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Alice + Ben

ALICE & BEN MET ON MARTHA'S VINEYARD, WHERE BOTH HAD A LONG HISTORY OF FAMILY FUN & FOND MEMORIES. WHEN IT CAME TIME TO CHOOSE A NUPTIAL LOCATION WITH PERSONAL CONNECTIONS, THE PICTURESQUE ISLAND WAS THE CLEAR CHOICE, THE COUPLE SAYS.



BEFORE THE RING.

Both students at Yale, and frequent visitors to Martha's Vineyard during their childhoods and summer holidays, Alice and Ben seemed fated to inevitably meet and fall in love. As luck would have it, rising sophomore Alice was on a retreat on the Vineyard with her a cappella group at the same time that Ben—who would soon start his senior year—was visiting his family's summer home with a group of his friends from school. The pair ended up connecting after Ben and his buddies saw a flyer advertising a concert being given by Alice's group at the Tisbury town hall, and opted to attend. The enchanting combination of beautiful music, stunning scenery, and sweet summer air was just the ticket to kick off a great friendship, which later blossomed into true love several months after the pair reunited back at Yale. "Over the past ten years we have grown and changed alongside each other, and when Ben proposed, we both felt ready to make an official commitment to one another in front of our family and friends," Alice says, reflecting on the couple's long and happy history.

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"WE CHOSE BRIGHT PURPLES, MAGENTAS & BLUES, MOSTLY BECAUSE WE LOVE THE COLORS, BUT ALSO BECAUSE THEY WENT SO WELL WITH THE GREENERY & BOLD TONES OF THE GROUNDS," THE COUPLE SAYS OF THEIR STRIKING PALETTE.



[1] shell stocked: nestle blooms in seashell vessels for an island feel. [2] mason jars filled with whimsical paper striped straws add a playful pop of color.

FEATURED WEDDING PROFESSIONALS

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THE PROPOSAL. After college, Alice and Ben were enjoying life in New York City. One evening, the pair had plans to see a play—or so Alice thought—but Ben had a different agenda. Just before they walked out the door, Ben casually inquired whether Alice wanted anything from the cardboard box he'd been organizing that day. "I peeked into the box and saw a gorgeous bouquet of red roses, and a bottle of champagne. I turned around to see that Ben had quickly gotten down on one knee," Alice recalls. After her resounding "yes," the couple headed to a hotel suite Ben had secretly booked, where they called their families with the joyful news.

THE DESIGN. Aiming for a simple, elegant design motif, Alice and Ben opted for a vibrant color palette of purple, magenta, and blue to complement the verdant natural scenery of Alice's mother's home. One of Alice's favorite aspects of her wedding day was her whimsically chic paper goods, which she feels set the tone for the entire celebration. Aside from fabulous stationery, Alice and Ben completed their nuptials with sweet heirloom details, brilliant blooms, refreshing gazpacho—from Alice's mother's recipe—and precious parasols to shade guests from getting too much summer sun. At the end of the decidedly romantic evening, guests headed back to Edgartown with delicious morsels of Chilmark Chocolate in tow.

