



On March 1st Bulgarians _____ Baba Marta ("Grandmother Marta") – a _____ Bulgarian tradition.

According to Bulgarian _____ and traditions, March is the _____ when spring begins and the first day of the month is a traditional holiday associated with sending off _____ and welcoming spring.

On this day local people give each other a special amulet called '*martenitsa*' (a small piece of adornment, made of _____ and red woolen, cotton or silk threads) and wish to everybody "Chestita Baba Marta" for health and _____. A typical *martenitsa* consists of two woolen _____ tied up together – *Pizho* and *Penda*.

People wear *martenitsi* until the end of the month (or if the person sees for the first time a _____, swallow or bloomed tree), and then it is attached to a _____ as a decoration.

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