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Jenna & Zach

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How they met: Zach and Jenna met as lifeguards on the Wildwood Crest Beach Patrol. They had their first date at the Lifeguard Ball later that summer. In the fall, Zach went back to Penn State to finish his senior year while Jenna went to Penn State to begin her college career.

The proposal: Zach proposed on their 9th Anniversary under the full moon on the Fort Lauderdale beach. Jenna was so excited to spend the rest of her life with her very best friend.

The planning: "We have had some of the best times of our lives in the Wildwoods, so when it came time to plan our wedding, Cape May County was a no brainer," Jenna said. They planned a wedding that was perfect for the ultimate beach bums, which they are. Jenna hand-made almost everything for the wedding. She made the necklaces for the bridesmaids, the boutonnieres, the centerpieces, basically everything.

The wedding: Jenna and Zach tied the knot on May 17 on the beaches of Cape May.

Jenna's favorite moment: The packed dance floor could easily sum up her favorite moment. It was amazing to see all of the people who have been a part of the many parts of the couple's 10 year relationship laughing and dancing together. "It was truly the best day, surrounded by the best people we know," Jenna said.



Some of Jenna & Zach's Key Ingredients:

- Dress: Wedding Belles Boutique
- Bridal Shower: Pan American Hotel of Memorey's



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7th Annual Spring Bridal Fair

Returns to the
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Convention Center

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Free Bridal event will feature vendors, menu samplings, a Bridal Fashion Show, fun contests and a FREE honeymoon giveaway

If you're getting ready to say "I Do," head to the 7th Annual Wildwoods Spring Bridal Fair in the beautiful Oceanfront Arena at the Wildwoods Convention Center on Sunday, March 22 from noon – 4 p.m.

The Wildwoods Spring Bridal Fair, the largest Bridal Fair in Southern New Jersey, will feature a large selection of vendors including wedding venues, florists, bakeries, caterers, salons, spas, trolley companies, honeymoon destinations, DJs, wedding announcement printers, photographers, videographers and many more. In addition, the Bridal Fair will provide menu samplings as well as elegant wedding tabletop displays.

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Lindsay & Michael



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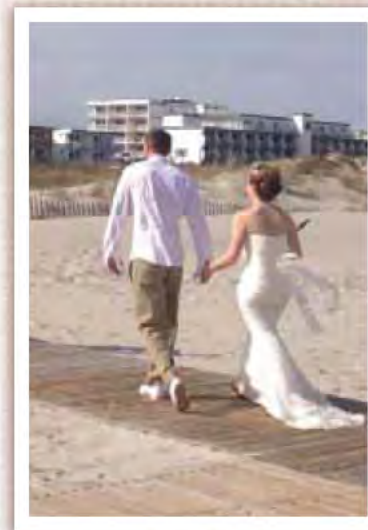
How they met: Right after high school, Lindsay and Michael met. They began their love story right away.

The proposal: Six years later, Michael proposed in New York City. It was in Grand Central Station that Michael handed his phone to a stranger and asked him to take as many pictures as he could. He then turned around and got down on one knee. "It caused quite the scene," Lindsay remembers.

The planning: Lindsay and Michael had tons of help from family in creating their perfect day. They went with a "modern rustic" feel. Lindsay's mom made every decoration. They knew they wanted a small and intimate beach wedding and Wildwood Crest was the perfect place. Lindsay recalls being stress free during the planning process due to her and her husband's easy going nature.

The wedding: The couple was determined to have their beach wedding, regardless of the rainy day forecast. When Lindsay and her father began walking down the aisle, it began to rain. However, after meeting Michael at the altar, the rain stopped and the sun was out for the entire ceremony. They tied the knot on May 10.

What Lindsay remembers: There was only 15 minutes between the ceremony and the reception and the couple spent that time together to reflect on what just happened in their lives.



Some of Lindsay and Michael's Key Ingredients:

- Reception: Pan American Hotel of Memory's
- Hair: Ambiance Salon and Spa
- Planner: Stephanie Berge of Memory's



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Tips for stocking the bar

You have bought alcohol for a party before but more than likely not on the scale of a wedding. If you are planning on buying alcohol for the wedding, bridal shower, bachelor and bachelorette party or any other event here are some tips to help guide you in the right direction.

