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IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU

Every couple wants a wedding day that not only looks gorgeous, but completely reflects them. This is where our real couples come in! With unique DIY ideas and genius styling inspiration, these lovebirds know how to add that personal touch.

From an autumn-inspired big day in the Scottish Highlands (p17) to a breathtaking 'Italian Chic' wedding in Lake Como (p22), our brides share their top tips, and their contact books too.

Plus our brilliant 'get the look' pages help you to steal their style, while adding a few special touches of your own... enjoy!

The PW team



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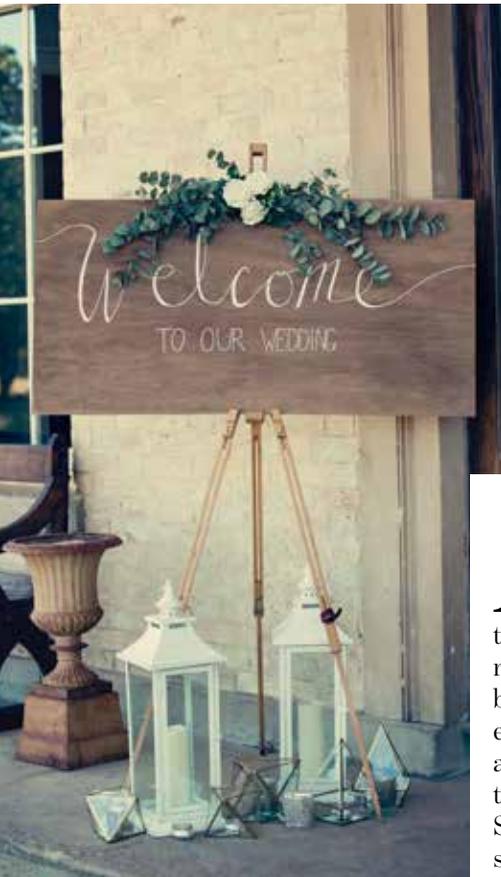


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COVER IMAGE: DOTTIE PHOTOGRAPHY



Although Katie and Adam didn't have a specific theme in mind for their wedding day they knew they wanted the overall feel to be pretty and really romantic. "We chose our venue because we wanted somewhere with exclusive-use that had plenty of character, while still being neutral enough to put our own stamp on the day – Stubton Hall fitted the bill perfectly," says Katie. "A big plus for us was the amount of inside space at Stubton. All the reception rooms are beautifully decorated, so we knew that there would be plenty of good photo opportunities regardless of the weather. In the end we were blessed with a hot sunny day but we wanted to prepare for the worst just in case!"



THE BRIDAL PARTY ARRIVED IN VINTAGE CARS



Setting the style

To set the tone for their pretty theme, Katie enlisted the help of one of her bridesmaids. "All our stationery was designed especially for us by one of my best friends, Amy Bailey. We wanted a romantic yet modern floral theme in blush pinks and gold and Amy captured this perfectly." ➤





MODELS OF KATIE'S CATS APPEARED ON THEIR W-DAY CAKE

Darling details

To save on wedstress, Adam and Katie enlisted the help of stylists, Save the Date, to bring their big day look together. However, this didn't stop them from creating a few of their own personal touches. "I saw some feather chair backs on Pinterest and decided to give them a go," laughs Katie. "They were a bit of a labour of love, but they looked really good in the end! We sprayed a wooden pallet gold, which I used to display photos of us over the years, along with photos of our parents and grandparents on their wedding days. We also had a cocktail bar in the evening and we chose six of our favourite drinks to serve." ➤



THEY COUPLE HAD AN INTIMATE CHURCH CEREMONY



A bride and groom are standing in front of a wooden door. The bride is wearing a white lace wedding dress with a long veil and is holding a large white balloon. The groom is wearing a dark blue suit with a white shirt and a boutonniere. A wooden sign on an easel in front of the door reads "Welcome to our wedding" in cursive. The sign is decorated with flowers and a garland of pink and white ribbons. A large white balloon is attached to the top of the sign. The background shows a stone wall and a wooden door with glass panels.

