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Ultra violet

Lucinda and Phil's nature-inspired marquee reception at the bride's family home in Claverdon, Warwickshire

The atmosphere... We wanted a marquee reception and as my parents have a lovely garden, we decided to celebrate our day there. I love the colour purple, so the overall palette was ivory with different tones of lilac. Even my parents' striking lavender path co-ordinated with our theme.

The look... My dress was 'Roseanna' by Sassi Holford and I loved its strapless style, satin belt and beautiful rose-print detail. Phil wore a grey morning suit from Roderick Charles. We had the bridesmaid dresses made by Naomi Neoh, and it was so much fun designing them and choosing the fabrics. My bouquet was made of ivory roses, white

hydrangeas and lavender from my parents' garden. The bridesmaids' bouquets were similar, but made with lilac roses.

The details... After the ceremony, we served a Champagne afternoon tea with vintage crockery. We also offered pink Sanger Champagne to guests, as Sanger is our married name. To decorate the marquee we placed flowers in birdcages, tea pots and milk jugs on cake stands, and lined the ceiling with butterfly drapes. Our tablecentres featured hydrangeas, roses, freesias and lisianthus.

My favourite moment... We knew my parents were planning fireworks, but we were blown away by the outstanding display. ▶





"We placed a beautiful heart-shaped wreath on the church gate, which we re-used at our reception"



Lucinda's address book

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- Florist:** Sweet Pea Floral Design (www.sweetpeaflowers.co.uk)
- Dress:** The Bridal Boutique Warwickshire (www.thebridalboutiquewarwickshire.co.uk)
- Bridesmaid dresses:** Naomi Neoh (www.naomineoh.com)
- Groomswear:** Roderick Charles (www.roderickcharles.com)
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