A decorated Christmas tree

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STEP 1: Start the star at its top

Whole drawing



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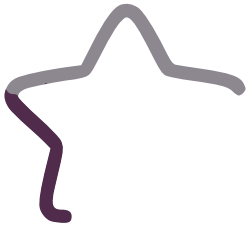
Draw the top point and the two upper shoulders of the star. Leave the lower sides open.

STEP 2: Bring down the left star side

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Follow the left arm down to its lower point. Stop before the inward notch.

STEP 3: Bring down the right star side

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Mirror the broad direction on the right, keeping the star wide enough to see.

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STEP 4: Close the star underneath

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Join the two lower points with a shallow inward V. The star is now a closed shape.

STEP 5: Sweep down the first left branch

Whole drawing



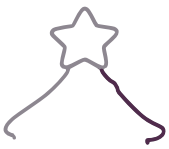
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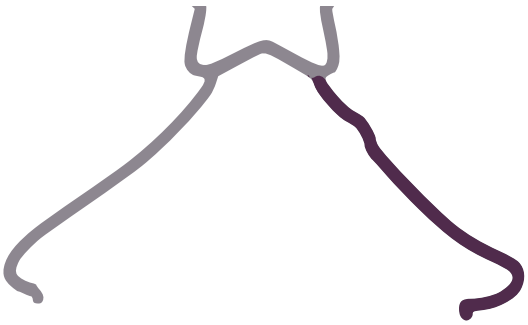
From the star’s lower left, curve outward and down to the first rounded branch tip.

STEP 6: Sweep down the first right branch

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Begin beneath the star’s right side and curve out to the matching branch tip. Turn back slightly underneath.

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STEP 7: Widen the next tier on the left

Whole drawing



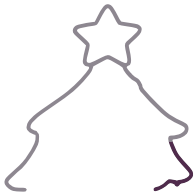
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Continue the left edge down and outward to the second rounded tip. Keep this tip farther from the center.

STEP 8: Widen the next tier on the right

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Continue the right edge to the second tip and turn it gently inward underneath.

STEP 9: Add the left scallops

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Draw the left half of the second tier’s soft scalloped lower edge.

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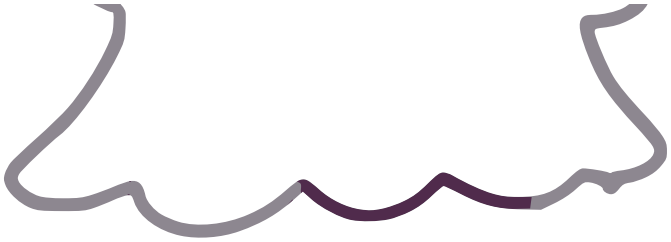
Dark plum: add these lines. Gray: earlier work. Follow the whole drawing to place each new part.

STEP 10: Finish that scalloped edge

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Continue the scallops across to the right. Use broad curves rather than many tiny bumps.

STEP 11: Add the third left branch

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Make another outward sweep on the left, reaching farther than the tier above.

STEP 12: Add the third right branch

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Curve outward on the right, then turn back at the rounded tip.

A decorated Christmas tree

Dark plum: add these lines. Gray: earlier work. Follow the whole drawing to place each new part.

STEP 13: Round the third tier underneath

Whole drawing



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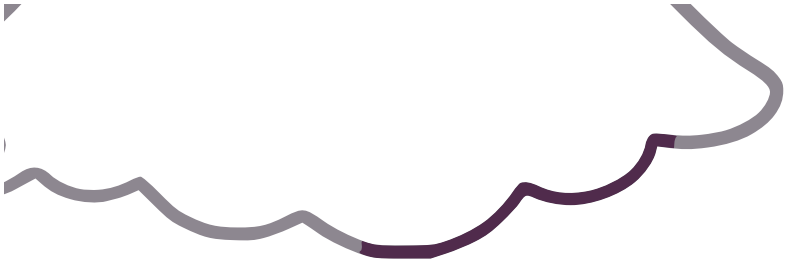
Draw the left half of its scalloped lower edge. Leave room below for the broadest tier.

