

HOMEMADE AND HEARTFELT

A yurt camp set the scene for Amy and Carver's pretty and personality-packed celebration

Having first met at the tender age of 18, it wasn't until a chance encounter during a night out in Plymouth years later that romance blossomed for Amy and Carver. "We began to meet up with our little boys, as we had both split from their parents, and we had lots in common," explains Amy. "We soon became inseparable, as did our boys Fin and Jamie."

A traditional ceremony at St Eustachius Church in Tavistock was an obvious choice for the couple as their children were christened there. "Saying the vows was an emotional moment," says Carver, reflecting on the ceremony. "Marrying your best friend is the best feeling in the world."

Brimming with DIY details, a relaxed reception at Yurtcamp Devon allowed Amy and Carver to combine all of their loves onto a beautiful blank canvas. "Pastels and pretties would be the best way to describe what we went with!" says Amy. She hand sewed all the name places onto little handmade calico pillows and tied them with twine around bottles of skittles-infused vodka for favours. "Carver and I used to make skittles vodka when we first met," explains Amy. "It was a lot of fun trying the vodka before we decanted it into the mini bottles!"

Tea lights in jam jars lined the pathways, while vintage china, oodles of mismatched lace doilies and old medicine bottles filled with seasonal wild flowers, including foxgloves and cornflowers, adorned the tables.

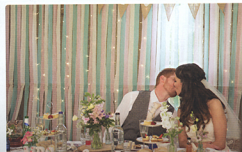
In keeping with the soft palette, Amy teamed her stunning fishtail gown with a bouquet of blush pink, peach and pale blue blooms. Flanked by bridesmaids in embellished mint green frocks, and flower girls dressed in ivory with circlets of gypsophila and pastel flowers, the bridal party made the prettiest of pictures.

An afternoon tea echoed the relaxed mood of the day. Elderflower Bellinis and canapés whet appetites for the delicious likes of ciabatta bread filled with local ham and mustard, pulled pork with stuffing and apple sauce, chocolate strawberries, lemon drizzle cake and scones with jam and cream washed down with Pimm's and Prosecco in china teacups.

Magically lit by fairy lights and flame torches, Black Jack Davey delivered his signature brand of Irish folk music and jokes in the giant tipi in the woods as night fell, while paella cooked in steel drums added to the spectacular, festival atmosphere.

"It's so easy to get swept up in the details and neglect to give each other the time you did before all the planning started," Amy advises other couples in the midst of wedding planning. "A pretty detail is never as important as making your significant other feel loved. Be kind to each other and remember what it's all about."







Photography
Venue

Dress

Hair

Make-up

Bridesmaids' dresses

Groom's suit

Flowers

Entertainment

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