



WEDDING ALBUMS

Hai Li & Yung-Hern

Lovely red, white and pink hues made this wedding look pretty and modern at the same time.

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The couple Malaysian Lee Hai Li, 29, a lawyer, worked in Singapore for a few years, while Tan Yung-Hern, 33, is a Singapore-born American banker. The couple now live in Hong Kong.

Charming party With Yung-Hern's older relatives living in Singapore, the couple decided to hold their wedding party here. It was also a convenient location for their overseas guests coming from Hong Kong, Malaysia, the US and the UK.

The friendly couple tied the knot in a simple, garden ceremony at The Sentosa Resort & Spa, which the couple loved for its serenity. "We wanted our overseas guests to feel like they were on holiday," explains Hai Li. Cocktails followed the ceremony, before guests sat down to a Chinese dinner. With a guest list of 120 for the ceremony and 200 for the dinner, made up of mainly close friends and family, the wedding was a cosy affair. "We didn't want our guests not to know half the people at the party," says Hai Li.

Brilliant in red A lovely deep red and white theme coupled with pink, set the look for the wedding. These colours fused both Hai Li and Yung-Hern's different tastes – she loves all things pretty and vintage, while he prefers →



1 A lovely mood shot of the couple.
2-4 A deep red hue is great for making things look richer.

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5,7&11-13 Encourage your photographer to take "detail" shots – nothing like mood pictures to add warmth to your album 6 Bride in one hand, balloons in the other... makes for a lovely, quirky photo. 8 Nothing between me and my... the groom and his merry men hamming it up for the camera! 9&10 The couple's gorgeous sweet buffet with an equally impressive floral centrepiece.





clean lines and a minimalist look. The couple and their planner, Hannah Chong from Heaven's Gift, were careful not to make the theme too girly and sweet. "It was important that the wedding decor and style reflected the both of us," says Hai Li emphatically.

The stationery began the tone for the wedding; invitations, programmes in the shape of fans, and dinner menu cards came in varying shades of red, white and pink, and married with an Oriental-inspired floral motif to reflect the

couple's Asian roots. And of course, the couple and their wedding party, dressed in similar hues, made a stunning statement too.

The bride wore a vintage lace creation made of delicate layers of Belgian, Italian and French lace, which made a lovely statement against her dark red calla lily bouquet. Her bridesmaids wore dark red strapless dresses with peekaboo tulle at the hems, and held white bouquets.

The groom and groomsmen shone in their own funky way; their suits looked sombre and proper but opened up to cool and quirky floral lining, which had been selected by Hai Li. "It was a fun, personal twist. The groomsmen liked it so much, they walked around wearing the jackets inside out during part of the celebrations!" says Hai Li, laughing.

Sweets and treats The bridal party wasn't the only one to have fun. The couple entertained guests with many treats during cocktails, the highlight being a lavish buffet of sweet treats. There were cupcakes, macarons, chocolates and jellybeans in gorgeous glass jars. The buffet was so popular, guests kept returning to it in between dinner courses! As an encouragement for guests to pack some home, the couple even thoughtfully provided takeaway boxes.

The wedding cake too, like the sweet buffet, was a work of art. Four-tiered, polka-dotted, striped and ribboned, it sat proudly on a side table, pretty in red, white and pink.

Fun and entertainment A photo booth, with props and instant →



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14,15,17,18,20&22 One rule for a great wedding party: If the groom and bride are prepared to rock around the clock, their guests will surely join in and bring the house down, even those barely out of school. 16 The couple's espresso cup favour, stylishly wrapped in organza. 19 One picture that says it all. 21&23 Bring the outdoors into your ballroom with loads of green and colourful lanterns.



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printouts, also kept guests busy. Many happily wore the props provided, then preened and posed for photos that also served as their mementos.

And what's a wedding without guests' well wishes? The couple set up a wishing tree so guests could pen their blessings on tags which they had hung on the tree.

Dance floor magic The festive mood and colours carried through to the ballroom decor. Instead of a stage, the couple had tables arranged around the dance floor, which served as the stage.

"This draws guests closer together, and gives the party a more intimate feel," explains Hai Li. To add to the intimacy, a "ceiling" of verdant greens, lit up with round lanterns, hung above the dance floor. The feeling is reminiscent of being under a romantic arbor. But the party wasn't slow by any means. Beneath

the green and light, the couple trotted and Charleston-ed to their guests' delight. They, in turn, kept up the tempo by dancing with the couple.

Personal touch The couple's thoughtfulness and attention to detail didn't just end at the party. Their "Thank-You" note made sure of that.

The couple used a photo they had taken right after their ceremony – which pictured them holding up two cards that made up the words, "Thank You" – and turned it into postcards to send to their guests. Their postage stamps were also personalised, created with pictures from the couple's pre-wedding shoot.

A wedding party full of love, laughter and certainly, more warmth than any guest could wish for. And that is what is meant when one says, "Thanks for the memories". **AWB**

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