Know your crowd

Are you catering to a group of people who are wine-os or craft beer lovers? Maybe you have some guests who do not drink at all or you are planning on having a large quantity of children in attendance. If so, adjust accordingly.

What type of bar?

Are you interested in doing a full bar, a modified bar or a beer and wine only bar? These factors will also play heavily into how much you buy for the event. In a modified bar you will want to include whiskey, gin and vodka with rum and tequila as optional.

Know the portions

Generally, a large bottle of wine will serve 4 to 5 glasses of vino. A large bottle of hard liquor will make 18 drinks and a keg will put you at 165 beers. When trying to plan assume that everyone has a drink per hour. Yes, some will drink more and some will drink less but typically one drink per guest per hour will leave you with enough. A sample bar will have 50% wine, 20% beer and 30% liquor.

Again, know your crowd and adjust as necessary. Lastly, do not forget the ice! For all of your wine and spirit needs visit **Joe Canal's of Rio Grande**. Call 609-886-9786 for more information.

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Your Wedding Planning Checklist

By Ashley Love

He popped the question. You said, "Yes!" Where do you begin planning? We've got some helpful hints to make your planning process smooth.

1. Be sure to talk to your fiancé. You want to set a budget, figure out the time of the year, a rough estimate of guests, style and any other elements that are important to you both.

2. Consider timing. While there's no need to set a firm date until you're in talks with a venue, it's always a good idea to have an idea of the season in which you'd like to marry.

3. Form a tentative guest list. Number of guests and necessary travel accommodations for guests are MAJOR factors in your wedding day cost and options.

4. Talk budget. Decide on a bottom line cost for the whole celebration and find out from parents or other potential wedding day backers if and how much they would be willing to contribute. Keep in mind the forgotten costs. For example, when setting a budget for your dress, keep in mind alteration costs and cost of accessories.

5. Figure out the "who" and "where" of the "I do's". Keep in mind that the actual moments of commitment are what the day is all about! Start your search for an officiant and ceremony site early on in order to ensure that your vows will go off without a hitch. **Cape May County officiant and County Clerk Rita Fulginiti** gladly offers her services in local ceremonies.

6. Designate a reception venue and caterer. But before you can do so, carefully consider some important questions: Indoors or outdoors? Sit down dinner, cocktail reception, picnic, or maybe a simple cake cutting? Seating arrangements? Your and your guests' cuisine preferences? When and where do you envision dancing taking place? Once you have a comprehensive vision of your dream wedding reception, begin your search. Start with these Cape May County picks:

- Avalon Links
- The Bellevue Tavern
- Cape May Lewes Ferry
- The Carriage House at the Physick Estate
- The Grand Hotel
 - Golden Inn
 - Island Grill
- Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum
 - Rio Grande Fire Hall
 - Tuckahoe Inn
 - Union Park
 - Westy's Irish Pub
- West Cape May Banquet Hall
- Women's Civic Club of Stone Harbor
- Yacht Club of Sea Isle City

Maybe the traditional venue is not your ideal choice. If you are looking for an outdoor ceremony but want the convenience of a shaded area try **Jersey Shore Party Rentals**.

7. Line up the best of the best vendors. Here, we share our checklist of essentials and local picks:



• **Photographer and/or videographer:** The best ones usually book weddings several months in advance, so get on this one early. Enlist the advice of friends and family and then look into the kind of style and feel you'd like your wedding day album and video to feature. Select the pro that fits you best! Start with this seasoned expert, **Saltwater Studios**.

• **Musicians/DJ:** If you're looking to have a band perform live, arrange to sample their performance before signing them on. Be sure to give them a rough idea of your ideal playlist so they can create the atmosphere you're seeking. Hiring a DJ can often be less expensive than live musicians. Explore all your entertainment options before making the final decision. Check out the many options with **Tri-State Professionals**.



