

jenny & howard

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the place settings

Echoing the ornate reception space, the couple set tables with beaded chargers and ivory napkins tucked into pistachio-colored napkin rings.

the cake

Sugar dogwood blooms, ferns and leaves cascaded down the cake's five tiers. A white fern motif appeared on each layer.



their story

Jenny Shearer (29 and a children's hospital volunteer) met Howard Topol (28 and a pediatrics resident) because her college resident advisor was dating his medical school roommate. When they had dinner together, Jenny and Howard hit it off. Three years later, Howard had his proposal mapped out, but things didn't go according to plan. Before they could get dinner in Pittsburgh, Howard's car had a flat tire, so they took a cab to the restaurant. Then, his idea to pop the question atop a scenic overlook was dashed when Jenny complained about the cold weather. Finally, after proposing over dinner, he couldn't find the ring (it was in his other pocket). "It was so cute and so Howard," says Jenny. Despite the glitches, Jenny agreed to get hitched. They wound up celebrating their first moments as an engaged couple in Jenny's parents' car—they had to come pick them up from the tow shop! —JT >>



style notes

The green marble and gold sculptures in their venue inspired the couple's color scheme, which mixed garden and vintage details. Flowers had a fresh-picked feel, while retro touches, like Jenny's all-over lace gown and 1950s finger wave hairstyle, completed the theme.

the bridesmaid bouquets

Sweet peas, white peonies, lisianthus, cream Gracia roses, Queen Anne's lace and grape hyacinths created garden-fresh arrangements.

the escort cards

The butter yellow escort cards got their own eye-catching display: a table with flowers pressed underneath glass.

the ceremony

Howard is Jewish and Jenny is Presbyterian, so they included traditions from both faiths in their ceremony. A rabbi and a pastor switched off delivering the service, which was held underneath an elaborate floral huppah. >>





the centerpieces

Dramatic, two-tiered floral arrangements, which included hydrangeas and roses, decorated each reception table to achieve the couple's "enchanted garden" look.

the first dance

Jenny and Howard chose "It Had to be You," sung by Harry Connick, Jr., for their first dance. The decades-old song nodded to the couple's vintage theme.



their ingredients

- CEREMONY SITE** Hall of Architecture, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, (412) 622-3394
- RECEPTION SITE** Music Hall Foyer, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, (412) 622-3394
- PHOTOGRAPHY** Stephen Barry/In-Vision Studio, Inc., Pittsburgh, In-VisionStudio.com
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- OFFICIANTS** Rabbi Emanuel Baum, Pittsburgh, (412) 731-3434; Rev. Clark R. Kerr, Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Latrobe, (724) 537-3631
- GOWN AND VEIL** Reem Acra, New York, NY, (212) 308-8760
- SHOES** GraceFootwear.com
- HAIR** Spa Uptown, Pittsburgh, (412) 281-5400
- BRIDESMAID DRESSES** Priscilla of Boston, Wynnewood, (610) 896-8290
- FORMALWEAR** Men's Wearhouse, MensWearhouse.com
- STATIONERY** The Papery, Philadelphia, (215) 922-1500
- FLOWERS** Hepatica, Pittsburgh, (412) 241-3900
- RENTAL EQUIPMENT** Nick Dialoiso, Three Rivers Entertainment & Production, Pittsburgh, (412) 429-4000
- CATERING** Ellen Popovich, Parkhurst Dining Services, Pittsburgh, (412) 622-6577
- CEREMONY MUSIC** Minister of Music - Michael Long, Latrobe Presbyterian Church, Latrobe, (724) 537-3631
- RECEPTION MUSIC** Three Rivers Entertainment & Production, Pittsburgh, (412) 429-4000
- CAKE** Ellen Popovich, Parkhurst Dining Services, Pittsburgh, (412) 622-6577
- FAVORS** Dale and Thomas Popcorn, Philadelphia, (215) 851-8081
- TRANSPORTATION** Regency Transportation, Pittsburgh, (412) 321-6800
- HONEYMOON** Kauai and Maui, HI