

Fashionably Forever

It was a wedding of stylish proportions when James Gardam, managing director of Queensland's fine fabric retailer Gardam's Fabrics, wed Melinda Corcoran, the designer behind luxe ladies footwear label Bitter Sweet. Both have years of experience in fashion and design so it was bound to be one beautiful event!

Styling Notes:

Gown: "I didn't want to go the traditional white strapless dress which is why I chose silver/platinum silk satin and then to soften that colour I put an off-white silk chiffon overlay, so it looked silvery in some lights then white in others. With the one shoulder look, I love goddess-style dresses and to glam it up we added art deco crystal trims. The chiffon and crystals plaiting down my back was Michael Klease's idea, to the make the back "sparkle".

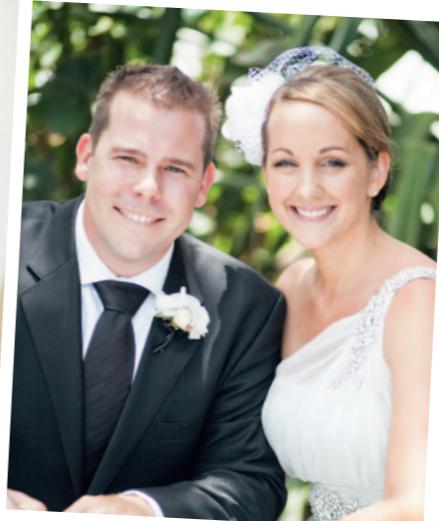
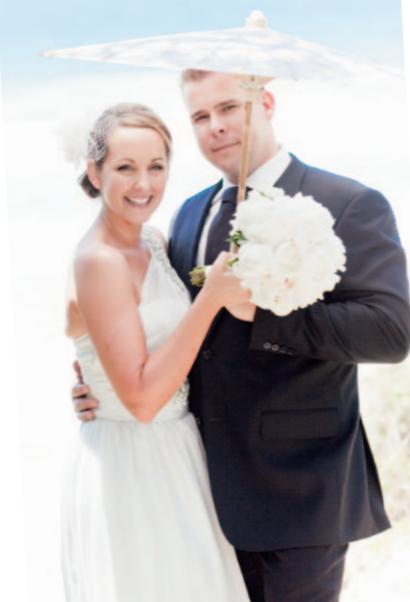
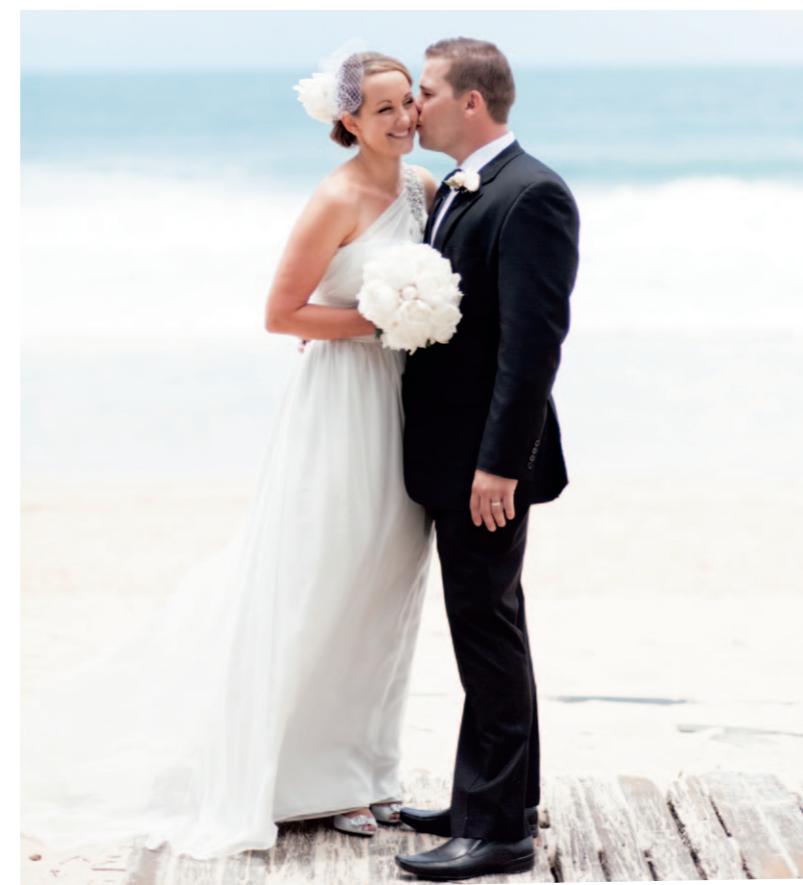
The head piece was originally going to be crystals with the veiling but at the last minute I took the head piece to my florist and she sewed on the fresh white peony, it looked amazing, no one would believe it was real. The shoes are from Bitter Sweet and they are a one-off design that our factory made specially for the day, they matched the platinum silk satin of my dress.

Reception: Carly (my wedding planner) and I just wanted a relaxed, party atmosphere but with a touch of glamour, hence the single white peony in the vases along the tables & white table clothes. We also didn't want the traditional guest book so we had our guests hang notes on our willow wishing tree. As with the cake we followed the white with a touch of silver theme, but topped it again with fresh peonies.

In all we just wanted a relaxed beach styled wedding but with a glamorous feel to it.

Special memory: Both of our parents speeches – don't think there was a dry eye in the whole restaurant.

Advice for other bride-to-bes: The day goes so fast, so make sure you both have a moment together alone to saviour all that is going on around you. Also, have wedding folder – keeps everything together!



date: 26 November 2010

theme: Glamorous Beach Wedding

ceremony: 'Maison La Plage Grove' Noosa Heads

reception location: Ricky's Restaurant & Bar, Noosa

gown: Designed by bride & made by Michael Klease using fabric from Gardam's Fabrics

wedding bands and engagement rings:

Kimmison Jewellers/Brisbane Arcade

celebrant: Robert Campbell

wedding coordinator: Carly Laczko/CL wedding & events

hair: Evalyn Parsons

make-up: Pru Edwards

flowers: White Peonies, Flax Flowers

cake: Vanilla Lily Cake Design

photography: Karen Buckle Photography

honeymoon: New York City then a road trip down the Californian coast from San Francisco to Los Angeles