

MANTEL STYLING 101

The Easy Layered Look

Step 1. Choose your anchor piece —artwork, picture, or a mirror that is 1/2 to 2/3 the width of the mantel.

Step 2. Visualize your arrangement in the shape of a large triangle.

Step 4. Layer your decor. Try using a small stack of books to elevate an object. Try leaning a tray behind your decor.



Step 3. Fill in decor on each side of your triangle by creating smaller visual triangles.

3 Must-Haves for a Well-Styled Mantel

1. Color - Use your main accent color at least three times, like the light blue in this example.

2. Life - Include a small plant, flowers, candles or all three.

3. Layers - Add dimension with vertical layers. Try decorative trays, framed pictures, art, and mirrors.

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Symmetrical Visual Triangle

The tallest point is in the middle and tapers out equally on both sides.

Start with your main tall object, then place an object on each side. For extra dimension, layer the smaller objects slightly in front of the main object.

Add additional objects in pairs. The overall arrangement should always have an odd number of objects.



Asymmetrical Visual Triangle

The tallest point is off to one side and tapers out to other side.

Start with your tallest object on one side (the plant elevated on a stack of books), then arrange other objects out to the side in height order tallest to shortest.

Here the books elevating the plant and the tray behind the arrangement add more texture and depth.

