

rosy setting

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It was love at first sight when Chi, 30, met Mark, 29, at university a decade ago. They married on the hottest Sydney summer day on record – temperatures soared well above 40 degrees – in front of 96 loves ones. They rejoiced within a pink-and-white colour scheme, the tables featuring crystal and a scattering of rose petals.



stylist's tip...

Incorporate elements into your day to reflect your culture, such as a traditional tea ceremony.



TERTIARY LOVE TALE 'We met in our last year at uni,' recalls the bride. 'Strangely enough we had studied the same course for three years with common friends but had never crossed paths! Mark tells me it was love at first sight and I have to say it was cosmic!' It took eight months to organise the wedding, which included a tea ceremony. 'Events With Panache (02 9232 8765) helped pull our ideas together,' says Chi. 'They appreciate brides who scrapbook their ideas with pictures.'

SWEET STYLE The couple had Doys Cakes create their two-tier chocolate mud cake. 'It was covered in white fondant icing and wrapped with lace, then topped with pink and yellow roses, white jasmine and fine twigs,' Chi explains. 'The flowers on the cake will keep forever as they're made out of sugar.' Later, the guests took home pretty satchels of heart-shaped chocolates by Fardoulis Chocolates.





SNAP HAPPY A photo booth at the reception meant interactive fun for hours and created unforgettable memories for the newlyweds. 'The photo booth worked a treat,' says Chi. 'It generated hundreds of photo strips that served as fun keepsakes for our guests as well as for us in our guest book.'



MEMORABLE MOMENTS 'There were a couple of memorable moments caused by the heat that made the ceremony surreal,' says the bride. 'Mark's finger swelled up, so when it came time for me to place the ring on, it didn't slide on smoothly! Our celebrant Maggie calmly rescued the situation by letting us know it would slide on later.' Then when the couple were announced husband and wife, Chi was so excited she forgot to kiss her new husband. 'That got our guests laughing loudly and clapping – how embarrassing!'



TABLE TRIUMPH 'We had crystal bowls and votive candle holders teamed with roses, dahlias, lisianthi and hydrangeas for truly beautiful table centres. We didn't want the wedding to look too matchy matchy,' says Chi. 'I had my heart set on peonies for the bouquets but knew there was only a slim chance they'd be available. The back-up plan was roses and the florist managed to buy huge roses that resembled the fullness of peonies.'

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