

# dena & adam

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photography by Boutwell Studio



### the cake

Roses, dahlias and Mokara orchids spruced up Dena and Adam's five-tiered, all-white wedding cake. Twigs mingled with flowers as a nod to the natural wedding setting.



### their story

Dena Bloomgarden (33 and a department director for a mental health organization) met Adam Stein (31 and a film writer and director) through a friend, but it took another two years for them to run into each other again. When they finally did, they started hanging out and eventually became a couple. Two-and-a-half years later, Adam took Dena back to a spot in Runyon Canyon Park where they had once seen a rainbow. He asked her to marry him with a ring designed by her grandfather. After Dena said yes, Adam revealed a bag hiding at the spot filled with champagne, an iPod, speakers and photos of the couple. Adam says the pictures were there to convince Dena in case she said no! —JD

**the reception**

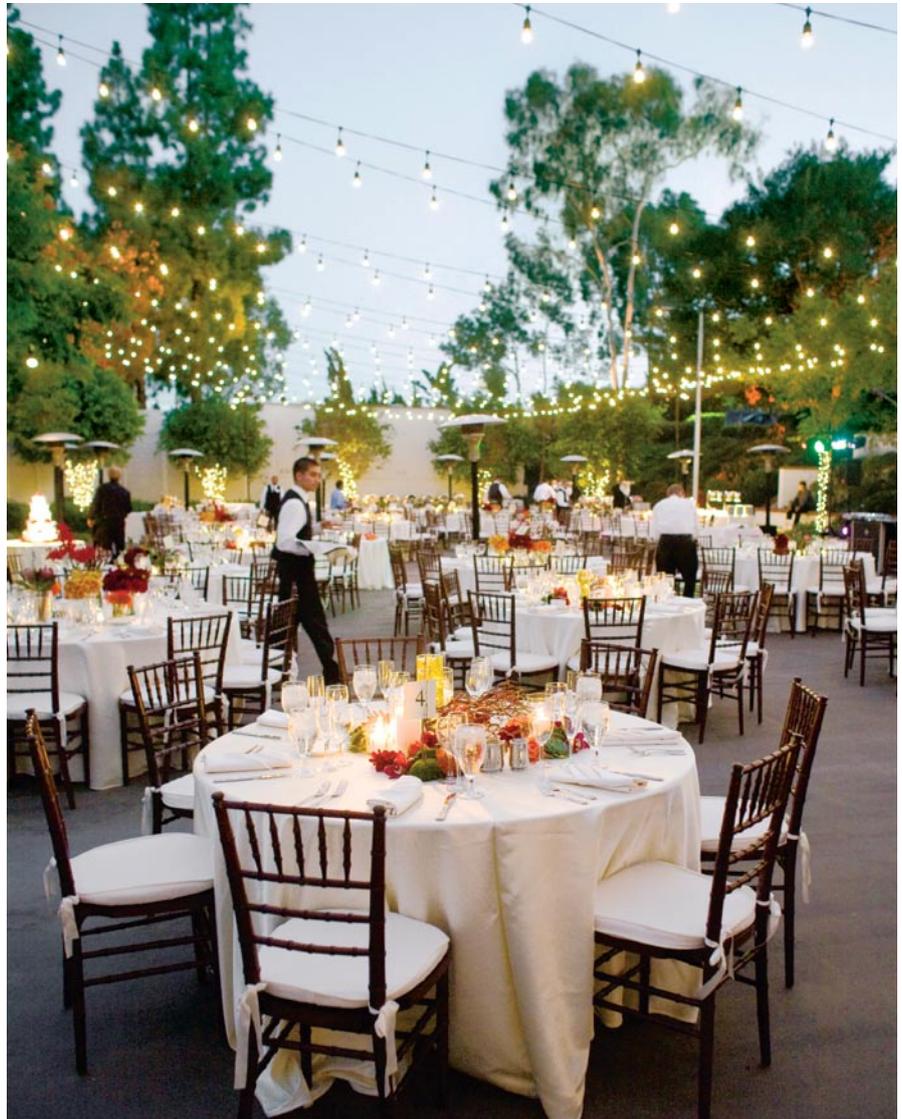
The couple knew they wanted both their ceremony and reception to take place outside. Colorful centerpieces stood out against white linens and worked with the natural scenery.

**the flower children**

The flower girls and boys (there were no ring bearers) all wore dark-red Converse sneakers. Dena is a huge fan of the brand—especially when kids are wearing them. Guests loved it too!

**the boutonniere**

Adam wore a wine-colored mini calla lily boutonniere to match the ones in Dena's bouquet, which consisted solely of the deep-hued bloom. >>





**the ceremony décor**

For their huppah, Dena and Adam's friends carried out a dark-red tapestry. It hung over the couple's bed when they first moved in together about six months before they got engaged.

**the escort cards**

To incorporate the wedding's outdoor location into the escort card display, the couple bought a mini bonsai tree from a Japanese gardener and placed the escort cards on moss in front of it.

**the centerpieces**

So guests would see new things when they mingled at the other tables, Dena and Adam varied the centerpieces. They used protea, succulents, moss, dahlias and green sunflowers. >>

**style notes**

Dena and Adam didn't stick to a specific color palette, but dark hues dominated, since Dena likes them best. The invitations were deep blue, but the couple ended up with a lot of dark-red, orange and yellow wedding flowers—perfect for autumn!





#### the entertainment

Instead of a first dance, Dena and Adam had their closest friends join them to kick off the party. Once everyone was on the dance floor, they stuck around for the horah.

#### the flower basket

To match the wedding's outdoor setting, the flower baskets were covered with moss. Orange and fuchsia ribbons coordinated with the vivid colors at the ceremony.



## their ingredients

**CEREMONY AND RECEPTION SITE** MountainGate Country Club, Los Angeles, (310) 476-6215

**PHOTOGRAPHY** Chenin Boutwell/Boutwell Studio, Mission Viejo, BoutwellStudio.com

**VIDEOGRAPHY** Elysium Productions, Orange County, (800) 373-6085

**CONSULTANT** Lyndsey Hamilton Events, Los Angeles, (310) 909-8515

**OFFICIANT** The groom's family rabbi

**GOWN** L'ezu, Beverly Hills, (310) 657-5398

**WEDDING RINGS** Bride's: the bride's grandfather; groom's: Accents Contemporary Jewelry, Santa Monica, (310) 396-2284

**FORMALWEAR** J. Lindeberg, Beverly Hills, (310) 659-7340

**STATIONERY** Design: Cotton Idea Studio, Newport Beach, (949) 673-8000; printing: Mr. Boddington's Studio, New York, NY, (212) 686-5953

**FLOWERS** Fiore Designs, Studio City, (818) 980-6410

**RENTAL EQUIPMENT** LightenUp Inc., Los Angeles, (310) 670-8515

**CATERING** MountainGate Country Club, Los Angeles, (310) 476-6215

**CEREMONY MUSIC** Afterburn Productions, Torrance, (310) 308-6946

**COCKTAIL HOUR MUSIC** Frontrunner Band, Los Angeles, (323) 810-3435

**RECEPTION MUSIC** Afterburn Productions, Torrance, (310) 308-6946

**CAKE** Jaqki's Cake Creations, North Hollywood, (818) 769-4967

**FAVORS** Canter's Deli, Los Angeles, (323) 651-2030

**ACCOMMODATIONS** The Sunset Tower Hotel, West Hollywood, (323) 654-7100