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Graham and I met in our senior year of college at the University of Tennessee through a mutual friend. It was not long after we first met that we knew we wanted to be more than just friends. Five years later, on our anniversary, he proposed on the rooftop of the Madison! It was perfect!!! When we finally set a date, we decided to have a relatively small wedding so that we could make our special day a bit more intimate. As for the other details, I was totally overwhelmed. I knew after a couple of months of researching venues, caterers, florists, etc., that I needed help! At this point, I found Angela Dacus at Southern Event Planners. As soon as I met with her, I knew I was in good hands, but I could never have imagined that my wedding would have turned out as wonderfully as it did!!!

After many changes in plans, and working around my school schedule, we finally found what I would call my "dream team." I was not really the kind of bride that wanted to control everything, but wanted to rely on those around me to create what was in my head, but what I knew I had no way of attaining on my own. And I honestly could not have found a better group of people to make my wedding happen.

Angela created a modern, funky way for us to set up the wedding in the space we chose, Jack Robinson Gallery. Instead of the typical wedding buffet, we created four "stations" that featured food and drink based on different cuisines and drinks that Graham and I really loved. The stations included a Cuban station, with Mojitos and food with a tropical flair; an Asian station with saki, sushi, and other appetizers; an Italian station with Chianti and Italian fare; and a Southern station with Lynchburg Lemonade, fried green tomato BLT's and other yummy Southern favorites. Along with Angela, Wade Hartsfield of Wade & Co. Catering created this fun, funky and absolutely delicious menu. Weeks after our wedding, Graham and I have still

not stopped hearing about how amazing the food was, thanks to Wade!!! Not only were the food and drinks amazing, but Wade was so great at helping with organization and decorations! He really provided full service catering that was beyond my expectations!!

My cake was created by Karen Brown at Brown Baguette Bakery in Southaven, Mississippi. I am very picky about cakes because my mom is a wonderful baker, but one taste of Karen's icing, and I was sold. So, I really did get a beautiful and delicious cake, which I have heard is very hard to come by!

Another important person in the way my night went was my amazing photographer Allison Rodgers. She was phenomenal! Not only are her pictures so unique and special, but she is really a special person. She helped me stay calm, helped me know when and where to be at all times, and all of our wedding party really enjoyed her personality! I know the pictures are going to be gorgeous, just like our engagement pictures were!

As for the decorum, in addition to Angela's amazing planning and design skills, I have Jon at L & J productions to thank. After a few meetings with Jon and Angela, they both totally got me...and when I arrived at the reception I was just blown away. I couldn't believe what they could do with the space that we chose. I wanted all green and white flowers, modern and hip yet classic at the same time. It was so much more than I imagined it could be!!! Angela and Jon are just so creative, and with Wade's help with the tasty and beautiful food stations, it was the classic yet modern reception that I had dreamed about for months!!! After the wedding, all of my friends told me that everything just looked so much like "me." It was only with the help of Angela, Wade, Jon, Allison, and Karen that I was able to have the wedding that I honestly didn't think I could have - it was so much fun, it was beautiful, and the night went so smoothly thanks to everyone involved!

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Cake Brown Baguette Bakery Photographer Allison Rodgers

