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Tips

- **Expand your options.** Ask your planner to share locations at your venue that are not commonly used, then hold the ceremony or cocktail hour there.
- **Make an outdoor church.** Seating and arbor-altars are de rigueur but a set of doors—best in a hedge entrance—takes build-a-sanctuary to next level status.
- **Consider a focal point for your tent entrance.** Loluma created a blush-hued antechamber so guests felt like they were entering a grand dining hall.
- **Stick with a statement cake.** Having studied in France, the bride leans toward lavish French Provincial designs, thus the details on the cake, which were replicated on the paper suite.



{Enchanted Garden}



MICHELLE CARLSON & CHRISTOPHER ABLE
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When Chris headed to the bar for a second round, the D.C. resident caught a fellow patron's hair flip to the face. Apologies accepted, he and Rapunzel (Michelle) struck up a conversation, and a few years later, they were planning a destination wedding in Charleston. Michelle pinned her heart away, and Lillie Simpson from Loluma took those saves and granted her wishes for an enchanted garden party. "I'm not into 'less is more,'" says Michelle, "and I've embraced it." The bride's love of "more" led to church doors being installed in a side garden so she could make a grand entrance; a cascading bouquet so long it nearly grazed the ground; and gold piped icing that "zhushed" up the wedding cake. As for that bouquet? "They warned me it would be heavy," she says, "and although my arm went numb during the ceremony, it was totally worth it." —*Hannah Chillag*

vendors
Wedding design, florals, draping: Loluma
Images: Aaron & Jillian Photography
Rentals: EventHaus (reception chairs); Snyder Events
Cake: Delicious Desserts
Catering: Hamby Catering
Stationery, calligraphy: Indigo Envelope
Bar Service: Spike by Snyder
Bride's attire: Matthew Christopher available in Charleston through Southern Protocol Bridal (gown); Cackly's Bride+Aid (gown steaming)
Beauty: Sarah Pearson (bride); Paper Dolls Wedding Hair & Makeup (bridesmaids)
Groom's attire: SuitSupply
Favors: Albaba (pineapple trinkets)