

samara + kiva
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black-tie elegance

With only six months to plan, Samara Kaufmann (28 and a psychoanalyst-in-training) and Kiva Kolstein (36 and a VP at Gerson Lehrman Group) got right to work planning their traditional NYC wedding. The colors: silver, gray and white washed with lots of dramatic lighting from blue to purple and pink. Samara also loves anything bird-related, so she incorporated metal birds, birdcages and white cherry trees throughout the décor. The result was an overall elegant and magical atmosphere. —JD





the bouquet To keep the style clean, Samara carried an all-white bouquet accented with green leaves.

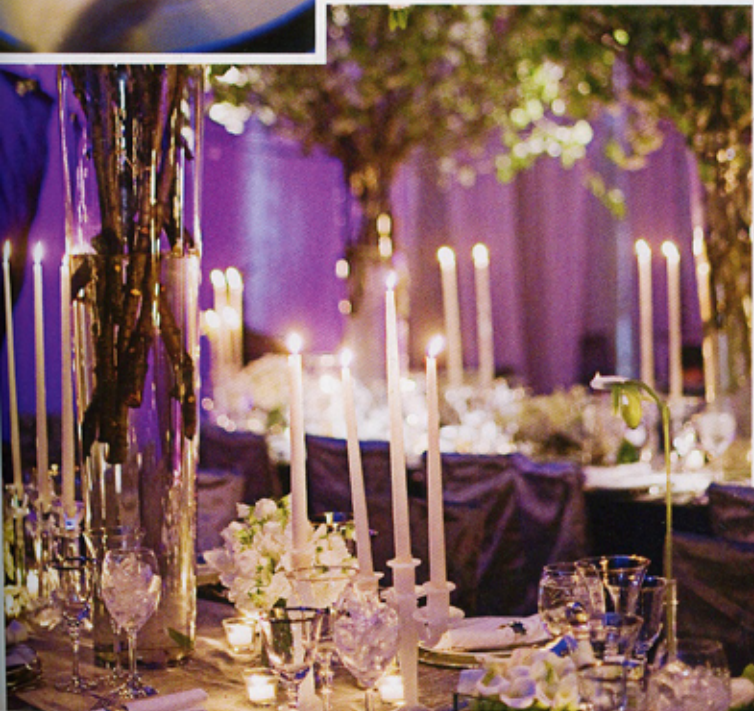
the cake Samara, who's loved truffles since she was a little girl, dreamed up a glam way to include them on the cake with some help from her cake designer. The truffles were dusted to look like jewels and placed all over the tiers!

the couple A romantic dress fit the style Samara wanted. After the ceremony, she took her hair out of a bun and lowered it to a loose, wavy ponytail. Kiva wore a tuxedo and bow tie for an "Old New York" look.

the lounge Fuchsia lighting gave the lounge area a nightclub vibe. **the centerpieces** Low rectangular vases with bunches of white calla lilies balanced out the tall trees on the tables.

the reception décor White cherry tree centerpieces, accented with scattered tapered candles, gave the space a magical woodland feel.

the place settings The couple (who share the same last initial) used their custom "KK" monogram on the invitations, menus and thank-you cards. Shiny silver napkin rings added a touch of elegance.



ingredients

Site Angel Orensanz Foundation, New York **Photography** Gruber Photographers, New York **Videography** Barnaby Draper Studios, New York **Consultants** Jung Lee and Josh Brooks/Fête, New York **Dress** Vera Wang **Formalwear** Ermenegildo Zegna **Flowers** Jung Lee and Josh Brooks/Fête, New York **Catering** Sonnier & Castle, New York **Cake** April Reed Cake Design, New York **Stationery** Crane & Co.

