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# sara & austin

SANTA BARBARA • September 8

photography by Skye Blu Photography



## the invitations

The invitations were printed on textured crème paper with chocolate font and two silhouettes of foliage.

## the bridal bouquet

Vintage butterfly pins that belonged to the bride's grandmother were pinned to Sara's white and green bouquet of roses and sweet peas.



## their story

Sara Bixler (now 31 and an assistant art director) had a secret crush on Austin Prince (now 34 and a chief treatment operator) in high school—but nothing ever developed until years later. While they were both visiting their parents, Sara saw Austin walk past her childhood house. Not letting another chance go by, she ran outside and made plans to meet him the next day. Austin couldn't wait and showed up on her doorstep hours later—they were an item from the start. Years later, the couple took a trip to Kauai. The moment they arrived, they rushed out to the water. Again, Austin couldn't wait any longer and proposed right then. That fall, they wed in front of an historic adobe. —BD



**the centerpieces**

River rocks, lanterns, votives and overflowing white and green floral arrangements lined the head table.

**the cake**

The three-tiered square cake, set on a bed of greenery, was decorated with chocolate brown ribbon and cymbidium orchids.

**the ceremony**

Lending a rustic feel to the ceremony, the couple wed underneath a tree in front of an old adobe. >>



**the bridesmaid bouquets**

For an organic look, the bridesmaids carried bouquets of white sweet peas with mint leaves.

**the first dance**

Beneath strings of white lights, the couple shared their first dance to "Northern Sky," by Nick Drake.



**their ingredients**

**CEREMONY SITE** Santa Barbara Historical Museum (805) 966-1601, Santa Barbara

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**PHOTOGRAPHY** Danielle Biel, Skye Blu Photography, Pasadena, SkyeBluPhotography.com

**CONSULTANT** Pamela Galvin, Events and Celebrations (805) 403-3515, Santa Barbara

**OFFICIANT** Friend of the bride and groom

**GOWN** Jasmine Couture, Ana Maria's Bridal (805) 687-5054, Santa Barbara

**SHOES** JCrew.com

**HAIR** Ann Kelleher, 19 Blue Salon (805) 965-8200, Santa Barbara

**MAKEUP** Romina Murillo for Trish McEvoy, Saks Fifth Avenue (805) 884-9997, Santa Barbara

**BRIDESMAID DRESSES** JCrew.com

**FORMALWEAR** Mission Tuxedos (805) 569-3334, Santa Barbara

**INVITATIONS** Papyrus (805) 962-3008, Santa Barbara

**FLOWERS** Nico Cervantes, Nico Designs (805) 680-5497, Santa Barbara

**RENTAL EQUIPMENT** Ventura Rental (805) 644-4496, Ventura

**CATERING** Lorraine Lim Catering (805) 646-2200, Santa Barbara

**MUSIC** Bill Egan, Egan Entertainment (805) 689-3622, Santa Barbara

**CAKE** Christine Dahl Pastries (805) 569-5889, Santa Barbara

**FAVORS** Truffles: Jessica Foster Confections (805) 637-6985, Santa Barbara; plants: Terra Sol Garden Center (805) 964-7811, Santa Barbara

**HONEYMOON** Kauai, Hawaii