• **Flowers and décor:** Once you have your reception venue booked, you can make design decisions on décor and floral arrangements. A ballroom or banquet room provides a relatively blank slate, whereas a museum or Victorian home may need just a few added accents. But flowers for both the ceremony and reception venue are almost always a MUST. **Marie's Flower Shoppe** can help with all of your floral needs. Don't forget you'll need to decorate your new home with all sorts of new furniture and fun accessories! Visit **Coastal Designer Outlet** to make your new home uniquely yours.



• **Beverage and spirit needs:** Consider creating a signature drink to add your personal flare to the reception and cut costs. If you're tempted to save by having a cash bar, stop! Instead, cut down on liquor costs by offering one signature drink (like pitchers of a gourmet martini) along with beer, soda and juices. Another idea: Buy cases of a local wine and serve just that. For all your wedding day spirits, wines, and beer needs, check out **Joe Canal's** of Rio Grande.

• **Favor and gift needs:** Traditionally the bride and groom give gifts to the members of the party and to guests before the night is over. Try finding something unique to the shore and look at some of the local favorites:

- Hello Gorgeous • Groovy Girlz • Laura's Fudge
- The Original Fudge Kitchen

• **Transportation:** Roll up to your ceremony and reception in style in the sleek ride of your choice. Hiring a transportation professional is an excellent way to guarantee that all members of the wedding party arrive together, on time, and in luxury. It also eliminates drunk driving concerns. Consult these Cape May County professionals for wedding transportation service:

- Great American Trolley • Shore Limousine Service

8. It is crucial that you figure out what you are wearing once you have the other major details sorted out. Check out some experts here for both the bride and the groom!

- Wedding Belles Boutique • Tesi's Bridal and Formal
- Here Comes the Bride • Rienzi Bridal Salon
- Fletcher's Corners Tuxedos

9. When finding the perfect dress, or tuxedo, you will want to look your best for the big day. Try getting a tan at **Tropic Tan**. Even a spray tan will give your skin that healthy sun kissed glow. Your new found tan is going to make your teeth stand out and you will want them to be perfect! Check out **Cape May Dental** for their expertise.

10. Apart from your dress, the cake you select is also a focal point of the wedding. Guests are always in awe when they see a masterpiece before them. Check out some of these local cake masters to help dazzle your guests:

- A Piece of Cake • Ward's Pastry

11. After all is said and done, preserving your dress is a MUST. Make sure you have it professionally cleaned as to not ruin this beautiful gown. Visit some of the local professionals to ensure your dress maintains its beauty for a lifetime:

- Michael's Fabricare • Court House Cleaners
- Model Cleaners

12. If all else fails and you find this list to be incredibly overwhelming, call in a professional planner. Memory's is a fantastic resource for helping to plan your special day. **Weddings by the Sea** is another valuable planner Cape May County has to offer.

13. When planning your honeymoon try a local Bed and Breakfast. The 50's themed Bed and Breakfast, **Summer Nites**, is a treat that can only be found in Wildwood.

For more planning tips, face to face interactions with wedding vendors, and a fashion show of the latest bridal trends, be sure to attend the Wildwoods Spring Bridal Fair on Sunday, March 22rd in the Oceanfront Arena of the **Wildwoods Convention Center**.





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Choosing Hairstyles for your Bridesmaids

Once you have solidified your own look for the big day, you will have to start thinking about your bridal party. Are you interested in letting your maids picking their own hairstyle or will you be selecting it for them? Whatever the decision may be it is a highly personal one. While it is your day and you probably have a vision in your head this can be a tough subject to navigate. Here are some helpful tips to ease the situation.

Consider your girls It would be almost impossible for all of your bridesmaids to have the exact same style. Consider the way in which they wear their hair daily. That should give you a clearer understanding of what would make her comfortable all night. **Hair – A Styling Salon** works to create wonderful styles in a relaxing and comfortable atmosphere.

Keep the theme in mind Your bridesmaids should mimic the style of the wedding. If you are hosting an event with a 1940's flair to it then consider keeping the hairstyles similar. You may not want the bridesmaids to share your hairstyle but they should be in the same ballpark.

Keep an open mind There are tons of ideas out there! Listen to your stylist and your girls for their ideas. You could be shocked to find out you liked something you had not even considered. **Ambiance Salon and Spa** offers well trained stylists that can help keep your look fresh.

