

melissa & patrick

SAINT PAUL • May 15
photography by Kelly Brown Weddings
at Christos Union Depot Place

the cake

Though the bride grew up in Minnesota, the couple live in the Washington, DC area, so they covered their cake with sugar paste cherry blossoms.

the flower girls

Melissa's two young cousins wore capri-blue sashes around their waists and pink ballet slippers, matching the accent colors in the décor.

the candy bar

A train cart sat near the entrance to the reception site and held a variety of sweets—all in shades of pink.



THE BRIDE Melissa Cook, 27, a financial reporting analyst

THE GROOM Patrick Ashby, 27, a business development consultant

HOW THEY MET Through Melissa's neighbor

THEIR ENGAGEMENT PERIOD 18 months

THEIR WEDDING STYLE The couple supported their modern-vintage theme with a black, white and gray primary palette and then added pops of blue and pink. To achieve an Art Deco vibe, they used a variety of geometric patterns and shapes throughout the reception décor. —CC



the escort cards

The dotted diamond pattern on the escort cards was repeated throughout the reception details, like the table numbers and menus.

the bridal bouquet

The bride's pink bouquet was made up of a mix of peonies, anemones, sweet pea and ranunculus for texture.

the bridesmaid looks

The four bridesmaids chose their favorite neckline for their capri-blue, silk dupioni dresses. The groomsmen wore gray suits with pale pink ties and pocket squares.





the ceremony

Melissa and Patrick were married in the historic University Lutheran Church of Hope with beautiful stained glass and a massive pipe organ towering above the altar.

the boutonniere

Patrick donned a hot pink ranunculus, while each groomsman wore a white boutonniere matching the blooms in his respective bridal party partner's bouquet.



the menu

The couple used their signature pink diamond print for their menus which consisted of Melissa's and Patrick's favorite Greek foods.

the bridesmaid bouquets

The bridesmaids each carried an all-white bouquet made up of hydrangeas, chrysanthemums, peonies or dahlias, which stood out beautifully against the vibrant blue of their dresses.



the gown

Melissa found her vintage-style ivory, Chantilly lace gown at a trunk show. A birdcage veil and hot-pink patent leather shoes completed her look.

the reception décor

A bright pink tablecloth and blooming branches in large, silver urns added a bit more drama to the head table.

the favors

A gorgeous, custom-made humidor held handcrafted cigars for guests to enjoy during the celebration. The personalized cigar bands were printed with the couple's names and wedding date.



MELISSA & PATRICK'S WEDDING INGREDIENTS

CEREMONY SITE University Lutheran Church of Hope, Minneapolis

RECEPTION SITE Christos Union Depot Place, Saint Paul, (651) 224-6000

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OFFICIANT Pastor Greg Pagh, Christ Church Otsego, Otsego

GOWN Modern Trousseau, Hitched Salon, Washington, DC, (202) 333-6162

VEIL Brenda's Bridal Veils, Etsy.com/shop/brendasbridalveils

SHOES Enzo Angiolini, Nordstrom, Shop.Nordstrom.com

RINGS Mervis Diamond Importers, Tysons Corner, VA, (703) 448-9000

HAIR AND MAKEUP MN Bridal Makeup Artistry, Minneapolis, (612) 961-6159

BRIDESMAID DRESSES Anna Elyse, I Do & Baby Too, Wayzata, (952) 476-0046

FORMALWEAR Calvin Klein Grey Legend, Savvi Formalwear, Saint Paul, (651) 639-0405

STATIONERY Wedding Paper Divas, WeddingPaperDivas.com

FLOWERS Just Bloomed, Minneapolis, Just-Bloomed.com, (612) 600-9033

RENTAL EQUIPMENT Linens: Après Party & Tent Rental, Edina, (952) 942-3399; wine glasses: Linen Effects, Minneapolis, (612) 355-2500; candelabras: Midway Party Rental Inc., Saint Paul, (651) 644-0005

CATERING Christos Union Depot Place, Saint Paul, (651) 224-6000

CEREMONY MUSIC Organist: Scott Rohr, Minneapolis, (612) 331-5988

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DANCE LESSONS Dance Factory, Arlington, VA, (703) 528-9770

CAKE Penny Steele Custom Cakes, Medina, (651) 335-9621

FAVORS Michaels.com; Cuban Crafters, Miami, FL, CubanCrafters.com, (305) 573-0222

TRANSPORTATION Bellagala, Saint Paul, (651) 227-1202

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