Who
Lana Glerum,
24, social worker,
and Damien Martin,
25, fleet manager

Date
December 10, 2011

Where
The ceremony was held at Eryldene Historic House and Garden, Gordon, NSW, followed by a reception at The Boathouse, Palm Beach

Guests
95

Theme
Vintage garden

"My Karen Willis Holmes demi couture strapless gown featured a full tulle skirt and wrap-around bodice. It cost $4000 including a veil."

"For our pew decorations, our florist, Floral Conceptions, tied jars of white flowers matching my bouquet to the last chair of every second row using natural jute. They cost between $20 and $25 each."

"I'm an avid baker and have always loved the idea of a dessert buffet, but I knew I wouldn't have time to do one myself. So I enlisted Sweet Bloom Cakes to put on a spread of macarons, cupcakes and treats."

"Two little birds sat on top of our raspberry and white chocolate cake, which had soft ruffled icing and was by Sweet Bloom Cakes. Toppers were from Cotton Bird Designs at Etsy for $90."

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Our DIY wedding

By adding a few crafty touches to their big day, Lana and Damien saved a fortune and made guests smile

"My bouquet of dahlias, peonies, hydrangeas and sweet peas was tied with twine to continue our theme. Damien, my parents and I made petal cones using Kraft paper from Pulp Creative Paper."

"Using jars we sourced from a wholesaler, we bottled mixed berry jam we'd made and finished them with fabric and twine. All up, the favours cost $400."

"We made our heart-shaped fan programs out of thick red card, paddle-pop sticks and glue tape for $35. We displayed them in a $15 suitcase I found at Sydney's Rozelle Markets."

"We created our own photobooth set up with a polaroid camera, funny props presented in a jar and a blackboard with instructions. Guests then pegged their pictures up on a display made from a large frame and rope."

LANA'S TOP DIY TIPS

Do…

1 Get the groom involved in the DIY process, as it adds some extra memories.

2 Spend time searching for inspiration to get an idea of a theme you'd like.

3 Find a nice way to incorporate your families' wedding photos into the reception. Guests love them.

4 Make a photobooth using a backdrop, polaroid camera and frames.

5 Decide on a font and logo that you can use throughout your wedding to tie everything together neatly.

Don't…

1 Attempt to do everything yourself. Ask your friends and family for help.

2 Try to take the place of professionals. Things like wedding photography should be left to those in the know.

3 Go over the top with decorations. Keeping a neutral palette with splashes of colour looks better than having everything matching.

4 Assume that suppliers understand your vision. Be clear and strong with them so you get what you want.

5 Get caught up making things that aren't a true reflection of who you are as a couple. Be efficient.

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