Keep it interesting If "matchy matchy" is your style then by all means give everyone the same look. However, the days of everyone matching have gone away and it is okay, even encouraged, to showcase some individuality. Just be sure everyone is complementary! **Shampoo Bar** is sure to provide you with a style that will leave all your bridesmaids happy!

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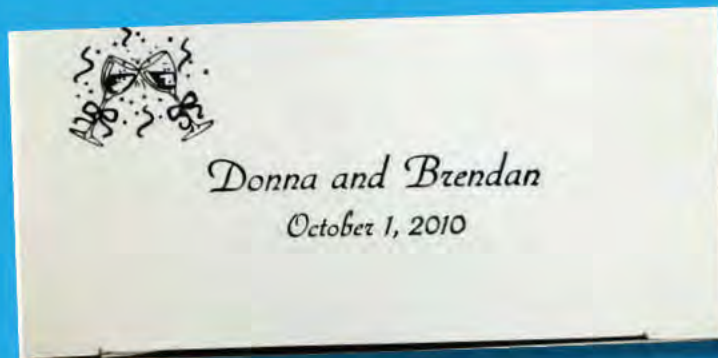
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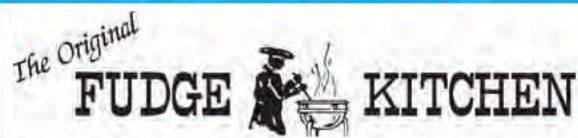
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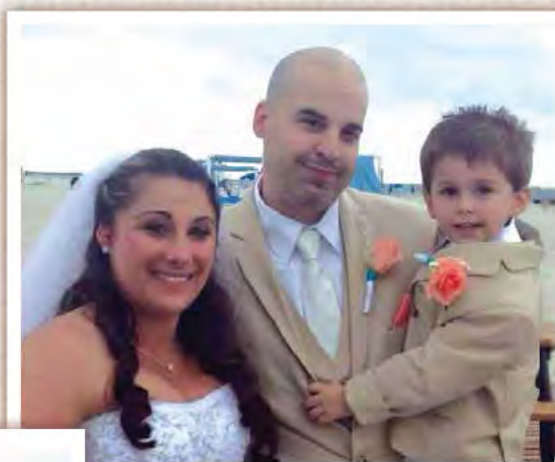
How they met: Matt and Ashley met through mutual friends. After a few meetings Ashley agreed to go out with Matt and the rest is history!

The proposal: Matt proposed on Christmas after their son had turned one. There was a toy phone given as gift. Instead of there actually being a toy phone in the box there was a ring.

The planning: Ashley wanted to give a ceremony that was both fun and would not break the bank. The decision to get married in Cape May was an easy one as the couple grew up in Cape May. They wanted a low key and relaxed wedding and this was the perfect place to do so. Ashley's favorite part of the planning came from making the bouquets and center pieces. Ashley also catered her own wedding!

The wedding: Ashley and Matt tied the knot on June 21.

Ashley's favorite moment: The bride loved that she was able to have her dream wedding without overspending. "Marrying my best friend was not too bad either," Ashley concluded.





Some Of
Ashley & Matt's Key
Ingredients:

- Reception: West Cape May Firehouse
- Cake: A Piece of Cake



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Lauren & Kyle

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How they met: Kyle and Lauren had been working together. Lauren had been eyeing him up for a few months when they were set up by a mutual friend.

The proposal: Kyle had taken Lauren on a carriage ride one night and proposed in front of a fountain in Cape May.

The planning: Lauren and Kyle took two years to plan their big day. They both grew up in Cape May so it was no question as to where they would get married. They did everything themselves. All of the signs used, the flowers; every detail of the wedding was done by the couple and their loved ones.

The wedding: Lauren and Kyle shared their vows on September 26. They had a complete family affair, including Lauren's uncle that officiated the wedding and required their first "selfie" as Mister and Misses at the altar.

Lauren's favorite moment: Lauren recalls that walking down the aisle to meet her future was the greatest moment. "This is a memory I wish I could bottle up and save forever," she said. Lauren also loved her 18 person honeymoon to Mexico. Close family and friends accompanied the couple to Mexico to continue the party from the wedding.



