A tree that feels like you.

Build the layers you love. Choose where to stop.

Lights and a topper, a few treasured ornaments, or glorious abundance: each can be a finished tree. Use what you own first.

- [ ] **Choose your anchor.**
  A meaningful ornament, favorite color or mood gives the tree a direction. Pick a topper you love; it can be a star, a finial or a bow.

- [ ] **Build the glow.**
  Shape the branches and test the lights. Place some lights deeper inside and others near the tips; check for dim patches.

- [ ] **Give the eye a path.**
  If using ribbon, stagger bows or tucked loops. Put larger or heavier ornaments on sturdy branches nearer the trunk.

- [ ] **Repeat, then vary.**
  Repeat a few colors or finishes. Mix shapes and sizes; let ornaments hang freely. Keep open green space if you like an airy tree.

- [ ] **Show the pieces with a story.**
  Face favorites toward the room, with a little space around them. Give simpler pieces a supporting role.

- [ ] **Choose your finish.**
  Stop here, or add layers in the same palette. Step back after each small addition. More is a choice, not a requirement.

THE LAST LOOK Check from your usual seat: one crowded spot? One dim patch? A treasure that disappears? Move something before adding something.
Already love it? You're done.

I already have: _____

Only if needed: _____

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