

# MODERN-DAY ELEGANCE

## SARITA MINOR & JARETT DILLARD

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Sarita Minor and Jarett Dillard jogged along the seaside at Jacksonville Beach like any typical day. As they approached the halfway point of their daily run at the pier, Jarett stopped and said he needed to tie his shoe, at which point Sarita patiently waited and looked over the gleaming water. “When I turned back toward him, he was down on one knee shaking profusely,” remembers Sarita. “Never

did he actually speak. He simply opened the box and I screamed, “Yes, yes, yes!”

The memorable workout led to a year of wedding planning, of which the bride ultimately took the reigns due to Jarett’s hectic NFL schedule. The groom’s one simple request for the celebration was that it focused on the enjoyment of their guests.





## RESOURCES

### Beauty

Devin Harvey Makeup  
Artist - makeup  
Tori Shalea of  
GeometricShades Salon  
Studio - hair

### Bridal Gown

Monique Lhuillier - ceremony  
Vera Wang - reception

### Bridal Salon

Joan Pillow Bridal Salon  
Julian Gold

### Bridesmaid Gowns

Priscilla of Boston

### Cake

Supreme Kakes and More

### Catering

Petroleum Club of Houston

### Consulting

7 Centerpieces  
En Vogue Events

### Entertainment

Avalon Music - ceremony  
Echo Shen - cocktail hour  
DJ Rob G from 97.9 The  
Box - reception  
Phill Wade and Band -  
reception

### Floral Design

Darryl & Co.

### Invitations/Stationery

Zenadia Design

### Linens/Rentals

Darryl & Co.

### Photography

Collins Metu Photography

### Registries

Crate and Barrel  
Williams-Sonoma

### Shoes

Christian Louboutin  
Kate Spade

### Veil/Headpiece

Sara Gabriel

### Venue

Trinity Episcopal Church  
- ceremony  
Petroleum Club of Houston  
- reception

### Videography

The Wedding Theater





Sarita envisioned a chic, modern affair infused with Old Hollywood glamour. Though she was surprised by the amount of detail that was required to obtain the vision about which she had always dreamed, she was certain that she could achieve her fairy tale. “You really don’t realize how much all those beautiful white flowers everywhere cost until you get your first floral quote,” laughs the bride.

Picturesque florals lined the aisle of the magnificent church,

which was architecturally breathtaking all on its own. Flickering candles surrounded a collection of snowy roses, tulips, and hydrangeas standing tall out of their respective vases. “It was so magical and it turned out perfect,” remembers the bride.

Sarita was a vision of sweet-chic dressed in a strapless mermaid gown and darling blusher veil. She held a romantic spray of eggshell-hued orchids. Jarett was equally striking in a custom tuxedo with a coordinating crème brûlée bow tie.





The couple had agreed upon a beautiful reception venue, which featured an all-glass ballroom on the 42<sup>nd</sup> floor. “The view of downtown Houston at 7PM was perfect,” effuses Sarita of their chosen location. The celebratory space was cloaked in creamy fabrics that draped the walls of the luxurious room. Modern décor elements were incorporated throughout, as well as touches of mirrored detail for added pop.

Alternating floral centerpieces placed in either tall, silver urns or low, mirrored boxes provided opulent appeal to each table. Elegant place settings offered personalized satin napkins as keepsakes of the special day. Shiny black pillows graced elegant Ghost chairs, unifying the couple’s glamorous theme.





After a scrumptious sit-down dinner, the bride was eager to take a closer look at the seven-tiered wedding confection that included an edible oversized flower and shimmery pearl accents. “I spent months and months perfecting the cake design and height,” Sarita explains. “My designer came up with the perfect plan and I loved all the details!”

Though Sarita had gone to great lengths to ensure every detail of her wedding was perfectly executed, she is the first to admit that the evening turned out to be even more memorable than she had

dreamed. “The funniest moment was at the reception when Jarrett was like a guest, admiring all the details and color selections,” Sarita says. “I am honestly grateful, though, that he trusted me and let me run with it.”

Jarrett suggests to other grooms that they allow their brides to plan everything. “You don’t want to be involved... trust me.” Though when it came time for his wedding day to end, he felt time had passed too quickly. “I wasn’t ready to leave... the day was too perfect.”

NICOLE PALACIOS



“Seeing the reactions of our loved ones to everything was unforgettable.”