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Q: What was the most important thing to you about your wedding?

The food. I've been to so many weddings where there either wasn't enough food, or there wasn't enough of a variety to allow for special diets, such as vegetarian and vegan. I'm also a pastry chef, so good food and lots of it is important to me. I wanted my guests to be able to share in my love of food and not leave hungry.

Q: Tell us about "the" dress. Who was with you when you found it?

My mom actually found the pattern for the dress right around the time we got engaged. It was perfect for me - non-traditional, beautiful, elegant, and simple.

Q: Did you do any DIY projects?

We made welcome bags for our out-of-town guests with classic Memphis items, like barbecue potato chips, a CD of Memphis legends who recorded some of their more famous works in Memphis, and a polar bear cookie that my mom and I made. We chose a polar bear because some of the animals in the Northwest Passage exhibit, where the ceremony and reception were held, are polar bears. We even had a polar bear feeding to entertain our guests.

Q: Why did you choose your photographer?

We wanted non-traditional photos; ones that were a little artsy and that reflected who we are as individuals and as a couple. In researching photographers online, we decided that Annabella was perfect for us because she does a fantastic job of capturing the couple in fun, artsy, and unique poses, as well as some fabulous candid pictures and loving moments.



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Wedding Planner Angela Dacus, Southern Event Planners • **Caterer** Wade & Co. • **Florist** L & J Productions • **Cake** Sugar Bowl Cupcakes, Brown Baguette Bakery • **Invitations** Lemon Tree Paper • **Ceremony and Reception Location** Memphis Zoo, the Northwest Passage Exhibit • **Transportation** Backbeat Tours • **Ceremony Music** Joe Oser • **Rentals** Unique Event Rentals