“MY FAVOURITE
MOMENT WAS OUR
CEREMONY. I DON'T
THINK I'VE EVER
FELT SO HAPPY!”



THE FLOWER GIRLS EACH CARRIED A SINGLE PINK ROSE



“We also DIY’d the church flowers. Adam’s mum bought us some beautiful pink and cream hydrangeas, my mum gave us some lavender out of her own garden (which smelt incredible) and we used glass bottles to display them. I was really proud of our efforts and it was lovely way to spend a chilled afternoon the day before, with the mums, getting it all ready.”

Perfect day

All their wedding preparation certainly paid off and the couple were thrilled with how smoothly everything went. “Our day was so relaxed and just how I’d always imagined,” says Katie. “I can remember looking around at all our family and friends, having drinks in the sunshine as our acoustic guitarist played in the background. I was literally pinching myself – I couldn’t believe the day was so perfect.”

KATIE CHOSE HAND-TIED BOUQUETS WITH TRAILING RIBBONS





TOP TIP
 “Hire a videographer – being able to watch the ceremony and speeches back was priceless.”



THE BRIDE WORE A BEAUTIFUL LACE EMBELLISHED DRESS

HOW THEY DID IT...

Photography Dottie Photography (dottiephotography.co.uk) *Venue* Stubton Hall, Lincolnshire (stubtonhall.co.uk) *Videography* Our Big Day on Film (ourbigdayonfilm.com) *Flowers* Michele Gledhill (michelegledhill.co.uk) *Styling* Save the Date Event Stylist (savethedateeventstylist.com) *Stationery* Amy Bailey Design (amybaileydesign.co.uk) *Dress* Elizabeth, Ronald Joyce (ronaldjoyce.com) *Boutique* Gracie Bleu Bridal, Matlock (graciebleubridal.co.uk) *Bridesmaids* TFNC at ASOS (asos.com)

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KATE HOPEWELL SMITH

HANNAH & RICHARD

A TRADITIONAL MARQUEE WEDDING WITH DIY DETAILS



THE BIG DAY

Hannah and Richard held their pretty, DIY day on the 17th September 2016 at Parley Manor in Dorset





RICHARD'S MUM MADE THE AMAZING CAKE!



HANNAH INCLUDED BERRIES IN HER PRETTY BOUQUET



For their traditional marquee wedding, Hannah and Richard knew they wanted to keep the look of their wedding day fairly simple. “We chose main colours of navy against soft pink, coral, peach and apricot shades, with a hint of gold for some sparkle,” says Hannah. The gorgeous flowers helped to pull this look together. “I really wanted wild and natural flowing flowers,” explains Hannah. “Maria at Simply Flower used a mix of roses, hydrangeas, eucalyptus, viburnum berry, astrantia, gypsophila and stocks.”

Personal touches

As soon as the couple decided on their date, the bride made a start on the wedding DIY. “Where I could, I wanted to make and do things myself, both to help keep costs down and for my own satisfaction,” says Hannah. “My mum and I made over 100m of bunting. Our favours were mini bottles of homemade limoncello and sloe gin. We also put together a sweet table and a Polaroid photo area with a colourful ribbon backdrop, which was very popular in the evening.”





