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Go West

East coasters Cate and Craig hosted a preppy Park City destination wedding infused with vibrant colors and ski-themed accents.

Cate Candland & Craig Clancy
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PHOTOGRAPHY BY PEPPER NIX



Wedding day fashion—Cate's Oscar De La Renta gown and Craig's Suit Supply ensemble—was purchased in their current home state of New York.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Scheduling by Utah wedding planner Soiree Productions allowed ample time for bridesmaids to relax before the Deer Valley ceremony.



THE COUPLE

Cate and Craig met in New York City amid the cubicles of JP Morgan's investment division. After three and a half years of dating, Craig proposed to Cate in New York City's famed Central Park on a chilly December day. "He told me we were going to brunch with his parents at the Boat House," says Cate who used an emotional proposal photo for their Save the Date cards. "It was a perfect day. As an extra surprise, he organized a brunch with both of our families at our favorite neighborhood brunch place."

THE WEDDING

Cate calls Greenwich, Connecticut her hometown, but with countless vacations spent in Utah at her family cabin, the Wasatch Range was her top pick to host the wedding. "When I first thought about where I would want to get married, I couldn't think of anywhere more perfect in the summertime," she says. Along with her Sea Cliff, New York-native groom, Cate coordinated a colorful mountain chic soirée.

THE MOOD

With grassy ski runs serving as a backdrop, fuchsia, yellow, oranges and pinks vibrantly animated the mountainside party at St. Regis Deer Valley. "I wanted everything to be fun, colorful and whimsical to compliment the mountains." Escort cards resembled ski lift tickets and table numbers showcased a colorful gondola with monogrammed Cs for both Cate and Craig. Instead of guest books, guests signed vintage skis that now hang in the newlyweds' home.

THE MENU

Cocktail hour offered passed appetizers including heirloom tomato arugula pesto and goat cheese tartlets and braised Colorado lamb and bacon lardon potato cakes. For dinner, guests selected one of three savory entrees: Mary's free-range chicken breast served with fricassee of fingerling potatoes, mushrooms, asparagus, heirloom carrots and pan jus; grilled halibut with a side of herb-glazed purple fingerling potatoes, shaved baby vegetables and sweet corn cobs; or center cut angus beef tenderloin, gratin potatoes, mixed mushrooms and caramelized black pepper jus.

THE TUNES

"Right before our entrance, the band was playing Poison's 'Nothing But a Good Time' and our entire bridal party was rocking the dance floor," Cate recalls. "I felt Craig squeeze my hand, and I was so overwhelmed with love and happiness." The newlyweds danced to "Whatever It Is" by Zac Brown Band.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Ring bearers wore blue jackets, hot pink bow ties and orange boutonnieres; Cate's engagement ring came with Craig's surprise proposal during a Central Park walk; post-ceremony, a bridesmaid tried on a flower girl head wreath; the St. Regis funicular lifted guests up to the lodge; a clear tent canopied the outdoor plaza allowing guests to be protected from inclement weather, yet still take in the mountainside ambiance.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Tree trunks marked the aisle and held vibrant hued flowers.





VENDOR S

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Catering: St. Regis Deer Valley, Park
City, stregisdeervalley.com

Ceremony and reception site: St. Regis
Deer Valley, Park City, stregisdeervalley.com

Invitations: Ann Elizabeth Custom
Graphic & Printing Studio, LLC,
anneelizabeth.com

