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## ANNIVERSARIES AND WHAT THEY MEAN

Anniversary celebrations began in medieval times when people celebrated 25 and 50 years of marriage. A husband would crown his wife with a wreath of silver for 25 years and of gold for 50.

The tradition of gold and silver wedding anniversaries has stuck, but there is now a long list of other named anniversaries to accompany them. Each represents a different facet of the couple's commitment, the stage their relationship is at and the number of years they have been together.

The most popular anniversaries celebrated today and what they mean are listed below.

Anniversary	Meaning	Anniversary	Meaning
1st	Paper	14th	Ivory
2nd	Cotton	15th	Crystal
3rd	Leather	20th	China
4th	Linen	25th	Silver
5th	Wood	30th	Pearl
6th	Iron	40th	Ruby
7th	Wool	45th	Sapphire
8th	Bronze	50th	Gold
9th	Pottery	55th	Emerald
10th	Tin	60th	Diamond
11th	Steel	70th	Platinum
12th	Silk	75th	Diamond
13th	Lace		

### Did you know?

The Queen sends out congratulatory messages to British citizens at home and abroad on their 60th, 65th and 70th anniversaries, and each one thereafter.

To receive yours, you need to complete a form and send it no sooner than three weeks prior to the anniversary date to: The Anniversaries Office, Buckingham Palace, London SW1A 1AA. You can download the form from the Internet at <http://www.royalinsight.gov.uk>.