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3 Tips for Beautiful Photos & Film



Couples spend months planning the perfect day so it is important to find the right photographer to capture the celebration. Your photographer will spend more time with you on your wedding day than most other people and will be involved weeks after your wedding. Here are some tips on how to ensure you are in love with your wedding day photographs.

Trust is one of the most important things when it comes to photography and cinematography. The people you hire are with you more than anyone else on your wedding day, and continue to work with you after the wedding. It is important that you feel comfortable and trust the person capturing your images and films. The more at ease you are the more genuine and natural your photos and film will be.

Posing in front of a camera for the first time can seem daunting and being natural is easier said than done. To keep poses as natural as possible, don't be afraid to interact with each other, laugh and enjoy the moment. As a photographer, I guide my couples and direct them so that they naturally move into a pose instead of just placing them in one. This allows me to capture the most genuine photos.

Timing is everything. The best way to make sure there is plenty of time for all those beautiful photos/film you want is to make a timeline with your photographer/cinematographer, they will be able to give you advice on how long things should take and insure you time for creative and meaningful imagery! Opting for a first look will help with that and it will also allow you to enjoy more time with your guests.

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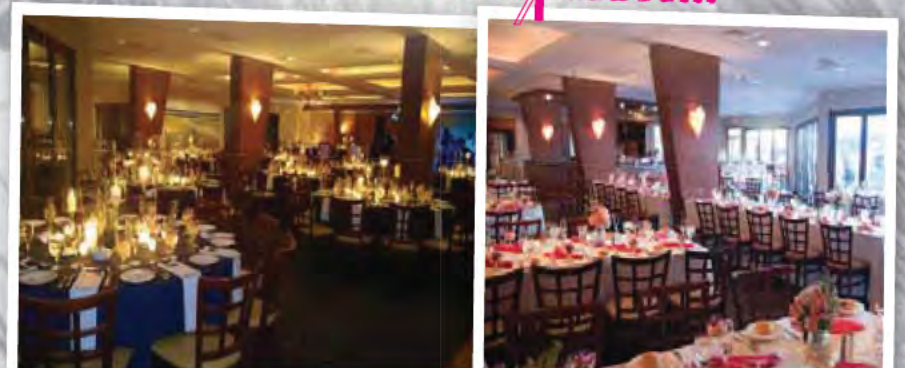
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Katie & Stephen

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How they met: Stephen and Katie met through a Catholic dating site and connected due to their love of Ocean City. They had their first date in Ocean City, where Katie beat Stephen in a round of mini-golf. Katie recalls that it was "a super awkward" night. They agreed to see each other again and talked for 5 hours! From that moment Katie knew Stephen was someone she wanted to keep seeing.

The proposal: Katie had a feeling from the beginning of the evening that Stephen was about to propose. Katie was so nervous she needed a minute when Stephen picked her up to calm herself down. They went to Adoration at Our Lady of Sorrows, Katie thought he might have been planning a proposal there so her prayers consisted of asking for her nerves to be calmed. But no proposal came. They went to dinner at a Cape May favorite. She thought maybe then he would propose. But no proposal came. Around 10 PM, Stephen asked Katie to go to the Cape May Point Lighthouse. When they arrived Stephen gave her a letter of all the things he wanted to say to her in case he got nervous and forgot. After Katie was done reading the letter, Stephen got down on one knee.

The planning: Choosing Ocean City for their wedding was an easy choice as it had such a special place in the couple's heart. They both grew up vacationing here every summer. They also had their first date on the island so it was a no brainer for them!

The wedding: Katie and Stephen tied the knot on June 7 surrounded by their closest family and friends.

Katie's favorite moment: Katie was most thankful for being able to walk down the aisle toward her best friend and start their forever. Three months prior the wedding Katie had emergency brain surgery to remove a benign tumor that had been blocking her spinal fluid to her ventricles. Stephen was by her side the entire time and it was an enormous blessing to be able to enjoy their wedding day to the fullest.