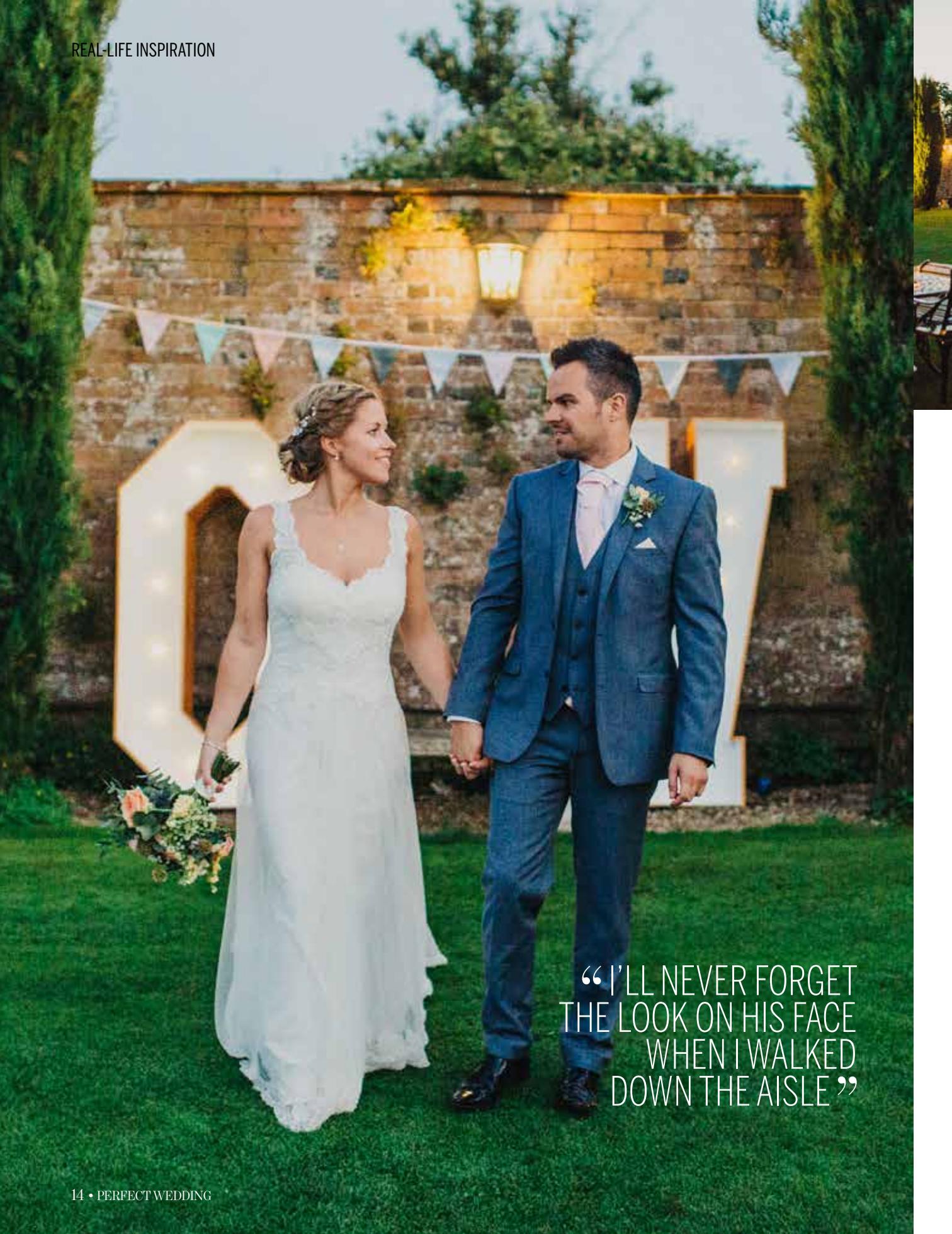
THE DIY DETAILS
MADE ALL THE
GUESTS SMILE

However, it was Hannah's genius place name decorations that acted as the perfect reception ice-breaker: "We managed to find a photo of all our 100 guests when they were little and made them into Polaroid-style place settings. One of my absolute favourite moments from the day was watching all of our guests enter the marquee, and seeing the looks on their faces! They were definitely worth all the time, effort and secrecy!"

Dream dress

When dress shopping, Hannah was open to all suggestions. "I think it's >





“ I’LL NEVER FORGET
THE LOOK ON HIS FACE
WHEN I WALKED
DOWN THE AISLE ”



important to stay open-minded when visiting boutiques. As soon as I tried my gown on I couldn't stop smiling! I loved the vintage-feel, the gorgeous low scallop back, soft lace and tulle overlay. The detail was just so gentle and intricate, it was so lovely to wear."

