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The people who live in glass houses

Inspired by church windows at this time of year, or looking for ways to bring light into your home? *Emily Brooks* has the answers

Stained glass is one of the emblems of Christmas. There's no better way to be uplifted by the nativity story than via this ancient decorative art. The medium is carried through into our festive decorations, with handblown baubles and multicoloured fairy lights. Coordinating schemes might be the tasteful choice for the rest of the year, but at Christmas

Window shopping: Jean-Michel Othoniel's work for Angoulême Cathedral, main; Purifrost window film, below, is £45

it's perfectly acceptable to unleash a whole rainbow of shades inside your home. This year, tableware designers such as Waterford have gone kaleidoscopic, bringing out cut glass in all shades that looks best when mixed and matched. With limited levels of light at this time of year, an accessory or two made from coloured glass can bring cheer to a room, glowing warmly as it catches the low winter sun.

Stained glass has provided plenty of inspiration lately for cutting-edge designers, who have made a traditional technique suitable for highly modern tastes.

Patricia Urquiola and Federico Pepe's Credenza furniture collection for the chic Milan design gallery Spazio Pontaccio is made by the same artisans who work on Italy's ecclesiastical stained glass, but is strongly contemporary and graphic, based on circles filled with jagged shapes.

The Brazilian Campana brothers launched the Aquário sideboard with the

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GLASS HALF FULL

Jodi non-electric pendant with multicoloured droppers
£54, by Dår Lighting (darlighting.co.uk)



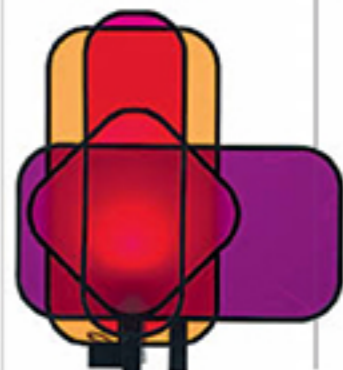
Glug jug
£45, by I & J.L Brown (ijlbrown.com)



Lime Tree coffee table
£5,195, by Tree Couture (treecouture.co.uk)



Chroma table lamp
£1,030, by Roche Bobois (roche-bobois.com)



Half and half jug
£85, by Waterford (waterford.co.uk)