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Desiree & Nicholas

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How they met: Nick and Desiree met their senior year of high school. Desiree remembers Nick being really shy at the time. It was not until six years later that they reconnected.

The proposal: Nick proposed exactly one year prior to their wedding. They were walking on the boardwalk in Sea Isle City when Nick asked Desi to sit. He got down on one knee right there! After, they went to celebrate at a local restaurant.

The planning: It was important for the couple to have a one stop shop. They fell in love immediately with Avalon. Living an hour away forced Desi to do most of her planning over the phone once she found her venue. For her bridal shower, everyone was asked to bring a brooch. Those brooches were turned into Desi's bouquet so she could have a piece of everyone with her.

The wedding: Desi and Nicholas were married on May 17 on the beach. Desi was able to see guests arriving from her hotel room and could hear the harp playing from the beach. "The whole day was perfect," according to Desi.

Desi's favorite moment: "I have way too many favorite memories to choose just one," Desi said. One of her favorite moments was being able to wake up and see the ceremony take shape. She was able to see guests arrive, hearing the harp playing and enjoy a breath taking view while she got ready for the ceremony. It was a magical moment!



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Deb & Frank

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How they met: Deb and Frank grew up in the same town together.

They attended the same high school. This is not where the love story begins. Frank joined the Air Force and Deb did not speak to him again until 25 years later. It was through Facebook that Deb sent Frank a friend request before their high school reunion. The rest is history.

The proposal: The couple went on a cruise with Deb's parents in April of 2013. On the third night of the cruise, Frank took Deb out. While out that evening a video began playing and the next thing Deb remembers is Frank down on one knee. Her parents were there to witness the whole thing.

The planning: They knew right away they wanted to have their wedding at the Jersey Shore as they had both spent their summers there growing up. Deb and Frank wanted a party and that is exactly what they got in Wildwood!

The wedding: Deb and Frank were married on May 17. 60 of their closest friends and family surrounded them as they said "I do" and danced the night away.

Deb's favorite moment: The couple chose to write their own vows. One of the bride's favorite moments was seeing Frank trying to hold back his tears. It was an incredible moment for the couple.



Some of Deb & Frank's
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Ball Gown: The most noticeable thing about a ball gown is the large, full skirt and the fitted bodice. This type of dress is best for brides with a boyish figure as it adds fullness and curves to your body. This look is not recommended for the petite bride as the volume could swallow you up.

Mermaid: This dress is defined by a curve hugging skirt and flares out at the knee. The Mermaid is best for brides with an hourglass figure and want to show off their



curves. This is not recommended for brides who want something more loose fitting.

A-Line: This dress is known for being in the shape of an A. An A-Line dress will flatter almost every body type.

Trumpet: This dress is known for being shaped like, you guessed it, a trumpet. It flares at the knee, much like the Mermaid. The trumpet is great for the bride who wants a formfitting dress. Avoid this dress if you are uncomfortable with flaunting your shape.

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Leslie & Robert

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How they met: Leslie and Robert met online. Leslie describes their first date as the "standard dinner. It was kind of boring, but neither of us managed to embarrass ourselves."

The proposal: Robert proposed at Sunset Beach. It was a cloudy day, but the sun peaked out of the clouds at the right time.

The planning: Planning was easy for the couple. Leslie's mother and aunt did a majority of the planning with their wedding planner. They narrowed down some choices and let the couple make a final decision. It was difficult to come to Cape May to do a lot of the planning as Leslie was busy with a project at work.

The actual wedding: Leslie and Robert tied the knot on August 9. The couple was thrilled to see all of their friends and family on their special day. A lot of guests they had not seen in a few years, so it was really wonderful to have them there.

What Leslie recalls: Taking photos on Sunset Beach was the most memorable moment. Leslie remembers that beach patrons were courteous and helped give the couple space for pictures that did not feature beach goers. She remembers she arrived just before the Flag Lowering Ceremony so the couple had to stand in silence until the ceremony concluded.



