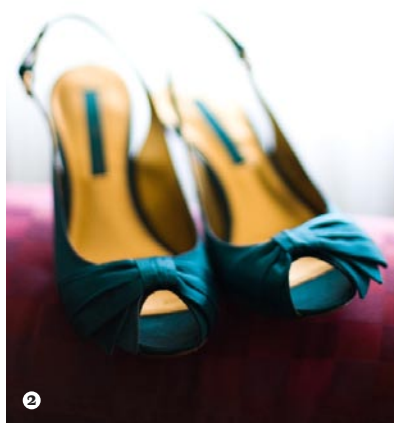




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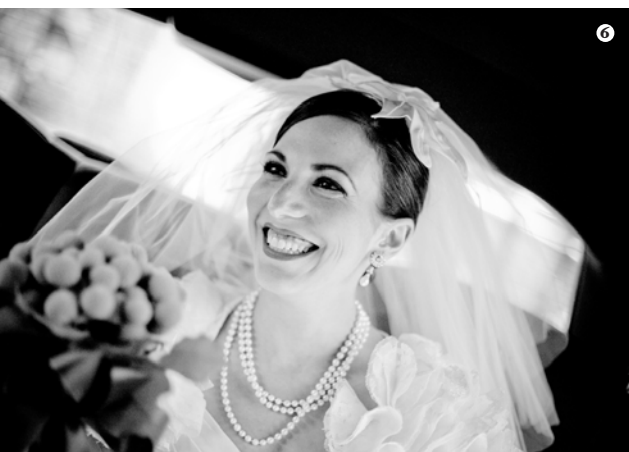
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Nina & Todd

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One bride's vision of a "relaxed and colorful" wedding results in an event that's as modern as it is whimsical.

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1 Nina, who works for the American Association of Museums, wanted to take portraits at a location near to her heart—the National Gallery of Art. The couple posed under a mobile by artist and sculptor Alexander Calder. 2 The bride wore teal satin shoes by Bandolino. 3 Nina and Todd first met as students at Catholic University; he asked her to an 'N Sync concert because he knew she liked the group. 4 The couple's wedding bands were created by Zahour Jewelry

(zahour.etsy.com). For a cute photo op, the rings were placed briefly on a reception centerpiece of branches and tiny faux birds. 5 Nina and Todd were wed at St. Peter's Catholic Church by their priest and friend, Father Bill Hegedusich. 6 Nina—who planned her wedding in just four months with the help of planner Diana Cosgrove (bonmarriage.blogspot.com)—wore her mother's veil and her paternal grandmother's pearl necklace.

7 A bird motif appeared on all of the couple's stationery items, including the escort cards, which were lettered by a friend. Stationery designed by Melissa Bluey (melissabluey.com).

8 A cupcake buffet, created by The Cake Cartel (703-431-9927), featured miniature cupcakes displayed on votive "towers" shaped like branches. 9 Atelier Floral Design (atelierfloraldesign.com) created the table centerpieces, which included groupings of blue bud vases, each containing a single spider mum. "All of the centerpieces were given to guests at the end of the night," Nina says.



10 The bridal bouquet, made of yellow craspedia and lemon leaves, was Nina's favorite detail. "I wanted something structured, architectural, and colorful," she says.

11 Nina found her silk J. Crew gown on eBay.com. Oregon designer Holly Stalder (hollystalder.com) created a lace capelet for Nina based on photos the

bride sent her of the gown. "The night before the wedding, I decided the capelet was too beautiful to be a separate accessory, so my mom sewed it to the dress," Nina says. 12 During the reception at the Hotel Palomar Washington DC (hotelpalomar-dc.com), the bride's parents toasted the newlyweds.

