

The Nostalgic Christmas Planner

A Simple Plan for a Grandma's-House Christmas at Home

1. Pick Your Nostalgic Palette

Choose one era to lead and use the others as accents, so the room feels collected, not cluttered.

Look	Colors and textures	Try these
Mid-century retro	Silver, pastel pink, aqua, tinsel	Tinsel tree, glass ornaments, bubble lights
Grandma's classic	Red, green, gold, multicolor bulbs	C9 lights, ceramic tree, velvet skirt
Storybook whimsy	Felt, glitter, snow, tiny houses	Putz village, elves, bottle brush trees

- Circle the look you want to lead.
- Pick one accent color to repeat in three places.

2. Room-by-Room Plan

Spot	Nostalgic idea	Done?
Tree	Layered lights, ornaments, topper and skirt	
Mantel or shelf	Ceramic tree, putz houses, bottle brush trees	
Porch or yard	C9 lights and a blow mold	
Table or window	Bubble lights, elves, glass ornaments in a bowl	

3. Build the Tree in Layers

- Lights first, from the trunk out to the tips.
- Tinsel or garland second, in loose swags.
- Large ornaments next, then smaller ones to fill gaps.
- Topper last, then the tree skirt around the base.

4. Light Safety Checklist

- Count how many strings you can connect before you plug in, and read the package limit.
- Bubble lights and old-style bulbs run warm, so keep them off dry branches and away from paper.
- Keep tinsel and small glass pieces away from pets and small kids.

- Use outdoor-rated lights and cords outside, and unplug lights when you leave.
- Turn lights off before you go to bed.

5. Nostalgic Christmas Budget

Item	Budget	Priority (1 to 3)	Bought?
Tree and lights			
Ornaments and topper			
Mantel and village pieces			
Outdoor pieces			
Total			

- Start with lights and ornaments.
- Add one big statement piece, like a ceramic tree or blow mold, as the budget allows.