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Groom
Officiant

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Flower Girl and Ring Bearer
Father of the Bride and Bride

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Groom's maternal grandparents
Bride's paternal grandparents
Bride's maternal grandparents
Groom's parents
Mother of the Bride
Officiant

Groom
Best Man
Groomsmen
Bridesmaids
Maid of Honor
Children attendants
Bride and her escort

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Patsy & Peter

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How They Met: Peter and Patsy met 13 years ago by means of the personal ads in the Newspaper. The two had their first date getting coffee at a diner on a Friday Night. "We are very lucky," explains the couple.

How he proposed: In October 2013 Peter first popped the question to Patsy in casual conversation. The two always discussed that things would just be easier if they were just married but never seriously thought of tying the knot. Patsy thought Peter was joking at first and it was not until a few weeks later that she answered him seriously.

The Planning: The couple talked about wanting a beach wedding, but with such a big year of celebrations ahead, they decided to have a whole weekend of fun including a wedding and 70th birthday celebration for Peter. The family rented six houses for four days to host everyone and The Ferry Terminal offered an intimate setting for the wedding reception of sixty people. Both Peter and Patsy had a part in the planning. Patsy states, "We are a team and that has never changed."

The Wedding: Patsy and Peter exchanged their vows on October 4.

Patsy and Peter's Favorite Moment: Having the two families come together and take part in the wedding was the couple's favorite moment. Their wedding was all about family with everyone having a part, the grandchildren even walked down the aisle! According to Patsy and Peter, "It's good to get family together."



Some of Patsy and Peter's Key Ingredients:

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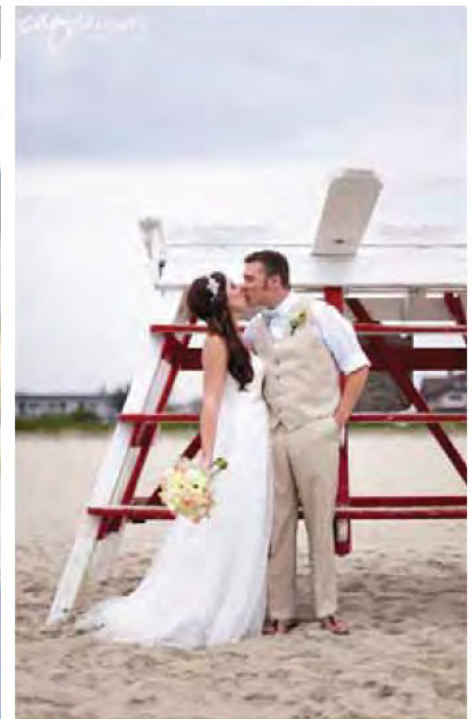
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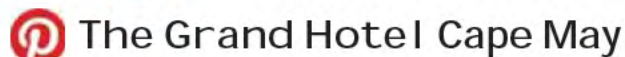
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Alicia & Bryan

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How they met: Alicia and Bryan met through mutual friends. They had their first date at the Brown Room.

The proposal: Alicia is a Vet Tech and Bryan had arranged for their dog to be wearing a tuxedo with a ring attached.

The planning: Bryan is in the Coast Guard and was transferred to St. Louis after his time in Cape May. When the couple got engaged, Alicia knew she wanted to get married in Cape May because that is where they had met and fell in love. Alicia's mom was crucial in the planning process as she was still in the area. They planned for a small and intimate wedding in Cape May.

The wedding: Alicia and Bryan were married on September 14 on the beaches of Cape May.

What Alicia Remembers: "As soon as I saw Bryan it was like there was no one else in the room," Alicia said. It was a very special moment for Alicia and Bryan.



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Caitlin & Bill

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How they met: Caitlin and Bill met at a local pub in the summer of 2011. This was Bill's second home as he had worked there for 12 summers. Caitlin was out for a girl's night and Bill was off that night but happened to be at the pub. They met at the back bar and Bill knew it was love at first sight!

The proposal: Bill proposed on November 17. Caitlin had just completed the Philly half-marathon. After the race, they stopped at Love Park to take some pictures. Caitlin was confused because Bill kept talking while her mom was trying to take a picture. He then got down on one knee. "I was not expecting it at all. I thought it would be a while until he asked me to be his forever!" Caitlin said. It was just a day shy of their 2 year anniversary.

