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amy & brant

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the cake

The four-tiered chocolate cake was frosted with buttercream and decorated with a sage green henna pattern. To pull it all together, each tier was wrapped with a sage green ribbon.

the exit

As Amy and Brant exited the stone church, their guests tossed rose petals.



their story

Sometimes friends know best. After Amy Bartosik's close friend met Brant Wilson (now 36 and a regional director of operations), she was sure the two were meant for each other. "It was our grand plan to marry and have babies at exactly the same time, so I saw this as nothing more than a chance to speed me along," says Amy (34 and a pharmaceutical sales representative). It took about a year of friendship and 6 months of dating for Brant to propose, and when he did, it was in San Francisco as the two were cycling across the Golden Gate Bridge. "I proposed right there with the wind blowing, the cars passing by, and sweat running down our faces," Brant says. "And she didn't jump." —Anja Winikka



the gown

Amy walked down the aisle in a silk taffeta, mermaid-style gown accented with silk flowers on the skirt. She also donned a two-layer veil and white, sling back shoes.

the centerpieces

Low centerpieces featured square glass vases filled with green split peas and glowing candles, surrounded by green apples and cymbidium orchids.

the bridesmaid looks

The bridesmaids wore strapless, brown, custom-made dresses and carried green hydrangea bouquets. Amy's flower girls wore white dresses with chocolate brown sashes. >>

the bridal bouquet

Amy carried a cluster of her favorite flower—gardenias. The sweet scent and unique shape of her bouquet blended perfectly with the other wedding day flowers.

the location

The couple married in an old world-style stone church near the Country Club Plaza. Inside, tall white arches emphasized the church's stained glass windows and rich, dark wooden pews.

the ringbearer pillow

To complement their green and brown color scheme, the ring bearer carried a white satin pillow accented with a chocolate brown bow. >>



style notes

Because of Amy's love of the outdoors, the couple used green and brown colors in all their wedding day details. With the help of a planner and Amy's vision, the day unfolded at a church near the Country Club Plaza and ended at a reception in a chic urban artist building in the West Bottoms district of Kansas City.





the formalwear

While the guys looked sharp in their suits and truffle brown vests and ties, Brant stood out in a white vest and striped tie.

the reception décor

Tall, glass vases were filled with curly willow and dressed with copper wire and hanging votives, giving the reception an earthy, elegant feel.

the programs

The programs mimicked Amy and Brant's invites with an "a + b" design. The couple created the simple one-fold programs using the same paper and green ribbon from their invites. >>



“ We chose to make our reception more of a celebration honoring our friends and family, rather than ourselves. So while the atmosphere and vision were my creation, the end result was to please and honor those we love. ”

—Amy



the entertainment

“Our band was fantastic!” Amy says. The band, Cherry Bomb, had guests on the dance floor all evening long.

the first dance

Amy and Brant took their first spin on the dance floor as husband and wife to Sinatra’s “The Way You Look Tonight.” Later on in the evening, Amy joined the band for a singing rendition of “Dancing Queen.”

the reception site

“I loved our reception venue,” says Amy. The Hobbs Building, located in a historic district, featured fantastic exposed brick and large, warehouse-style windows. >>



the reception

Large rectangular tables, covered with shiny silk tablecloths and topped with matching napkins, were set up throughout the room.



their ingredients

CEREMONY SITE Country Club United Methodist Church (816) 444-1616

RECEPTION SITE The Hobbs Building (816) 841-0166

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