



## smooth operator

Their wedding planner created a fabulous engagement party in just five days!

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Chinese national Wayne Niu, 22, met and fell in love with Canadian student Vanessa Huang, also 22, while studying at a local secondary school. "We wanted to hold our engagement party in Singapore as it brings back memories of our love story," Vanessa explains.

The pair only decided to have the party two weeks before the actual wedding. As they were overseas and unable to prepare for the party personally, they got Hannah Chong, a wedding consultant from Heaven's Gift, and their maid-of-honour Chelsea to plan their entire celebration at The Sentosa Resort & Spa in just five days.

Hannah whipped up an English rose theme for the party. The couple flew in two days before the party, met their planner and had their gown and tux confirmed within one and a half days. They had an engagement ceremony followed by a dinner banquet and a chill-out party with friends at one of the villas.

Despite the rush, the newly-weds thoroughly enjoyed themselves. "I love singing and Hannah specially created all the necessary arrangements for me to sing during the event," enthuses Vanessa. Hannah also created an MTV-style video (shown during dinner) of Vanessa singing interspersed with clips of the day's events. "It looked like a professional music video!" she adds.

Vanessa's perfect moment came when she walked down the aisle. There were bubbles, flowers, candles and music! "I felt like a real princess! I can still feel the joy from that day and know it will last forever," sighs Vanessa.

But for the couple, it was not just a party: "Having the celebration here made it especially meaningful for us. It was a reunion with my best friends in Singapore who have witnessed our love journey here." 🌹

It's roses all the way for the couple.



A gathering of friends.





Play up the colours of the night.



Girls just wanna have fun.



In the mood for jazz.



Favours of the sea for my guests.



Bejewelled!

