



the bridal party Playful touches accented the women's styles, like bold ribbons tied to the bouquets and Samantha's braided crown.



SAMANTHA & PHILLIP
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depot dinner party

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Propelled by the father of the bride's love of trains and the couple's backyard dinner parties, Samantha Marshall (32 and an attorney) and Phillip Hurst (33 and an attorney) headed south from Washington, DC, to a railroad museum in Savannah, Georgia, for their destination nuptials. The smoke stack and mechanics yard of the depot set the stage for the ceremony, which blended Jewish and Christian traditions and included a playful recessional to "Chattanooga Choo Choo." The couple found sweet ways to honor their families, like displaying family photos on the side of a train car, and added a touch of home by placing turquoise Hazel-Atlas vintage glasses on the tables and hanging Edison bulbs—the type of décor they use for entertaining. "We wanted to make it as personal as possible," Samantha says. "We even wrote notes on the menu to every single guest." —SC



the location Samantha often visited the museum as a child with her parents, so she knew it would make a great destination for their friends and family. "We gave our guests orange bracelets so they could find each other in the small town and introduce themselves," she says of encouraging guests to explore Savannah. **the flowers** Samantha added punch to the fall-inspired florals with pops of purple and pink in the arrangements and on the rustic chuppah. As an ode to her love of cooking, she included herbs, grapes and an artichoke in her boldly hued bouquet.

THE COLOR PALETTE:





the food Instead of cake, the couple served Phillip's family's favorite holiday desserts: pie and banana pudding. Prior to the sweets, guests dined on whimsical bites like foie gras "PBJ" and sipped sweet potato old-fashioned in vintage cocktail glasses. **the favors** Guests left with baskets filled with biscuits, honey, butter, jam and a dish towel that featured family recipes. **the twist on tradition** "Phillip had the idea that we could all break glass after we learned that lightbulbs are the easiest glass to break and relatively inexpensive," Samantha says of incorporating all the guests in the Jewish tradition. "It was my favorite moment of the ceremony."



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- 1 Vintage bulb hanging pendant, \$42 for set of 3, HomeDepot.com
- 2 Pecan Pie Recipe tea towel, \$15, BelleandUnion.com
- 3 Savannah honey, \$15, SavannahBee.com
- 4 Margaux white wine glass, \$12, Anthropologie.com
- 5 Ceramic table lamp in Blue, \$100, Target.com
- 6 Paper flower kit, \$25, PaperSource.com
- 7 Lace gown with leather detail, \$9,790, HarborBridal.com

ingredients

Ceremony & Reception Site Georgia State Railroad Museum, Savannah, GA **Photography** Kelli Boyd/Kelli Boyd Photography **Videography** Tweed Video **Event Design** Posh Petals and Pearls **Flowers** Harvey Designs **Officiant** Hon. Roy W. McLeese III **Gown** Oscar de la Renta, Mark Ingram Atelier, New York City **Hair & Makeup** Bride's Side Beauty **Shoes** Gianvito Rossi **Engagement & Wedding Rings** Mark Patterson **Earrings** Gellner; Von Bargen's **Bridesmaid Dresses** Various **Formalwear** Groom: Hickey Freeman, Barneys New York; groomsmen: BlackTux.com **Stationery** Cheree Berry Paper Rentals **JLK Events**; Polished!; Savannah Special Events; Savannah Vintage Rentals **Catering** Salthouse **Desserts** Adam Turoni; Pie Society **Music** Ceremony: New Arts Ensembles; reception: Mo' Sol **Favors** Belle & Union Co. **Transportation** Oglethorpe Gray Line Trolley **Accommodations** River Street Inn **Honeymoon** Thailand

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