The planning: Planning was a breeze for Caitlin as they knew right away they wanted to celebrate where they met. "We met there and built our relationship down the shore, so it was natural for us to have a 'sea-shore' wedding" Caitlin said. Caitlin and Bill have spent every summer 'down the shore' so Caitlin felt like she was planning a wedding in her home-town.

The wedding: Caitlin took Bill's last name on October 4. It was an overcast morning. When Caitlin arrived at the ceremony in the trolley the day could have not gotten brighter! The sun was shining the entire ceremony. Immediately following the ceremony the sun went away, which was perfect for the photographers to get great pictures. "It was an awesome day," Caitlin stated.

Caitlin & Bill's favorite moment: The entrance was their favorite moment. They walked the length of the bar which set the tone for the evening. "We wanted a big celebration and that's exactly what we got!" Caitlin said.



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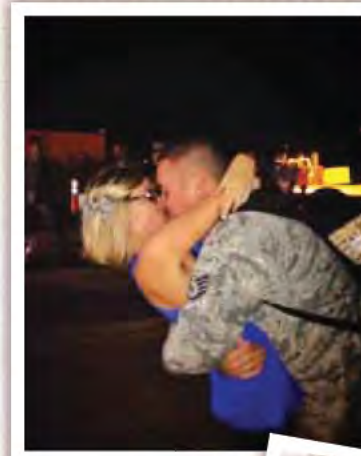
How they met: Sarah and Edward met when Edward transferred high schools. He had to take a freshman health class and Sarah was in his class. Sarah remembers lending him a pencil that he never returned. 6 years later, Edward sent Sarah a message. She politely kept turning him down. Eventually, she decided to see him. They have been together ever since.

The proposal: Edward came home one day, acting very strange. He would not sit next to Sarah on the couch, he barely spoke to her. When he finally did sit down, he pulled out a ring he had designed. The ring was too big for Sarah and so they took it to be resized. Edward decided to propose again, with the better fitting ring, walking on the beach one day. She was incredibly surprised!

The planning: It took 8 months to plan their celebration. Sarah spent the first few months attending bridal shows and figuring out exactly what the couple wanted. She knew she wanted to be married on the beach because it had such a special meaning to their relationship. Sarah loved that she was able to plan with her friends and family. She decided to do a lot of the décor. The whole family pitched in to help create their special day.

The wedding: Sarah and Edward were married on May 11. There was a chance of rain that day and they were due to be married on the beach. The couple had to decide that morning whether to chance the rain or move the ceremony. It was immediately after arriving at their reception that the rain began. It was perfect timing.

What Sarah Remembers: When walking down the aisle, Sarah saw her future husband tearing up. "It was the best feeling, more than I could have ever asked for," Sarah said. She surprised her husband with a banner plane that flew over during the ceremony. It was all he had wanted. Their first kiss also makes the list of the memorable moments. "Sharing our first kiss as husband and wife was the most incredible feeling," she recalls.



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Devin & TJ

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How they met: Devin and TJ met in the summer of 2011. Devin was bartending at The Deck in Wildwood and TJ worked just across the street at Weichert Realty. A close friend told TJ to check out the new bartender in town. The rest is history.

The proposal: After 8 months, Devin and TJ flew to Bermuda. TJ proposed at a restaurant near their hotel. Devin says, "He was so nervous he dropped the ring."

The planning: Devin and TJ are both extremely detail oriented. It took 5 months before they found a place to hold their event. A local winery was the perfect place to host their nuptials. "As soon as we saw the venue we knew this is where we wanted to celebrate our love," Devin says. The couple is self-described as foodies and wine lovers, so this was the most ideal place.

The wedding: Devin and TJ tied the knot on September 21. They said their "I do's" at Our Lady of the Angels Church in Cape May Court House before heading to a local winery for their rustic reception.

What Devin remembers: "The whole day was a whirlwind," Devin said. Her favorite moment was seeing her husband-to-be waiting for her at the end of the aisle. "I never thought I would find such a good man to spend the rest of my life with. Trust me, I had to kiss a lot of frogs to find him," Devin said about her husband.



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Trim it

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Look around

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