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FIRST BLUSH

Fabulous florals with crystal and mirrored details made for a luxuriously elegant affair

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For a novel way for guests to post their cards, the couple gave a British cultural icon - the pillar box - a makeover. "Inspiration came from a friend's wedding," says Siobhan. "You can get so many great ideas at other people's nuptials."



THE COUPLE

Siobhan & Tom

Siobhan Kilroe, 27, and Tom Pollitt, 29, held their ceremony and reception at The Grove, Hertfordshire

When you choose a wow-factor venue, it's not always easy to find a way to enhance the already beautiful space. Luckily, Siobhan and Tom had award-winning florist Nikki Tibbles on hand for their elegant celebration at The Grove. "I love pretty, delicate blooms, and I wanted lots of flowers in the reception room," says Siobhan. "Nikki pulled everything together for us using peonies, hydrangeas, roses and sweet peas." The floral fantasy extended to the bouquets. Each bridesmaid carried an arrangement of a different flower in sorbet shades, while Siobhan's was a mixture of them all.

The couple chose table accessories that would complement the flowers, rather than overwhelming them, such as crystal details, including candlesticks and tealights, which went perfectly with the clear Camelot chairs. Silver mirrored stationery finished the look, with the heart-shaped place names doubling as favours. "Many of our guests used them as Christmas decorations afterwards," says Siobhan. "We hung the name tags and table numbers on olive trees in the gardens as a fun way for guests to find their tables. It also gave the element of surprise, as nobody knew who they'd be sitting with." As for their own looks, Tom went classic in a bespoke Harris & Howard suit, while Siobhan sparkled in an embroidered silk Temperley London gown.

This refined and romantic Saturday wedding was followed by a lively Sunday party. "The whole weekend was a dream come true. We didn't stop smiling and laughing, and we definitely didn't want it to end," says Siobhan. "My advice to other brides is not to panic if anything goes wrong - you're the only one who'll notice! Just enjoy the day."

THE DREAM TEAM

- Photography** anushe.com
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- Bride's dress** temperleylondon.com
- Groom's suit** harrisandhoward.com
- Venue** thegrove.co.uk
- Cake** crowtherscakestudio.co.uk

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