STEP 14: Join the right-hand scallops

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Complete this tier’s lower edge across the right half.

STEP 15: Make the broad lower left side

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Sweep out to the lowest left tip, then round the first part of the base.

A decorated Christmas tree

Dark plum: add these lines. Gray: earlier work. Follow the whole drawing to place each new part.

STEP 16: Make the broad lower right side

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Sweep down to the lowest right tip and follow the base inward.

STEP 17: Join the base on the left

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Add the small lower curves just left of the trunk position.

STEP 18: Join the base at the center

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Draw the central scallop above the trunk, joining the remaining foliage edge.

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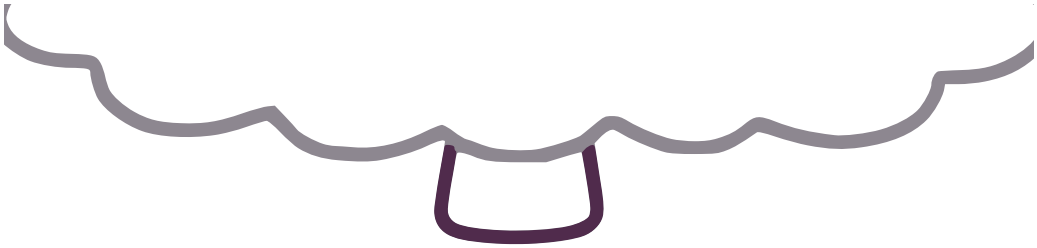
Dark plum: add these lines. Gray: earlier work. Follow the whole drawing to place each new part.

STEP 19: Add the short trunk

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Drop a short side below the foliage, curve across the bottom and bring the other side up.

STEP 20: Start the upper garland

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Curve a long line diagonally across the upper foliage, following the direction shown.

STEP 21: Give the upper garland its width

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Add the second edge below the first. Join the short section at its left end.

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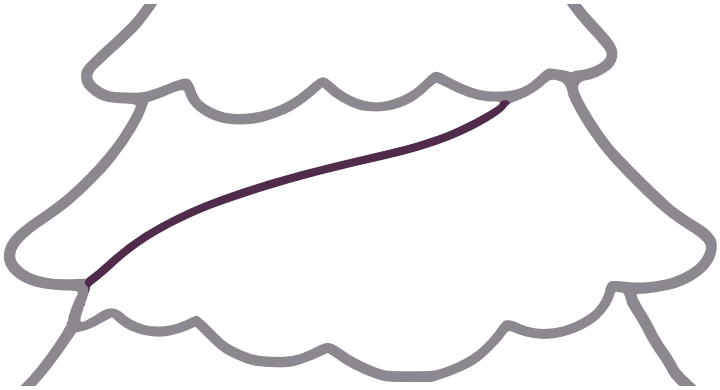
Dark plum: add these lines. Gray: earlier work. Follow the whole drawing to place each new part.

STEP 22: Start the middle garland

Whole drawing



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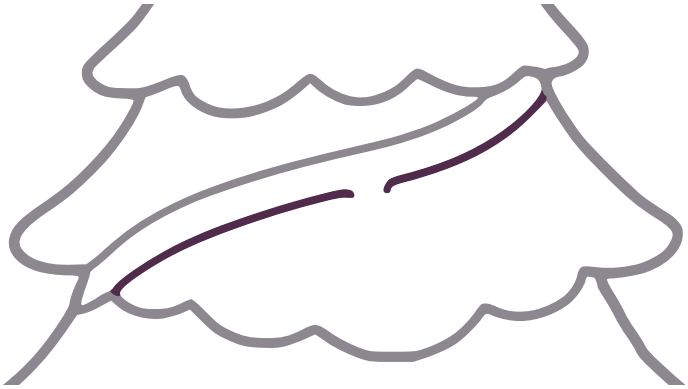
Sweep another gentle diagonal across the middle of the tree.

