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Love *in* Bloom



In this elegant reception, which we styled with floral and event designer Meredith Waga Perez at NYC's Chelsea Art Museum, the sleek decor was warmed by a unique blend of sumptuous textures and rosy blossoms

Edited by LINDA HIRST Photographs by MARK LUND



Heaven Scent

More than 100 stems of Sarah Bernhardt peonies in a silver trophy vase give the escort table an "almost angelic look," says Waga Perez. A Swarovski crystal border adds a lavish touch to the contemporary escort cards (printed on transparent plastic), \$10 each, by Karen Bartolomei for Grapevine. Silk-organza overlay with pearl-studded patches from Ruth Fischl.

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Landscape Painting Beautifully coexisting in one table setting are architectural elements, like streamlined stemware and flatware, and opulent accents, such as these hot pink-and-sherbet centerpieces of Sarah Bernhardt and Monsieur Jules Elie peonies and sweet pea. Custom-cut pintucked tablecloth, beaded mesh runner, chargers, napkins, candlesticks and candles, all from Belle Fleur, NYC. "Ellipse" flatware, \$55 for a five-piece place setting; "Hampshire" crystal stemware, \$20 each, all from Calvin Klein. Louis Ghost Chairs from Taylor Creative. "Direction Mini Candleholders," \$4 each, from Crate & Barrel.





Leave a pretty paper trail

Put a twist on the toss by using patterned cones filled with blooms—and give programs your personal stamp with scripted monograms

For the cones: Alternating the patterns and types of ribbon accents gives these paper vessels, above, by Kim Hirst for Michelle Rago, Ltd., a festive look. To make your own, shape a 10" by 18" piece of paper into a cone and fasten the sides using a hot-glue gun. Punch holes toward the bottom on both sides and weave a ribbon through. Adhere ribbon around the top with the glue gun, and fill with petals.

For the programs: Chic design details make these booklets, right, by Karen Bartolomei for Grapevine, perfect keepsakes. To create similar versions, scan your patterns of choice (from wrapping paper or wallpaper, for example) into your computer and have a printer make multiple copies sized 12" by 4". Fold them in half and punch two holes, 1.5 inches apart, at the top, then weave a 7" ribbon through. Add a monogram sticker (versions available for \$.60 each from weddingfavorites.com). For more info, see page 648.

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Fun ideas for your ceremony

1. Close-Knit Circle

Loop lots of ribbons to form a wreath to decorate your ceremony site's door.

2. Step Lightly

Replace traditional flower petals with feathers for a refreshingly original aisle-runner adornment.

3. Chic Seating

Instead of setting up rows of chairs, line up wooden benches decorated with colorful throw pillows.

4. High Style

Give the altar a dramatic look by connecting two large floral arrangements with an arch of branches.

5. Bright Concept

In lieu of aisle markers at an outdoor ceremony, hang lanterns from hooks on wrought-iron poles.

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