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alex & john

WILMINGTON · September 8
photography by Harry Taylor



the cake

The white cake was decorated with red ladybugs that appeared to be crawling up the five tiers (Alex's nickname has been "ladybug" since she was a little girl).



the bridesmaid bouquets

Alex's eight bridesmaids carried bouquets of purple hydrangeas and peach-colored accents provided a pop of color against the champagne dresses.

the escort cards

The couple set up their tented navy blue and white escort cards in a box of sand.



their story

Alexandra Lail (Alex) Simmons (now 28 and an English teacher and coach) and John Joseph Klitsch III (also 28 and a sales representative) had been dating close to three years when John went to Texas to celebrate Alex's birthday and visit some of her family in Austin. At the hotel, John presented her with one of her presents: a small box that contained a silver keychain engraved with the initials AKS. "I joked that those weren't my initials," recalls Alex, "and John said that they will be, got down on one knee, and pulled out an even smaller box!" After his proposal, the couple started planning a destination wedding on Figure Eight Island. —J.B. >>



the reception décor

The couple kept the décor simple with white linens and gold chairs, while the centerpieces provided bright bursts of color.

the favors

Fans tagged with the bride and groom's names and wedding date kept guests cool during the ceremony.

the ceremony décor

The ceremony took place in a grassy area overlooking the inlet near the Intercoastal Waterway. A gorgeous trellis with blooms in ivory, champagne, and white hues served as the altar.



style notes

The bride and groom got married at an unforgettable destination wedding on Figure Eight Island. The style of the day was nautical chic, with Alex avoiding anything that was too “matchy matchy” to let the gorgeous natural décor of the location do most of the work.





the first dance

The newlyweds danced to "Can't Take My Eyes off of You" by Frankie Valli.

the programs

The simple, folded programs were printed with navy blue ink and featured a knot motif at the top.



their ingredients

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