

tablescape Blue and orange blooms, Lauren's wedding china and her grandparents' silver flatware topped the head table.





stationery The engraved invitation suite included a drawing of the estate, a custom monogram and vintage Maryland stamps.



LAUREN & MARK
OCTOBER 15 • MOUNT VICTORIA, MD

Timeless Elegance

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Ingredients

Ceremony St. Francis de Sales Chapel, Rock Point, MD Reception Site Bride's family's home, Mount Victoria, MD Photography Kate Headley Videography East West Event Planning & Design Easton Events Floral Design Amaryllis Floral & Event Design Officiant Cardinal Theodore McCarrick Gown & Veil Naeem Khan, Saks Fifth Avenue Hair Nuri Yurt/Toka Salon Makeup Makeup by Mimi Tran Shoes Jimmy Choo Engagement Ring Blair's Jewelry & Gifts Wedding Rings Cartier Formalwear Groom: Ralph Lauren; Tom Ford Rentals Amaryllis Floral & Event Design; Bailey's Party Rentals; DC Rental; La Tavola Stationery Rock Paper Scissors; escort cards: Amaryllis Floral & Event Design Catering Design Cuisine Cake Charles Street Bakery Music Doctor's Orders/Bialek's Music Guests 200 Honeymoon Italy & France

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The Cheat Sheet | Lauren & Mark



Our Favorite Detail Place Setting

Planner Augusta Cole of Easton Events in Charleston, South Carolina, layered the Hermès dinnerware with the family's silverware and a custom monogram napkin on the head table. To keep the reception look cohesive, she rented a similar gray-and-gold pattern that paired with silver-plated flatware for the other tables. "The tabletop was definitely a signature design moment," Cole says.

Augusta Cole's Planning Tips Backyard

- **Be inspired by the home's design.** Look to the décor, furniture and aesthetic to inspire the style.
- **Utilize the home.** Invite guests inside to select rooms for cocktail hour or host drinks on a wraparound porch.
- **Prepare for natural elements.** Make guests comfortable by providing bug repellent, stocking bathrooms with amenities and offering fans or shawls.
- **Don't consider it a cost-savings approach.** While you might avoid a venue fee, you'll be organizing layers of infrastructure, such as tenting, power and portable restrooms.

“We were inspired by at-home entertaining, with silver candlesticks, topiaries and varied blue-and-white china.”

—AUGUSTA COLE, PLANNER



surprise Mark organized fireworks to end his speech. "It was magical," Lauren says.

GET THE LOOK

1 Porcelain jar, \$99, Williams-Sonoma.com 2 Gown, \$1,329, CasablancaBridal.com 3 Formal Ink invitation, \$234 for 100, Jill Means, Minted.com 4 Plate, \$170, Hermès, NeimanMarcus.com 5 Bow tie, \$170, Gucci, MrPorter.com 6 Burgundy sterling silver flatware, \$970 for 5-piece place setting, Reed & Barton, Lenox.com

REAL WEDDINGS



vibe "I was inspired by fabrics, wallpapers and gardens I love," Lauren says of aiming for a feeling rather than a theme. "I wanted it residential and intimate, like an enchanted garden that extended from the house."

florals Drawn to greenery, the two included magnolia and ivy into a seasonal mix of dahlias and roses with accents of berries and oranges. There were also rabbit-shaped topiaries—a playful nod to Mark's nickname for Lauren, "Bunny." **getaway** The newlyweds sped off in Lauren's grandfather's first car, a 1954 Hudson Hornet, which they had decorated with orange roses.

THE COLOR PALETTE



A longtime collector of china, Lauren Sullivan (27 and an attorney) used her favorite pattern—Hermès Mosaique au 24—as inspiration and dinnerware for her at-home celebration with high school sweetheart Mark Posey (27 and works in real estate). "I can't think of a more special occasion to use your china," she says of the orange, gray and gold design. After exchanging vows in a turn-of-the-century chapel near the water, the couple and their guests started the party at the bride's family's estate with champagne, oysters and a jazz trio. Boxwood topiaries framed the entrance to the sailcloth tent, which housed chinoiserie vases, seasonal blooms and a dance floor ready for Motown. —SC

