



Design Tips From Anna

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Christmas Tree Decorating 101:

1. The Tree:

- Pick a perfectly shaped tree or buy an artificial one
- If working with an artificial tree, but sure to fluff the limbs to make it look full
- If working with a real tree that isn't as full as you would like; add some fillers
- (Evergreen, pinecones, berries or our favorite – real magnolia leaves!)

2. The Lights:

- You can never have too many lights on the tree
- When stringing lights, work in and out to ensure each part of your tree is perfectly lit

3. The Ribbon:

- Pick 3 different, but coordinating ribbon styles. If the ribbon is different widths, it gives the tree some added interest
- When working around the tree, weave in and out so that all of the ribbon is not sitting on the perimeter of the tree
- Cutting the ribbon in strips and working in a random pattern helps the tree to not look so symmetrical

4. The Ornaments:

- Use different sizes, colors and textures
 - Tuck ornaments in and out the same way as the lights and ribbons to ensure there are no holes in your tree
 - The larger the tree, the larger ornaments you will need
- Pro Tip: Use your less expensive ornaments for the fillers in the back and more unseen places**

5. Gifts: (Yay!)

- Gifts are another way to decorate your tree. Purchase gift wrap that coordinates with your tree décor
- We suggest buying 3 different types of paper, bags and ribbon. Switching the combinations on each present