Special moments

"Having all our friends and family with us to celebrate was amazing," says Hannah. "We had so much fun! It's a cliché but the day really does fly by. We tried to take a few moments here and there to step to one side and just watch the celebrations."



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TOP TIP

"You can't do everything, so choose to focus on the most important aspects for you."



ILLUMINATED LETTERS WERE A GREAT BACKDROP



THE COUPLE MADE THEIR OWN SWEET TABLE



HOW THEY DID IT...

Photography Peppermint Love Photography (peppermintlovephotography.com) **Venue** Parley Manor, Christchurch (parleymanorweddings.co.uk) **Flowers** Simply Flower (simplyflower.co.uk) **Dress** Florrie, LM by Lusan Mandongus (lmlusanmandongus.com) **Boutique** Hannah Elizabeth Bridal (hannahelizabethbridal.com) **Bridesmaids** Coast (coast-stores.com) **Shoes** Rachel Simpson (rachelsimpsonshoes.co.uk) **Stationery** Printable templates from Giggipop Designs at Etsy (etsy.com)

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LOUISE & IAIN

AUTUMNAL COLOURS AND TWINKLING LIGHTS IN SCOTLAND



THE BIG DAY

Louise and Iain
celebrated their W-day
at Achnagairn Estate in
Inverness on the 12th
November 2016





WE LOVE LOUISE AND IAIN'S AMAZING FLORAL DISPLAYS



Choosing a venue was easy for Louise and Iain. They knew they were looking for somewhere where their guests could feel comfortable and enjoy the celebrations. “Achnagairn is an amazing venue with a relaxed atmosphere,” says Louise. “Many of our guests were able to stay at the venue, either in the main house or lodges, which meant we had lots of time to spend with our friends and family. The venue also let us party as late as we wanted, which was a big plus!”

Autumn shades

For their overall theme the pair decided to embrace the autumnal weather and opted for stunning wild florals, designed by Julia at Wild Gorse Studio, and completed the look with lots of twinkling fairy lights. “We are extremely fortunate to have some very talented friends – my bridesmaid, Gillian, and her fiancé Dave provided all the amazing lighting for the venue,” says Louise. “The wooden backdrop for our table plan was made by my brother Neil, who works at the charity, Wood Recyclability Ltd.



THISTLES WERE USED AS BUTTONHOLES





Special ceremony

Louise and Iain, knew they wanted to make their ceremony extra special so they added some creative touches. “Our close friend Wynford oversaw our registrar as an honorary celebrant,” says Louise. “It really made it feel so personal and special to us.” They also adopted a special Orkney ritual, which meant they got a good chance to talk to all their guests. “We decided to do the ‘Bride’s Cog’, which is a tradition where the bride and groom go round with a wooden barrel full of alcohol and share a drink with each of the guests!” ➤



THE BRIDE AND GROOM
SHARED A DRINK WITH
ALL THEIR GUESTS



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TOP TIP

"Our florist cleverly used our table centrepieces as ceremony decorations."



LOUISE CHOSE CLASSIC NAVY FOR HER MAIDS



HOW THEY DID IT...

Photography Caro Weiss (caroweiss.com) *Venue* Achnagairn Estate, Inverness (perfect-manors.com) *Flowers* Wild Gorse Studio (wild-gorse.co.uk) *Cake* Homemade by Louise's mum! *Stationery* Feel Good Invites (feelgoodinvites.com) *Dress* Halfpenny London (halfpennylondon.com) *Boutique* Anne Priscilla Bridal (annepriscillabridal.co.uk) *Bridesmaids* Maids to Measure (maidstomeasure.com) *Hair and Make-Up* AMM Hair and Make-Up (ammteam.co.uk) *Band* The Wedding Crashers (alivenetwork.com)

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SARAH & KIERAN

WE *married*
ABROAD



AN ELEGANT ITALIAN WEEKEND IN LAKE COMO



THE BIG DAY
Sarah and Kieran held their incredible wedding weekend on 26th–30th August 2016 in Lake Como, Italy.