STEP 23: Close the middle ribbon

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Draw its second edge, leaving the small bauble opening shown in the center.

STEP 24: Start the lower garland

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Draw a broad diagonal across the lowest tier, leaving plenty of white space around it.

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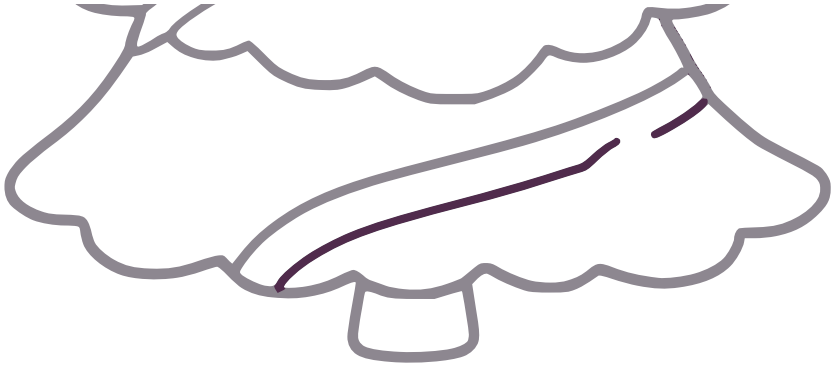
Dark plum: add these lines. Gray: earlier work. Follow the whole drawing to place each new part.

STEP 25: Finish the lower ribbon

Whole drawing



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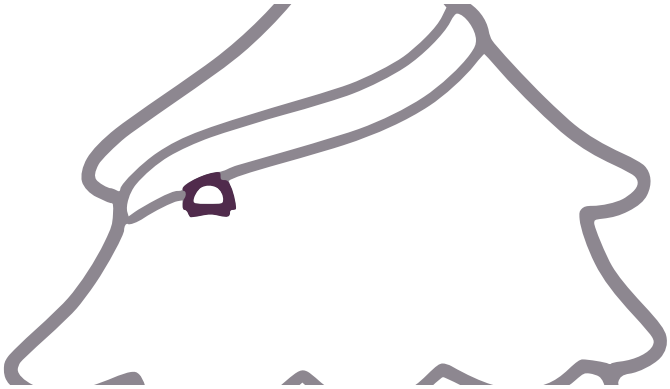
Add its lower edge in the visible sections. It passes behind the right bauble position.

STEP 26: Place the upper left bauble cap

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Draw the small rounded cap just below the first garland on the left.

STEP 27: Round the first bauble

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Close a large circle beneath that cap. Keep the center empty for coloring.

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Dark plum: add these lines. Gray: earlier work. Follow the whole drawing to place each new part.

STEP 28: Add the upper right cap

Whole drawing



This step, closer



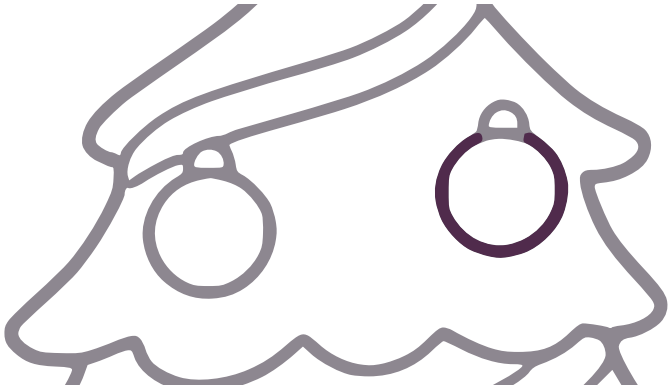
Draw a small inverted U above the right-hand bauble position.

