

# All in the Details

FIVE RECENT BRIDES SHARE THE SMALL TOUCHES THAT MADE THEIR WEDDING ONE-OF-A-KIND



PHOTO BY STEPHEN THURTELL

We loved the idea of a glamorous indoor-outdoor vineyard wedding filled with natural candle light, fresh flowers and a lot of sparkle. So I decided to go with something unique and custom for the wedding topper and surprise my husband Scott with this handmade reflective signature piece featuring our last name. It was a perfect topping to the cake that was decorated to match my dress and a contrast to the two surrounding vineyard-inspired cork cakes that featured fresh flowers. I also chose it because it was a bit feminine and masculine.

—*Caroline Blair Anderson* (husband *Scott Anderson*)



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Doug and I both knew that we wanted cupcakes right away – we didn't even have to talk about it! We both prefer the frosting-to-cake ratio of cupcakes, and it offered guests more options for flavors. [Our selection included] spice with vanilla buttercream, chocolate with vanilla buttercream and chocolate buttercream and almond with raspberry buttercream. The spice was our favorite for our late-fall wedding, so we made that our cut cake. The toppers were shaped like hydrangea petals (my favorite flower) and tiny North Carolinas. Neither of us were born here, but we both grew up here and we love our home state. *Farrington Village* didn't have a small cookie cutter shaped like North Carolina, so Doug gained access to a 3D printer and made one for them. I think they turned out great!

—*Megan Sterlina* (husband *Doug Sterlina*)



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[For our guest bags,] John and I wanted to include a few things [our friends and family] would need for the hot summer weekend, like water, sunscreen and Burt's Bees lip balm, as well as some things that we love from the places we've lived. *Southern Season* Cheese Straws and *Chapel Hill Toffee* are two things I am addicted to from growing up in Chapel Hill, and I quickly got John hooked on them when he would come visit my family. The California Love chocolate bar is from this amazing chocolatier, *Compertes*, in LA; all of their bars are gorgeous. A Notre Dame koozie as a nod to our alma mater and the most adorable hand-illustrated map of Chapel Hill from Etsy, with a schedule of the weekend events completed the bag!

—*Sara Madden* (husband *John Madden*)



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