



Birth and Death Traditions of Lithuania

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Birth traditions

The nurse shows the baby to the father and mother when he's wrapped in diapers on a worn-out canvas so that he would not tear clothes when he grow up. Then poured a drink to the continent wishing the earth fertility, and wish the baby the happiness.





Gift

People only can gift the wooden horse toy for the newborn, because it's an symbol of luck.





It's a bad sign to give a name
to the baby, before he is born.
And you can't give the same
name to the baby as someone
else in the family, because it
will bring bad luck.



Death traditions

At the funeral, people wears only black clothes and brings white flowers, which means the after-life.



People have 3 days to say goodbye to the dead family member. On the last day churches sing, sing prayers. When a coffin is carried from the church, a photograph of the deceased is carried in front of it.





Birth traditions in Poland

Old traditions

In the past people believed in a evil, bad powers. They thought that pregnant woman is on the border of two worlds. They thought that a child comes from another world.

During child birth, the woman was completely isolated. They believed that the best day for childbirth in Podkarpacie is Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. A child born on Friday was to lead a hard life.





The pregnant woman could not perform certain activities, because these could have a bad influence on the child. They included:

- no looking through the keyhole*
- no walking under the string*
- no wearing corals*





Baptism

Ceremonial and after that
family get together and
celebrate





Red ribbon

According to traditional beliefs, the red ribbon is one of the most powerful protective amulets. It was believed that the color red protected every living human being.