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lisa & jerry

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the reception
White, pink and blue
paper lanterns dangled
tables covered in white
and accented with
floral centerpieces



the cake

Inspired by the layers of the bride's skirt, the three-tiered cake was covered in white fondant made to look like the petals of a flower.

the escort cards

For a modern touch, the couple created escort cards from chocolate and white paper and added strands of satin coral ribbon. The cards were placed in a wooden tray of neutral-colored lima beans and decorated with white orchids.



their story

At first, Jerry Takeoka tried to resist Lisa Hwang's charm. They met through a mutual friend at a karaoke bar where Lisa (30 and an interior designer) was showing off her vocal skills while Jerry (28 and a dentist) tried to look uninterested. The next day, Jerry, smitten with Lisa, got her phone number and the pair began hanging out with mutual friends, then one-on-one, and eventually became a couple. Six years later, just before Christmas, Jerry surprised Lisa with a Christmas tree holding a single silver ornament that said "Wishes." Inside was written, "do come true," along with a sparkling engagement ring. The following fall, the couple exchanged vows, complete with a traditional tea ceremony, overlooking the ocean. —*Brianne DiSylvester* >>





the boutonniere

Modern protea blooms added a touch of pink to the groomsmen's lapels.

the ceremony

Overlooking the sea, the couple wed underneath a canopy of bamboo draped in sheer ivory fabric and white and pink orchids.

the bridal bouquet

A perfect complement to the bright coral dresses, the bridesmaids carried light pink Blushing Bride protea and soft pink garden roses. >>



style notes

Lisa and Jerry wanted their friends and family to have a nice weekend getaway, so since most of the guests live in LA or San Francisco, they chose Santa Barbara for the beautiful location, architecture and close proximity to both cities. Lisa's brother was also married at the same location four months prior, and she just fell in love with it.



the reception décor

Guests lounged on two custom-made daybeds tossed with pink and brown pillows beneath a wooden canopy.

the centerpieces

Votive candles, beach stones and tiny, square glass vases filled with pink orchids, looped lily bear and fern curls lined the tables.

the signature drinks

Guests listened to Latin jazz as they sipped raspberry mojitos during the cocktail hour.

the ceremony

Celebrating their Asian backgrounds—Lisa is Taiwanese and Jerry is Japanese and Vietnamese—the couple performed a traditional tea ceremony. >>





the wedding party looks

Lisa's bridesmaid and maid of honor wore strapless, knee-length dresses in coral. The groomsmen looked mod in their black Kenneth Cole suits with coral ties and black Vans sneakers.

the bridal bouquet

The bride carried a robust bouquet of ivory French tulips, soft pink garden roses, pink Blushing Bride protea and white cattleya orchids.



their ingredients

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