

How To Decorate Your Christmas Tree To Make It Look More Full

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You've picked up your tree from the local farm, and now it's time to bake a batch of Christmas cookies and decorate. How do you make it look like the ones in the department stores? We've cracked the code and the answer is no longer a mystery: layers. "Layer your tree with various elements to give depth to the decor and make your tree appear more full and luxurious," explains Kristin Bartone of Bartone Interiors in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Sounds easy enough, right? Like with everything interiors related, this process is both an art and a science, which is why we turned to a few of our favorite Southern designers to share the perfect formula.

(Mostly) Large Ornaments

Every designer we talked to agreed that an abundance of large ornaments is a game changer. "I start with the largest ornaments, and have specific ones to embed deeply between the branches for fullness," shares Mary Lambrakos of [Lambrakos Studio](#) in [Houston, Texas](#). While Lambrakos is partial to glass orbs with a shiny tint, others prefer cloth options. "They are kid friendly and lightweight, so they won't weigh down the branches and create even larger gaps," Bartone explains. You don't have to ditch all of your smaller, more delicate ornaments though. "Play with the size and scale," says Anastasia Casey of [The Identité Collective](#), [IDCO Studio](#), and [Design Camp](#). "Decorating with objects of varying sizes will help achieve a full yet well-balanced look."