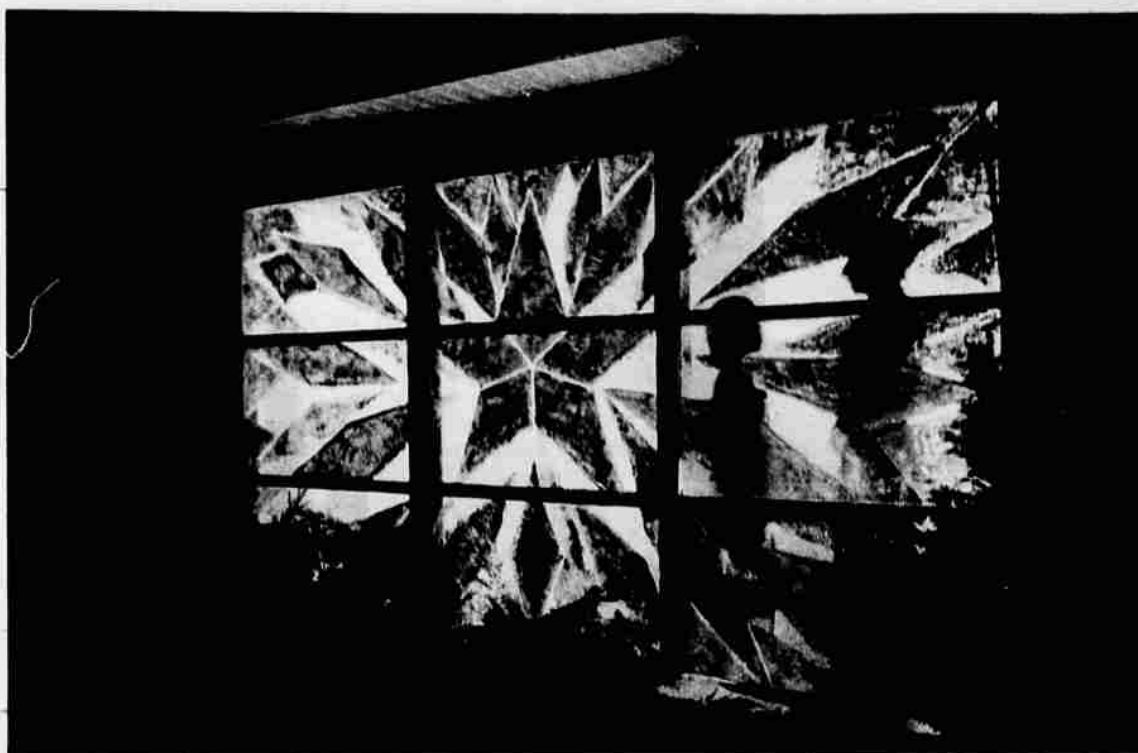


Paint a picture window to look like stained glass. Draw the star design with cake soap, fill in with colorful suds. Candle design below stands out in smaller window or on a mirror.



Holiday Art—with Soap

It's easy to do and fun for the whole family

DECORATING the house for the holidays has a way of bringing out the artist in every member of the family. And we've discovered a wonderful new medium for do-it-yourself Christmas designs that needs nothing more than a bowl of soapsuds and a free-ranging imagination.

You can paint a picture window to look like stained glass with soapsuds mixed with tempera colors (it washes off with a sponge)—or, with a thicker mixture, model snowballs, snow men, and handsome table decorations that dry to last as long as you want them.

We asked the internationally famed designer Tom Lee to make the designs on this page. But you can make up your own, copying the traditional holly

wreaths and candles or creating abstract designs like the lovely radiating star on the window above.

Suds Recipes

For painting: Pour several cups of packaged soap (or detergent) and a small quantity of water in a bowl. Blend with an electric or hand beater until mixture is a whipped-cream texture.

Divide suds into as many bowls as there are colors to be used. Add tempera paint—or food coloring—and apply with a paintbrush. (Preliminary design can be outlined with cake soap.)

For modeling: Stir enough soap detergent into the creamy mixture to give it the consistency of soft clay.



Use simple designs for single windows like the ones shown above. They are fun for the children to make, look gay inside and out.

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Table ornaments below are fashioned with thick suds. Angel heads top paper-covered bottles. The gift decorations are made with cookie press and pastry tube.