STEP 29: Round the second bauble

Whole drawing



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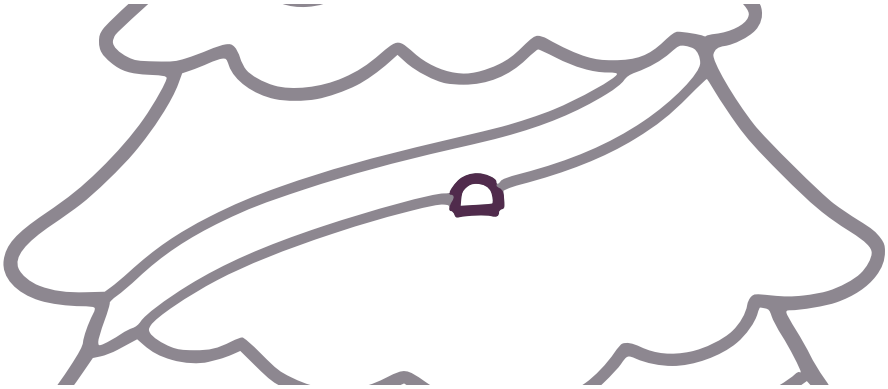
Close the right-hand circle below its cap.

STEP 30: Add the middle cap

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Draw the small cap at the break in the middle garland.

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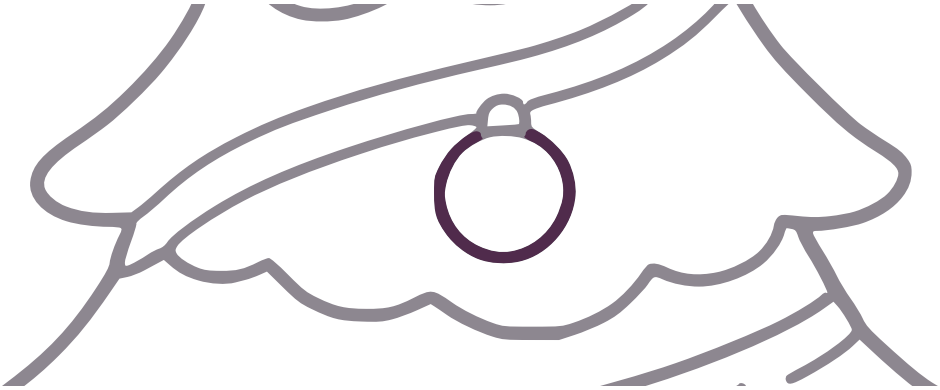
Dark plum: add these lines. Gray: earlier work. Follow the whole drawing to place each new part.

STEP 31: Round the middle bauble

Whole drawing



This step, closer



Close a circle under that cap, leaving white space above the scallops.

STEP 32: Add the lower left bauble

Whole drawing



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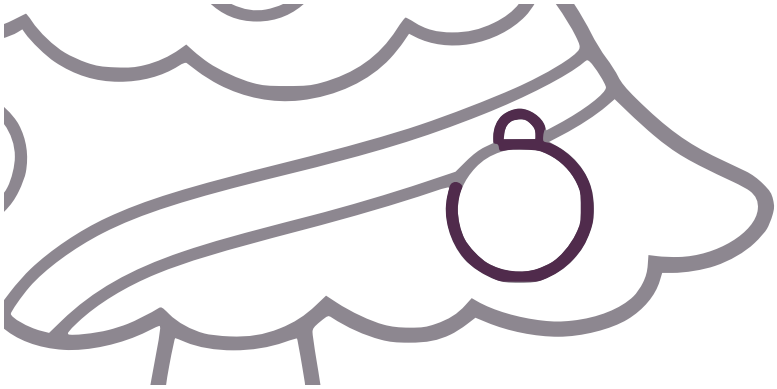
Draw its little cap first, then close the round outline beneath it.

