



Together by Design

Halli Brunkella and Nicholas Thiel

For a couple that met in design school and share a passion for modern architecture, a casual, beachy wedding would not do. So when Hallie Brunkella, 29, and Nicholas Thiel, 30, decided to get married in their hometown of Los Angeles, they searched hard for a space that had a contemporary, urban feel. They settled on Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral and, for the reception, the Walt Disney Concert Hall, designed by Frank Gehry. Once the location was booked, the sleek color palette—black, white, and platinum, with accents of pale green—fell easily into place. The couple created one simple graphic, a plus sign, that they used everywhere from pins for the guests to the decoration on the cake. When it came to creating a cohesive look, everything just came together.



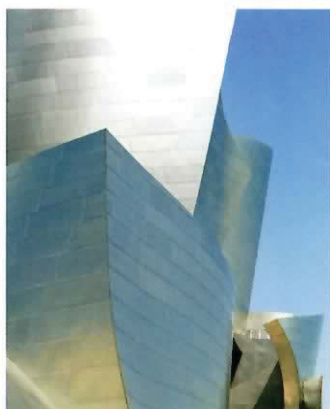
Favored by swing dancers, the bride's shoes (remixvintageshoes.com) were ultra-comfortable.



Halli and Nicholas took pictures before the ceremony, then quickly joined guests in the garden for the cocktail hour.



The flower girl wore a platinum silk dress (pegeen.com) and carried a pomander of roses, hydrangeas, and ranunculus.



The couple loved the idea of celebrating at a famous building that would also provide a unique backdrop for photos.



Groomsmen and the father of the bride had labels (initial-impressions.net) with the plus-sign motif sewn into their suits.



Halli's dress was by Jenny Lee (jennyleebridal.com); her bridesmaids wore black silk dresses from J.Crew.



Using a button maker (americanbuttonmachines.com), the couple made pins with the plus sign for their guests.



At the end of the night, the bride and groom slipped away for some quiet, enveloped by the dramatically lit building.



The black-and-white cake by Patina Catering had chocolate and lemon layers and, yes, plus signs etched into the icing.