Flowers: Decorations Inc., LLC,
decorationsinc.com

Rentals: All Out Tent Rentals, Midvale,
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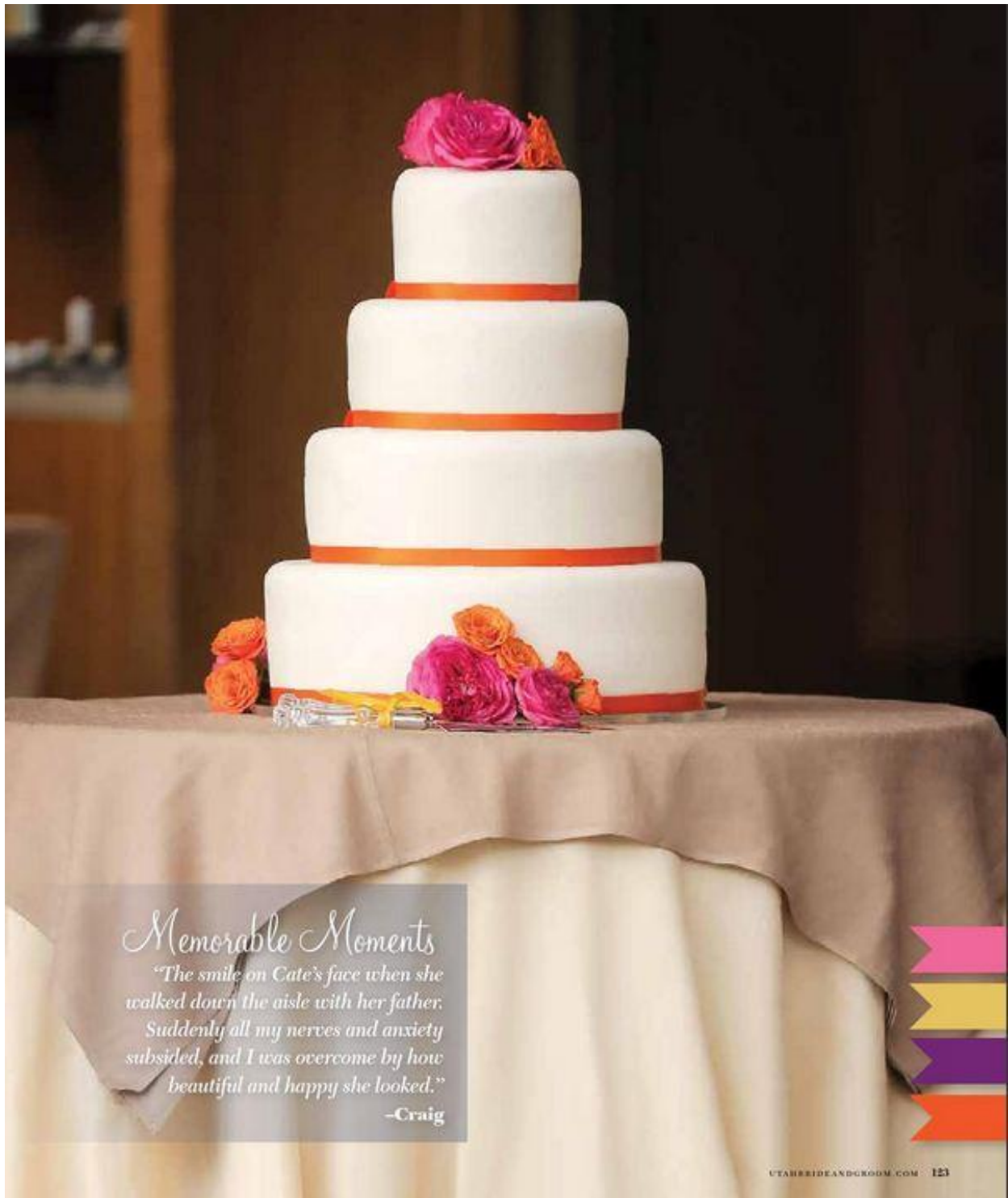
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Monogrammed gondolas numbered the tables; the father of the bride reminded Cate that she "will always be his princess and honey bun" during his toast; escort cards resembled ski lift tickets and hung from an aspen tree display; Party Crashers Band got everyone on their feet; passed appetizers included classic shrimp cocktails; in lieu of a guest book, guests signed skis for the couple to have as a memento. OPPOSITE PAGE: Utah bakery Carrie's Cakes designed the champagne and Italian cream-filled cake.





Memorable Moments

"The smile on Cate's face when she walked down the aisle with her father. Suddenly all my nerves and anxiety subsided, and I was overcome by how beautiful and happy she looked."

-Craig





Friends in High Places

In the mountains of Deer Valley, a mother of the bride and her friends elevate the art of giving a shower.

PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADAM FINKLE

THROWING A SHOWER can be a daunting challenge. But when you have good friends to lead the way, the hard work will be rewarding. Lucky for Park City mother of the bride Debbi Crosby, longtime friends Renee Nicholas and Diane Rinehart showered her daughter, Carina with the perfect blend of sophistication and flair.

"I have known Diane for about 20 years," Crosby says. "We met when our daughters were in kindergarten together. And

I met Renee about 10 years ago when our children were in school with each other." Raising children simultaneously in the same community often builds bonds that last among families. No surprise, these close friends celebrated the shower like they would for their own children.

"Renee is Park City's answer to Martha Stewart," Crosby says. "She plans and executes beautiful parties." Interior



designer Nicholas hosted the shower at her Deer Valley home and with Rinehart's help, the duo orchestrated an intimate sit-down luncheon for 21 of the Crosbys' hometown friends.

