Red and Gold Christmas Tree

Supply List
- Christmas Tree
- Red and Gold Glass Ball Ornaments
- Two Spools of Ribbon
- Scissors
- Floral Wire

Artificial Christmas trees are a beautiful blank slate on top of which you can layer beautiful decorations. When you are choosing to do a color theme tree, the key is to have a lot of different finishes and textures. This red and gold Christmas tree achieves just that and best of all, I decorated this whole 4-foot tree in under fifteen minutes. Want to see how?

Step 1: Make Your Bow
Making a custom bow is easier than you may think. I have provided tutorials on this technique before but if you need a crash course, here it is. Get a spool of wire edged ribbon that is the same on the front and the back. You will also need a foot of floral wire.

With your thumb and forefinger, hold the tail of the ribbon. Make a loop one direction with the ribbon and bring it back to the tail, holding it between your thumb and forefinger. Make another loop the opposite direction of equal size and bring it back to the center again.

Repeat this process until you have at least five loops on each side of center. Make one final loop in the very center, thread your floral wire through the center and twist it tight in the back where your finger and forefinger were holding all the layers together.

Step 2: Attach Your Tails
Cut two long lengths of ribbon, fold them in half, and twist them to the back of your bow.

Attach the whole thing to the top of your Christmas tree and spread the four tails out around your tree and tuck them into the pine needles every foot or so. Cut the end of the ribbons into points.

Step 3: Add Ornaments
With your bow and the tails situated, go ahead and start adding your ball ornaments. The trick is to get ornaments that are both matte and shiny in finish, adding even more interest. I used red and gold but you can use any color scheme you want. I was influenced by my alma mater but your inspiration may be the color scheme of your room, your child's favorite colors, or the colors your parents decorated their tree with when you grew up.