Novel Candles Spread Christmas Cheer

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NEW and unusual candles supplement the Christmas theme this year.

The holiday shopper will find candle figurines of cherubs, choir boys and angels. Either a wax caroler holding a small taper in each hand or a snow man with a wick extending from his pack or from the top of his derby lends Christmas cheer to any table.

Five pointed stars which stand upright and have a wick in one point are featured in holiday displays. Barber pole candles of red and white wax rise from bases of holly and pine cones.

A pillar candle which is star-shaped instead of round has been cast with a red wax cylinder within the white outer layer. As the wick burns, red wax drips over the white.

Several designs include bases of wax. Candles resembling Christmas trees covered with snow are supported by a wax standard. Pine trees of transparent "Christmas white" rise from star-shaped bases. Wicks take the place of handles on bell-shaped candles which have bases of wax pine cones.

Cylinder tapers, attached to standards resembling wreaths, are entwined with wax holly in contrasting colors and a Santa Claus candle finds its support on a chimney of red wax.

Candles of the patriotic theme are cast in cylindrical shapes of red, white and blue stripes. Three tapers of flag colors are twisted together at the base and fit into a holder to give a triple effect.

Christmas themes in floating candles include poinsettias and stars which may be lighted and floated around a bouquet. New shallow flower containers made from pottery or glass are especially well suited for this use when the flower arrangement is simple.