

THESE PAGES To complement its rustic charm, Mandi decorated the barn with over 80 lanterns and massed tea lights. Roses, hydrangeas and dahlias were arranged in vases down the centre of the long banquet tables whilst vintage cake plates and napkins tied with gorgeous ribbons added the final touches. ♡ In floral dresses to match the vintage theme, Mandi's bridesmaids carried sweet bouquets of hydrangeas, roses and hyacinths.



pretty rustic

Mandi Backhouse and Matt Jedownicky

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ACHIEVING THE PERFECT BLEND OF RUSTIC AND PRETTY CAN OFTEN PROVE A CHALLENGE WHEN PLANNING A COUNTRY-STYLE WEDDING, BUT MANDI BACKHOUSE AND MATT JEDOVNICKY MANAGED IT WITH EASE, TRANSFORMING AN OLD BARN IN THE SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND USING PLENTY OF VINTAGE CHARM.



In the lead-up to their nuptials, the couple scoured opportunity shops for wedding accessories which reflected their love of old wares. Friends and family joined the treasure hunt, and between them, they unearthed everything from a floral lounge suite to a vintage cart and 120 china plates! "These plates were then our gift to all of our guests, with a little note on each plate saying 'once you have eaten your cake, you can keep the plate'. Everyone loved the idea," said Mandi.

The cake itself was decorated using the bride's prized collection of Holly Hobby sheets, and Mandi's sister-in-law also used the fabric to make sweet bench seat covers. Old suitcases stored handmade paper fans for guests at the church, while Matt built the menu blackboards out of recycled timber. "It took a whole year to organise and it came together beautifully in the end," Mandi said.

The flowers were perhaps the trickiest part of the preparations – even though Mandi is a florist! "Every week, I would change my mind – the girls at work couldn't wait till it was all over!" she

laughed. In the end, Mandi decided upon "old-style flowers that Nanna would have in her garden" – hydrangeas, succulents, dusty miller, roses and calla lilies. Scattered vases lined long banquet tables inside the barn, while 80 Chinese lanterns floated overhead. Similar blooms were also incorporated into the bouquets carried by Mandi and her bridesmaids.

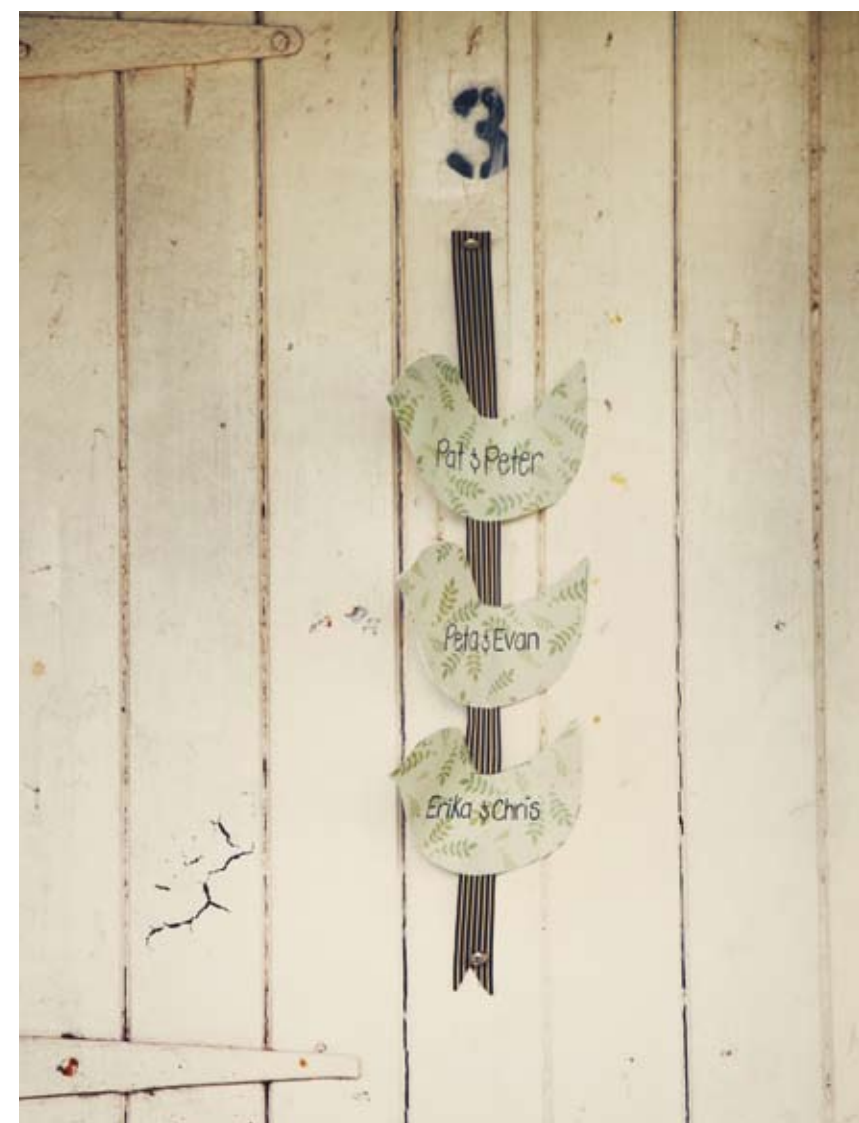
Mandi's stunning gown and headpiece were handmade by an innovative Australian designer. "It was so original and perfect for my body shape – I just fell in love with all of her vintage fabrics." The bridesmaids' floral patterned dresses were also a fitting choice for a florist, and looked striking alongside the soft grey of the groomsmen, who cut dashing figures in their fedora hats.

