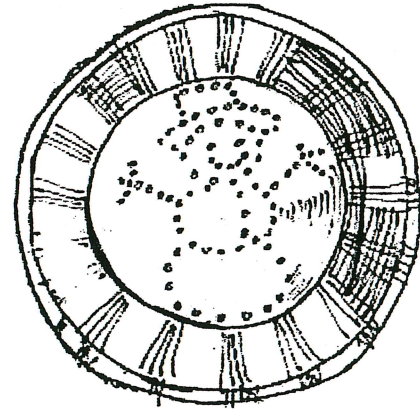


## Make a Punched-Tin Picture

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Maybe you've seen a pierced-tin lantern or candle sconce in the Village (or in our Museum Gift Shop). Here's a simple way to turn an aluminum pie plate into a holiday wall-hanging using the same kind of tin-punching technique.

First, get an aluminum pie plate--the bigger the better. (Check with someone at home to make sure it's OK to use as a wall hanging; once you punch it full of holes it's no good for making pies!)



With a pencil, draw a picture or a pretty design (a Christmas tree, a snowflake, a holiday candle) on a piece of paper that fits into the bottom of the pie plate.



Tape the piece of paper to the bottom of the plate. *Be sure to put the pie plate on a scrap of wood or a piece of heavy cardboard!* Then, using a good-sized nail (about 3 inches long) and a hammer, gently punch nail holes about every 1/2 inch or so along the lines until you've traced everything.

Peel off the paper and hang your pie plate on the wall--or in the window--for some sparkly seasonal decorations!