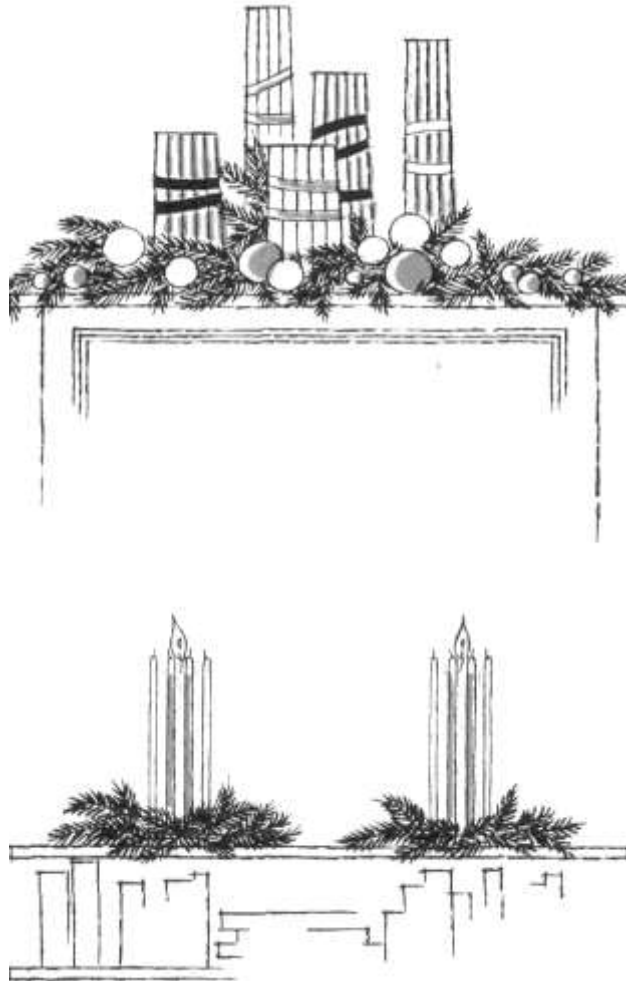


Candles represent Christmas; the more of them the better. Let them be the entire motif for your mantle, a chest or sideboard, or the tops of bookcases. Use many of different sizes, each size and color bound together with ribbon, and arranged among greens and bright ornaments. Or, make candle groupings that resemble huge peppermint sticks; start with two of the thickest, largest, red candles you can find. Set each into a separate blob of clay, and surround each with narrow white tapers, arranged with a narrow space between each taper and placed an inch or so out from the red candle. Light the inner candle first, and as it burns, the tapers, still unlit, will cast pretty shadows.



*Candle groupings give the feeling of Christmas*