STEP 33: Add the lower right bauble

Whole drawing



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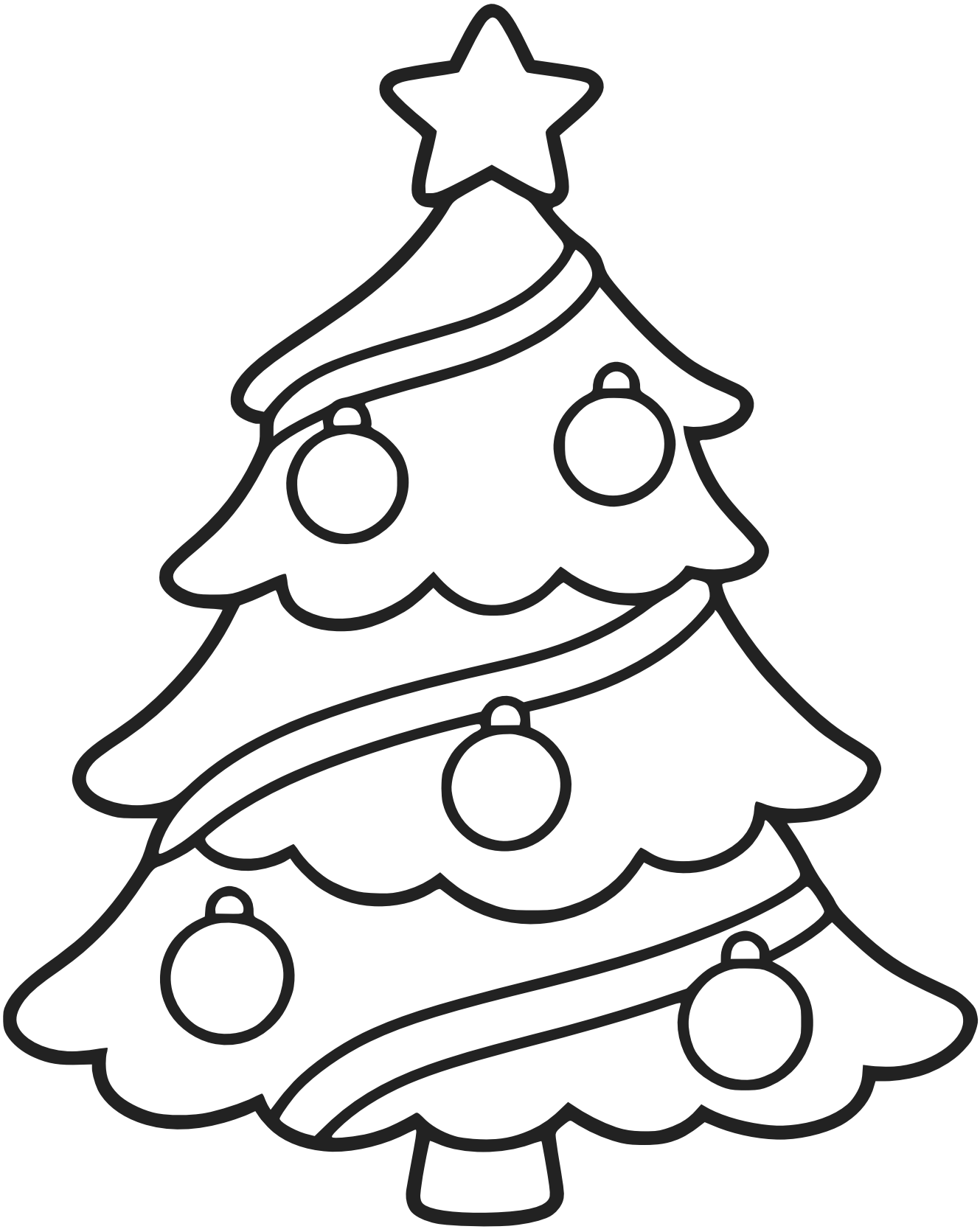


Draw the last small cap and the circle hanging in front of the lower ribbon.

COLORING OUTLINE

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ONE COLOR IDEA

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