility
 - Yellow- happiness, intelligence, creativity
 - Orange- ambition, courage, vitality
 - Red- love, strength, career
 - Pink- friendship, beauty, compassion
 - Purple- divination, foresight, spirituality
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Once everyone has charged their ribbons, take turns tying them to your May tree. This should be done with intention and joy; dance, sing, play music- whatever helps you raise positive vibrations and celebrate the gods. Once all the ribbons are on the tree, come together, each place a hand on your tree and repeat the following words:

We thank you, God and Goddess
For all that you have given
And that which you have yet to give
We dedicate this May tree
With perfect love and perfect trust
As the wheel continues to turn
May all be blessed by your union

Once you have finished saying thanks, ask the tree for one last gift and remove a small branch or few twigs. Bundle them together and hang them over your doorway for luck, leaving them for the duration of May.

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