"There was so much personal detail at our wedding that I was worried that it wouldn't come together but it all seemed to look great on the day," Mandi said. "I look back at the photographs and get goosebumps; the whole experience was amazing and I would do it all over again every year if I could." ♡



Where To Sit

Table 1		Louise Table 2	
Rooster	Frank	Bella	Sherril
Shell	Eilsie	Liz	Britt
Kerry	scotty	Peta	Stephen
Anna	Ness	Evan	Chris
Gillies	Moyzie	Karen	Erika
Sarah	Agata	Jen	Nathan
Leon	Luke	kev	Alana
Shady	Nat	Louise	Mick
Fiona	Matt	Karina	Garly
Huw	Bindi	Tenille	Dave
Alison	Cam	Jason	Jodee
Jeremy	Bimb	Tamalie	Cameron
Kerry	Ben	Alan	Garlie
Luke	Trudy	Charles	Adrian
Bianca	Campbel	Janine	Marg
Clint	Di	Rudi	Keith
Lisa	Garth	Amber	Robyn
Johnny	Cass	Colleen	Stephen
Nicole	Pete	Ivan	Nette
Jessica	Brenda	Peter	Gary
Carrie	Milan	Pat	Noel
Greg	Chelsea	Michael	Gae
Clare		Ma	Pete



THIS PAGE An vintage lounge suite found at a shop added another touch of shabby chic to the 'chill out' area and an old 1940s travelling trunk, given to Mandi by her Dad, was used as the couple's wishing well. ♣ Leading the way for her Mum and Dad, the couple's daughter, Molly, pulled a little cart full of flowers and apples down the aisle. OPPOSITE PAGE Displayed in one of the old suitcases that Mandi collects, the couple handmade the heart shape fans for the church. "Matt cut out the heart shape from thin wood and I decorated them with whimsical paper and ribbon: they looked so sweet," said Mandi ♣ Decorating the bunk room doors, Mandi made dove shaped name cards so each guest knew where they would be staying.



THIS PAGE Decorated with Holly Hobby fabric, the couple's cake sat atop a beautiful cake stand made by Mandi's brother in law. ♪ In floral dresses to match the vintage theme, Mandi's bridesmaids carried sweet bouquets of hydrangeas, roses and hyacinths.



sweet ideas

"I collect lots of little vintage things... Holly Hobby is a favourite so I asked a friend to design our invitation using the Holly Hobby theme as its inspiration."



mandi's little bride's book

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