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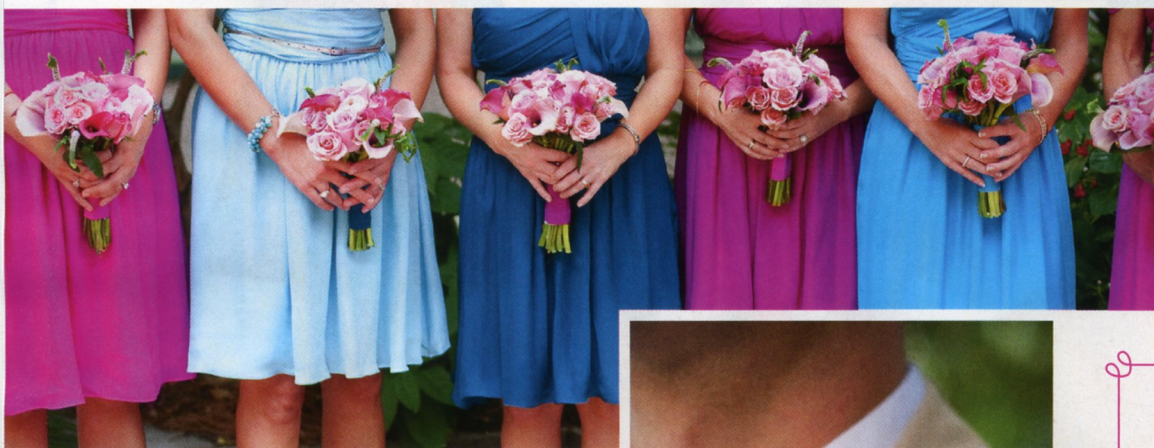
gately + mikell
September 4 | Charleston, SC

southern elegance

For their late-summer nuptials, Gately Ryan (30 and works in sales) and Mikell Carroll (32 and also works in sales) wanted a sophisticated indoor/outdoor affair. The William Aiken House, a National Historic Landmark with plenty of lawn space and charm to boot, provided the perfect setting. Guests moved from inside the house to tents set up on the lawn throughout the night, while a cheery palette of aqua and hot pink and a mix of classic and glam décor helped them achieve the look they were after. —Jaimie Dalessio



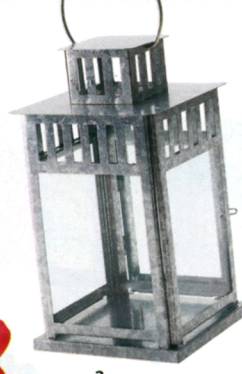
the reception décor Laguna blue linens with shimmering teal confetti overlays topped the tables, and gauzy fabric and ribbon hung from the ceiling for a glam effect. **the cake** The five-tiered cake was embellished with a white-on-white "stem" design and finished with a few phalaenopsis orchids for an elegant yet modern look. **the details** Sea grass fans decorated with pink ribbon bows kept guests cool. **the first dance** Mikell spun Gately around the dance floor to U2's "With or Without You" for their first dance. **the boutonniere** A single white phalaenopsis orchid paired well with Mikell's tan suit and teal blue tie. **the stationery** The reverse color palettes of the aqua and white save-the-dates and ceremony programs gave the wedding paper a fresh look. **the bridesmaid looks** Gately's bridesmaids wore bright knee-length dresses in shades of blue and pink, and carried petite bouquets of pink calla lilies and roses tied with pink and blue ribbons.



ingredients

Ceremony Site The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Charleston
Reception Site William Aiken House, Charleston **Photography** Marni Rothschild Pictures, Charleston **Consultant** WED, Charleston **Gown** Monique Lhuillier **Hair and Makeup** Stuart Laurence **Formalwear** Brooks Brothers **Stationery** Studio R Printing, Charleston **Flowers** Lotus, Charleston **Rentals** Sara York Grimshaw Designs, Charleston; Snyder Rental, Charleston **Catering** Fish Restaurant, Charleston **Cake** Wedding Cakes by Jim Smeal, Charleston

get the look



1 modern cake Chaotic lines transform a simple cake **2 galvanized lantern** For lining the aisle, \$8, IKEA.com for stores **3 funky lantern** To light up the reception tent, \$3, IKEA.com for stores **4 preppy dress** Floral frocks make a bold statement, \$178, LillyPulitzer.com **5 charming escort cards** Swirl borders look elegant, LookLoveSend.com **6 straw fans** To keep guests cool, \$15 for 12, TheKnotShop.com **7 pink bouquet** Roses, orchids and calla lilies make a sweet mix