

Colors: Black, grey, blush, ivory, and rustic red

Ceremony and reception: The Addison Grove, 300 Guests

Rehearsal dinner: Pieous Pizza in Austin, 50 guests

Wedding planner: Events by Aubrey

Photographer: Feather and Twine Photography

Videographer: Martin Weddings

Wedding invitations: Sharon Korczynski

Dress: Blue Bridal Boutique in Austin - Stella York

Tux: Express

Wedding rings: Hers: custom ring by Heidi Gibson; his: custom ring 14k rose gold inlay in Macassar ebony wood with Koa wood lining

Jewelry and accessories: Kendra Scott necklace, custom engraved bracelet with my Dads handwriting from a letter he wrote me years ago.

Bridesmaid dresses: All About the Dress, Sorella Vita

Groomsmen tuxes: Al's Formal Wear and Express

Hair and makeup: Lola Beauty in Austin

Flowers: Olive Grove Designs by Olivia Merritt

Decorations: I designed everything, family and friends set up décor

Caterer: Poke Joes Smokehouse

Cake: Jade Manning

Rentals: Marquee Events, Bee Lavish Vintage in Austin, Oh Happy Day photo booth

Entertainment: Austins Best Dj's

First dance song: "Falling Slowly" by Glen Hansard

Mother-daughter dance song: "Mamas Song" by Carrie Underwood

Mother-groom dance song: Simple Man

Getaway vehicle: Audi

Wedding night lodging: The Sonesta in Bee Cave

Favors: Tattoos of our faces

Bridal party gifts: Robes by LeRoseGifts

Registry: Target, Dillards and Bed Bath and Beyond

Honeymoon: Garden of the Gods in Colorado



Mikayela Whituire & Rico Lerma

October 19, 2018 • Austin, TX • Engaged for 8 months

Photos by Feather and Twine Photography





How we met:

We were 15 when we met. We were at a mutual friends birthday party. I was jumping on a trampoline when he walked into the party. As soon as our eyes caught, we both felt butterflies. Since then he has always said that "he fell in love with the girl on the trampoline."

The proposal:

Last year I was modeling for my best friends online boutique. She wanted to do a big holiday shoot on a white bridge and wanted me to get all dolled up for it. When the day came, my now husband, told me he was leaving for Austin to take his best friend to the airport... so he spent the morning with me. It was so funny because I remember being so pouty and sad that he was leaving me, ha ha! I had NO IDEA that he was lying to me and was actually headed to the proposal site with his family and our friends to clean and decorate the bridge. We were picked up by my bestie, Kristi, to go on the photo shoot. When I walked out of my house, she started crying! "Oh my gosh! You look so beautiful!" I was like "OMG dramatic." I got in the car and told her I was feeling really crummy from a cold but that I was gonna rock this photo shoot for her! It was a 15 minute drive to the site and I fell asleep! They were laughing because I literally had no idea I was headed to my proposal! We pull up, I wake up, put my heels on. This place is beautiful!!! The closer we got, I saw someone standing on the bridge and I heard music playing. It was our song. And there he was. The boy who stole my heart. WITH THE BIGGEST GRIN on his face. And I instantly started to ugly cry. There was a sign that read "from the trampoline to 2018." I walked down to him, laughing, crying... I hugged him. And he pulled away and said, "are you ready?" He got down on his knee, pulled out my dream ring by Heidi Gibson and asked me to marry him. I said YAS! We kissed, hugged, laughed, screamed! And all our family and friends started to come out from hiding, cheering for us! We then went to a celebration engagement party with more family and friends waiting for us!!!! BEST DAY EVER!!!

Favorite detail:

Bride: I wanted everything to feel creative. My husband and I are very creative people, and we really enjoy making things special. From having my brother walk a picture down the aisle of my Dad and placing it on a reserved seat with a boutonniere sitting on the chair to having Whataburger apple pies as the groom's

cake - we just wanted there to be a lot of surprises! We had musicians for the ceremony, social hour, and our first dance, which we loved!! We had violin, cello and guitars, and amazing singer friends came and filled the atmosphere with such beautiful music! There are so many special things we did! Groom: My wife did a great job putting so much into the details of everything. Literally everything. She has a creative passion. Our venue was a great location as well. Everything flowed so smoothly and I know that made her happy which makes me happy. I wanted to give her the wedding of her dreams. She deserved it.

One piece of advice:

Bride: Slow down queen! You only get this day once. Enjoy it all! And look at him in the eyes at the altar when you exchange your vows. That moment right there is what your entire lives together is built upon. Those vows and promises. Also, wear deodorant cause if you're like me you'll be nervous and sweating! Ha ha! Groom: Pay attention to the details that she cares about. Help make good financial decisions. Be involved in the planning - it really makes her like you more.

What marriage means to you:

Bride: He was my best friend before anything. He was everything, and more than I ever wanted. The love, life, and future I knew would be in store for us... I just wanted him. Nobody can love me like he does. Groom: I've been in love with her since the day I met her when I was 15. She was the girl on the trampoline and I couldn't get her out of my heart. I fought for her heart for years. And now I get to hold it and take care of it for the rest of my days. Shes the one I want to love and grow old with.

How to make your spouse happy:

Bride: Be his biggest cheerleader! Cook his fave meals! Call his momma and find out how to make the things he loves. Surprise him ;) never stop dating!! Listen to him without already thinking about how you want to respond. RESPECT and honor him as the leader of your family, and always have great communication!! Groom: Exceed her expectations. Know her love languages, know what she likes and doesn't like. Pick up your shoes and clothes. Help her do house work without her asking, she gets tired too guys. Let her sit down and watch the Bachelor while you cook a nice meal. Spoil her. Surprise her. Tell her shes beautiful like its her first name. Love her unconditionally.



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