This first day of summer brought chirping birds and gauzy clouds passing overhead; a welcome reprieve from the freak snowstorm that hit Park City four days earlier. Combining the bride's penchant for preppy and the moms' gracious Southern style, the hostesses threw the shower high in the woods of Park City's hilltops. This would seem like a mixed bag, but when anchored with a cohesive color palette and well-balanced design, the scene melded casual elegance and whimsy to yield a refined yet relaxed party approach.

"Carina is a little bit preppy," Nicholas says. "I lived in Atlanta where everyone has everything monogrammed, so I thought Mimosas and Monograms would be a fun theme for a shower." Upon arrival, a 2-foot wide monogrammed wreath greeted guests at the front door and once inside,



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Heirloom china and flatware make a personal statement; "Two Peas in a Pod" soup shooters; the "Monograms & Mimosas" invitation; Hayden Hull brings a monogrammed gift. **OPPOSITE:** Hostess Renee Nicholas, groom Casey and mother of the bride Debbi Crosby set the dessert table. **BELOW:** One month after the shower, Carina and Casey Nation wed at Deer Valley.

PAYING HOMAGE TO HOMETOWN

Bride Carina Crosby grew up in Park City. Like many Parkite moms, Debbi Crosby introduced her daughter to Deer Valley skiing at the tender age of 2. Twenty-four years later during Carina's freshman year at University of Southern Mississippi, she met her groom Casey Nation. For their wedding at Empire Canyon Lodge, it seemed fitting that Carina and Casey use ski references including reception tables named after Deer Valley ski runs like Know You Don't, Stein's Way and Success.

Photographs: Sparkle Photography, sparklephoto.com; **Wedding planner:** Soirée Productions, Park City, soireeproductions.com





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: "Endive in Love" salad; guests mingle on the back patio before the luncheon starts; paper signs present the party's color scheme; the bride and groom's initials hang on front door—and make a great gift for the duo to take back to their new home.

drinks including "Marry Me Mimosas" and "Lavender Love Lemonade" refreshed taste buds to get the backyard luncheon started.

In vibrant hues of purple and green, fresh flowers including roses, gladiolas and lisianthus brightened the table centerpieces. Heirloom plates and flatware topped the tables dressed in playful taffeta linens. Nicholas' dining room hosted a buffet of cleverly-named dishes including "Two Peas in a Pod Soup" and "Endive in Love Salad," along with entrees such as "Two Hearts Chicken Salad," "Heart Beet and Goat Cheese Salad," "Asparagus with Lemon Love Herbed Crumbs" and "Star Crossed Croissants." After lunch, the hosts ushered guests to a front yard lounge area for dessert and gift opening. Groom, Casey Nation joined the ladies for dessert after returning from a round of golf with his father-in-law.

Crosby's friends offered congrats with class and elegance. "My heart was so full of appreciation for my lady friends and the generous and creative gifts they gave Carina and Casey," she says. "As a mother, I was so proud of the poise and good manners with which Carina conducted herself. She is a wonderful daughter and I am so proud of who she is."

VENDORS

Design: Kensington Designs, Park City, 678-427-8717

Cupcakes: Nothing Bundt Cakes, Sandy, nothingbundtcakes.com

Chairs rentals: Diamond Rental, Park City, diamondrental.com

Hanging plants: Oakbridge Greenhouse, West Valley City, oakbridgegreenhouse.com

Flowers: Under The Sun, Heber City, 435-619-3757

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GET THE LOOK

HOW TO ACHIEVE FRESH AND FESTIVE IN A MOUNTAIN SETTING

Keep it simple. The key ingredient to a fresh style is uncomplicated and uncluttered.

Mix whimsy with timeless elements. From polka dotted paper to silver trays, the contrasting styles equal unique results.

Repeat yourself. To prevent a hodgepodge look, create cohesive décor by repeating colors, motifs and theme-related treatments.

Get personal. Monogrammed bags,

grandmother's china and family heirloom silver all make the lighthearted lunch personal.

Build on white. Sure white is bridal, but white canvas is also the perfect canvas to calm the lively decorations of a party scene.

Pick a palette. Want something fresh? Pass on heavy hues or juvenile primary colors and instead select softer shades drawn from summer gardens. Here lilac and

lime pair to brighten and lighten the décor.

Think outside of the box. 3-D tablecloths and tiered cupcakes stands, take ordinary elements extraordinary.

Stylize the service. Using cut crystal alongside casual-colored goblets offer formal and casual options.

Stay in season. Summer blooms boast a natural and less expensive look to fit the fresh mountain scene.