Neither Sarah or Kieran are Italian, but they felt there was only one destination for their big day. “We knew we wanted to get married abroad and we love Italian culture, the climate, the food, the wine and the history,” says Sarah. “When we started to look into getting married, we were drawn to somewhere on the water; and with glamour, beauty, fame and elegance – Lake Como was our top contender.”

Classic elegance

With the stunning location decided, the couple knew they needed an equally chic look to match. “The theme we went for was classic elegance,” explains the bride. “Our colour scheme was white and green for the flowers with scabiosa, hydrangeas, veronica, matricaria baya and Queen Anne’s lace, and the rest of the accents were silver or white. The whole look was brought together by the Lake Como Wedding Planner (the brains behind John Legend and Chrissy Teigen’s wedding!). We had a black-tie dress code so our guests all wore dinner suits or floor-length dresses.” >



THE COUPLE USED BELL JARS TO DECORATE THEIR TABLES



“WE HAD SUCH A
SPECIAL MOMENT
LOOKING OUT ONTO
THE LAKE, SOAKING
UP THE DAY.”





CANDLES AND FAIRY LIGHTS LIT THE RECEPTION

Unique ceremony

Due to the heat of the day, Sarah and Kieran didn't hold their ceremony until 6pm in the evening, which meant there was plenty of time for nerves. "Earlier in the day, I felt very anxious, because of the long process of wedding planning, the millions of decisions we'd made – the fact it was all coming together was such a big thing," says Sarah. "I couldn't eat, or drink any of the celebratory prosecco, but as soon as our boat pulled up to the venue I snapped out of the nerves and I literally jogged up the very steep winding path to the ceremony site. I couldn't wait to see Kieran after all the build up," laughs Sarah. "The ceremony was beautiful, and we laughed throughout which made our guests laugh too – it was so special."

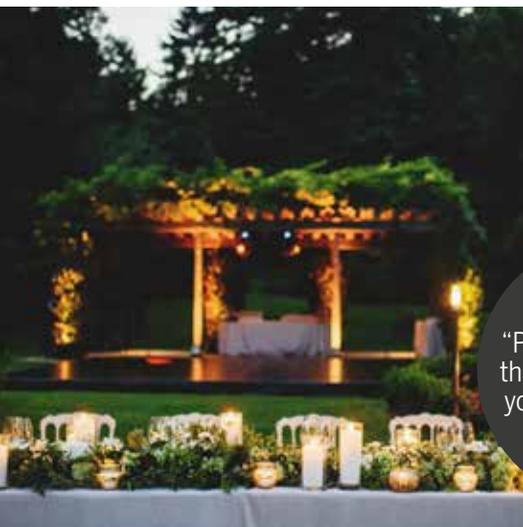


SARAH CHOSE A DRAMATIC CHAPEL-LENGTH VEIL



LAKE COMO MADE A STUNNING BIG DAY LOCATION





TOP TIP

“Prioritise the things that are important to you and your guests and spend your budget there.”

THE PAIR HELD THEIR WEDDING BREAKFAST OUTSIDE



THEY CHOSE A CROQUEMBOUCHE WEDDING CAKE



HOW THEY DID IT...

Photography Ross Harvey (rossharvey.com) *Ceremony venue* Villa del Balbianello (visitfai.it/villadelbalbianello) *Reception venue* Villa Giuseppina (villagiuseppina.com) *Styling and planning* Lake Como Wedding Planner (thelakecomoweddingplanner.com) *Dress* Dakota, Enzoani (enzoani.com) *Boutique* Plush Couture (plushcouture.co.uk) *Shoes* Jimmy Choo (jimmychoo.com) *Bridesmaids* Kelsey Rose (kelseyrose.co.uk) *Groomswear* Cad and the Dandy (cadandthedandy.co.uk)

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NICOLA & DANIEL

NATURAL GREENERY WITH A TOUCH OF GLAMOUR

THE BIG DAY
Nicola and Daniel held
their atmospheric W-day
on the 19th November
2016 at Bassmead
Manor Barns



To complement their winter wedding date, Nicola and Daniel decided on a theme that was full of glamour: “We chose a date at the end of November, when winter was just setting in, so we wanted to keep the colours muted but with a pop of festive drama,” explains Nicola. “Our theme was ‘botanical glam’ and our colour scheme was full of lush greenery mixed with blush pink, cream and gold.”

