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THEIR STORY

There was nothing sour about Beth Huddleston (27 and in sales and customer experience) and Russell Podraza's (29 and a vice president in real estate) citrus-filled celebration. They went with a "When Love Gives You Lemons" theme, sprinkling their summer wedding with bright lemons at every turn. After a wedding in Beth's childhood church, they threw a reception at the Briscoe Western Art Museum on the River Walk. "We wanted a fun San Antonio feel while also being elegant and timeless," Beth says. Lemons weren't the only fresh touch: Guests showered them with dried lavender as they exited in a 1971 Oldsmobile convertible. —*Antonia Maric*

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COCKTAIL HOUR

The sculpture garden was transformed with soft pink and blue hues. "It felt warm and inviting, like a living room," Beth says.



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THE PLANNERS Beth and Russell's planners, Cloche Designs, surprised Beth by wearing custom lemon-patterned skirts. "They truly thought of every detail," she says. **STATIONERY** The pale blue invitation suite, complemented by gold calligraphy and a wax seal, was finished with a semi-custom crest. "We will be able to use our crest forever," Beth says. "It will always be special because it represents our unity." **FAVORS** To ward off the Texas heat, the duo gifted guests with lemon-patterned fans personalized with their crest. Sweet treats like lemon candies and chocolate chip cookies from Orderup were also part of the favors.

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FLOWERS Beth's favorite flower, the peony, was the focal point of the flowers at their reception, paired with garden roses and lemons. **SIGNATURE DRINKS** To kick off cocktail hour, the couple poured a rosé champagne tower and had prickly pear margaritas on the menu. **FOOD** The hors d'oeuvres, like avocado and mango bite-size cones, had a Tex-Mex flair. Because Russell loves Whataburger, guests were treated to honey butter chicken biscuits and Topo Chico as a late-night snack.

BETH & RUSSELL'S WEDDING INGREDIENTS

CEREMONY SITE Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, San Antonio **RECEPTION SITE** Briscoe Western Art Museum, San Antonio **PHOTOGRAPHY** Jenna-Beth Lyde/Parish Photography **PLANNER & EVENT DESIGNER** Cloche Designs **FLOWERS** A Grand Occasion **GOWN** Monique Lhuillier, Warren Barrón Bridal, Dallas **HAIR** Koi Salon San Antonio **MAKEUP** Makeup Maven & Co. Salon **VEIL** Homa Bridal, Warren Barrón Bridal **SHOES** Bride: Salvatore Ferragamo; groom: Lucchese **ENGAGEMENT & WEDDING RINGS** Family jeweler **BRIDESMAID DRESSES** The Dessy Group **MENSWEAR** TheBlackTux.com **STATIONERY** Bye George **RENTALS** Holtz Entertainment; Illusions; La Tavola; Perch Event Décor; Swift + Company **CATERING** The RK Group **CAKE** Cakes by Cathy Young **OFFICIANT** Rev. David McNitzky **MUSIC** Ceremony & cocktail hour: Avanti String Quartet; reception: Memphis Train Revue **FAVORS** Cloche Designs; cookies: Orderup **TRANSPORTATION** Regent Coach Line **REGISTRIES** Hanley-Wood; Home & Hardware; Sunset Ridge; Williams Sonoma **HONEYMOON** St. Lucia **GUESTS** 250

