



Anna & Sean

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Creative details add warmth and whimsy to one couple's chic fête in the West Village.

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1 The bride wore a satin Jenny Packham gown which featured a tulle overlay; the gown was purchased at Saks Fifth Avenue. "It was comfortable and elegant in an understated way," says Anna. She completed the look with a feather headpiece she crafted herself. In a nod to Sean's Irish heritage, Anna wore a pair of Kelly green patent leather peep-toe Mary Janes by Christian Louboutin. Her all-white bouquet featured sweet peas—her favorite flower. The groom sported a Hugo Boss suit and an Ermengildo Zegna tie. 2 The evening ceremony was held at 91 [theuppercrust.com], an intimate event space. The venue was decorated simply, with flickering candles, draped fabric, and mirror balls "for a touch of sparkle," says Anna. Sophie, the bride's 6-year-old niece, served as flower girl; she wore a sequined party dress and carried a bouquet of white daisies. 3 The escort cards (designed by the bride) and various flowers were tied to yellow and white ribbons suspended from the ceiling.

4 "We wanted to bring in a touch of spring, even though it was the middle of winter," says Anna. So, the couple selected cheery yellow tulips, roses, lisianthus, and ranunculuses. Floral design by Pennington Flowers [penningtonflowers.com]. 5 A DJ from Candela Productions [candela productions.com] spun an eclectic mix of music including disco, rock and roll, jazz, and Britpop—a special request from the bride, who is English. 6 The couple and their 60 guests dined on their choice of grilled chicken or filet of beef. Catering by The Upper Crust, 91's in-house caterers. 7 During the reception, the groom's father, John, made a funny speech about the couple. "It was full of innuendo," remembers Anna. "He was making jokes about the fact that I am English and Sean is Irish, which normally isn't a good combination." But Anna got a kick out of John's cheeky humor. "It all ended on a very sweet note," she says, "with my father-in-law welcoming me into his Irish family."