

The Christmas Tree Topper Planner

Measure, pick a look and dress your tree in the right order

1. Measure Your Tree and Your Space

Write each number down before you shop, so the topper fits the tree and the room.

What to check	Your answer	Why it matters
Tree height (feet)		Sets the topper size
Top branch thickness and shape		Decides star, bow or angel
Space from the top tip to the ceiling		Tall toppers can bend on low ceilings
Real or artificial tree		Changes how the topper attaches
Outlet near the top of the tree?		Plug-in or battery lights
Budget for the topper		Sets your shopping list

2. Choose One Look

Pick one look and stick to it. Circle your choice, then shop only for it.

Look	Style	Pairs well with
Classic star	Gold or rattan star	Warm white lights
Soft and pretty	Velvet or plaid bow	Ribbon and ornaments
Traditional	Angel or capiz star	Glass ornaments
Glow and sparkle	Projector star or mercury glass	Dark rooms and bright trees
Fun and cozy	Gnome or reindeer	Kids and farmhouse trees

3. How It Attaches (Topper Map)

Topper type	How it stays on	Check
Star or angel with a cone base	Slides over the top tip	
Bow	Straps or wire to the top branches	
Gnome or reindeer	Wire legs or a topper holder	

Heavy topper	Add a topper holder or tie to the trunk	
Lighted topper	Run the cord down the trunk	
Wobbly tree top	Use a straightener or support rod	

4. Set a Budget and Plan the Rest

Item	Budget	Notes	Done?
Topper			
Topper holder or straps			
Lights for the top			
Extension cord or batteries			
Matching ribbon or ornaments			
Total			

- Spend first on the topper itself, since it is the focal point.
- Keep a little buffer for straps, batteries and a cord.

5. Dressing Order

- Tree first: fluff the branches, especially at the top.
- Lights second: finish the top with a few extra strands.
- Topper third: attach and check it from the middle of the room.
- Ribbon and ornaments fourth: match the colors to the topper.
- Step back and look from the doorway.

6. Safety and Final Checklist

- Keep cords away from walkways and pets.
- Use battery lights where outlets are far.
- Make sure the topper is straight and cannot tip.
- Check the top of the tree is sturdy before adding weight.
- Take a photo once it is finished.
- Store the topper in its box so the shape stays nice next year.