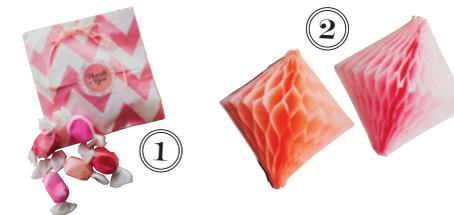




⇒ **ADVICE** ⇐

"stay true to yourself, even when the stress of planning feels overwhelming. we took on multiple diy projects because we truly love to design, imagine and create. while working on them was often the last thing i wanted to do on top of everything else—the result of our hard work was so rewarding."

DETAILS



THE PRO'S

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ADDITIONAL CONTACTS: COORDINATION: THE PURPLE ORCHID EVENT PLANNING / ENTERTAINMENT: DIONNE ENTERTAINMENT / FAVORS + PAPERGOODS: LITTLE PRINT DESIGN / GOWN: BLUE BY ENZOANI HAIR + MAKEUP: BEI CAPELLI / HAIRPIECE: FINE & FLEURIE / RECEPTION SITE: TEIA CLUB / REHEARSAL DINNER: SALTWATER GRILLE / SUIT: MEN'S WEARHOUSE / VEIL: ALLYSON SIMONE BRIDES / WEDDING OFFICIANT: JEFFREY MCLLWAIN / WEDDING REGISTRY: HONEYFUND

***DESIGN DETAILS:** 1. chevron-print sacks send guests home with sweet to-go treats 2. geometric paper lanterns gussy up day-of decor



BEFORE THE RING. When Maine native Ashley Dion decided she'd endured her fair share of harsh New England winters, she moved to San Diego, CA to enjoy some well-deserved sunshine. Working as a graphic designer and marketing coordinator for a real estate firm, she became instantly smitten with broker, Isaac Little. After Ashley's first day at the office a group of coworkers went out for a few drinks. "We were naturally drawn to each other," she says. "We spent the whole night talking—it was as if we'd been friends for years."

THE PROPOSAL. When the pair planned a trip back East to visit family and friends in Maine, Isaac knew it would be the perfect time to pop the question. Enlisting the help of his future sister-in-law, he plotted to pick out a diamond at Ashley's favorite local jeweler and propose before they returned to San Diego. All week long it was nearly impossible to escape to go ring shopping, until they found time to sneak away while Ashley prepped for a night out with friends. The following day, the couple set out to explore the cliffs beyond Fort Williams. Isaac asked Ashley to pose for a picture and reached in his pocket to reveal a ring box instead of a camera. Blissfully betrothed, they returned to her parent's house to celebrate with family and friends.

THE DAY & DESIGN. California cool met classic New England charm at Ashley and Isaac's oceanside fete. The couple chose a warm color palette of pinks and peach with pops of gold to strike the perfect chord of West Coast whimsy. "As a graphic designer I have always been inspired by bold, aztec prints," Ashley says. "I designed all of our paper pieces with this playful, geometric style in mind." Watercolor-washed placecards in the day's shades welcomed loved ones to the TEIA Club, where chevron-print runners lined simple tablescapes topped with organic wildflower-inspired arrangements. DIY three-dimensional paper shapes—hand-painted and folded by the bride—added textural interest to the design's triangle motif, as bistro lights sparkled overhead. The evening ended on a sweet note with a classic candy bar, outfitted with the newlyweds' favorite sugary treats.