Going green

Flowers and greenery were a key part of the overall look of the day. “The aisle was decorated with a floral arch made with foliage including eucalyptus and rosemary, and with white roses, hydrangeas and anemones,” says Nicola. “After the ceremony the arch was brought into the reception barn and we had a handmade ‘Mr and Mrs Lewis’ sign added to it to turn it into a photo backdrop. My bouquet matched the theme with trailing foliage, roses, anemones and silver brunia. Attached to the bouquet ribbon I had my ‘something old’ – a locket from my Nan with a photo of my late Grandad.” ➤



THE COUPLE USED FOLIAGE TO DECORATE THE BARN

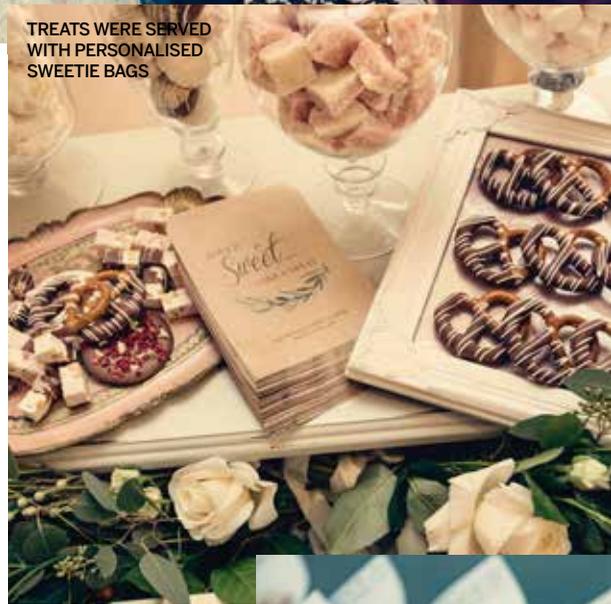




TREATS WERE SERVED WITH PERSONALISED SWEETIE BAGS

Stunning details

Along with lots of beautiful handmade details (including stationery, match-box favours and even a 5ft high light-up heart for the dancefloor), the pair decided to include a wow-centrepiece in their day. “The stand-out element of the day was our four-tiered suspended wedding cake,” smiles Nicola. “I had seen suspended wedding cakes on Pinterest long before we were even engaged and made a promise to myself that when my big day came this is what I would have. It was a real showstopper; our guests had never seen anything like it before.”



GUESTS WERE WOWED BY THE COUPLE'S SUSPENDED CAKE

Just the two of us

“Before the wedding we were given a piece of advice from a friend to remember to spend as much of the day together. On the big day Daniel never left my side – it was amazing.”

HERBS WERE USED TO PRETTY-UP PLACE SETTINGS



“ I WAS NERVOUS,
BUT SO EXCITED TO
GET DOWN THE AISLE
AND MARRY THE MAN
OF MY DREAMS ”





TOP TIP
 "Do your DIY together – you'll end up with lots of personalised details and have fun too!"

THE PAIR CHOSE PRETTY GREEN AND WHITE CHAIR ENDS



NICOLA'S MAIDS WORE SIMPLE PLEATED GREY GOWNS FROM ASOS



HOW THEY DID IT...

Photography Dottie Photography (dottiephotography.co.uk) *Venue* Bassmead Manor Barns (bassmeadmanorbarns-weddings.co.uk) *Flowers* Michele Gledhill (michelegledhill.co.uk) *Cake* Katie from Couture Cakes (couture-cakes.co.uk) *Dress* Justin Alexander (justinalexandbridal.com) *Boutique* Courtyard Bridal (courtyardbridalboutique.co.uk) *Bridesmaids* ASOS (asos.com) *Blog* Nicola and Adam loved their honeymoon in Thailand so much they started a blog! (wanderlustus.co.uk)

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