



"It makes your heart stop for a second, this secret garden surrounded by glass and steel," Yoyo says. "The proportions and contrasts, the sky, St. Patrick's Cathedral—it felt like the perfect celebration of a city we both love."

YOYO & CHRISTOPHER  
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# best intimate wedding

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All of Yoyo and Christopher's guests sat at one long table accented with a lush floral runner and napkins tied with blush ribbons. Flowers in pale shades of springy hues, like pink and green, complemented the couple's mid-May wedding.



## BEHIND THE SCENES

### site unseen

California-based Yoyo Zhang (29 and a pediatric resident) and Christopher Rogan (29 and a treasury analyst) put complete faith in their planner, Lauren Sozmen of Loli Events, to find a spot that was "classic New York with an outdoor space and a fabulous view." In fact, Christopher didn't see the venue (not even a photo!) until the wedding day. "It's so important to seek out the best vendors and trust that they will deliver your dream," Yoyo says. "They're the best for a reason."

### bigger doesn't mean better

An intimate guest list (just 26!) allowed the couple to pull off some pretty cool details. Instead of gifts, they asked guests to share an anecdote or toast at the reception. "We invited just our closest and dearest friends," Yoyo says. "To hear the people we love share with such soul-bearing candor how they felt about us and our years of friendship was something that we will never forget. It was greater than any gift we could have asked for."

### consistently nontraditional

Leading up to the event, Yoyo and Christopher made it clear to their guests that their wedding would not be a traditional one. They intentionally kept the venue and most of the details a secret. Yoyo didn't wear makeup or heels, and Christopher got to eat his favorite food: burgers. "We wanted it to be as un-wedding-like as possible," Yoyo adds. "It felt like the most luxurious, effortless, low-key dinner party we'd ever thrown."

## ingredients

**Ceremony & Reception Site** 62o Loft & Garden, New York City **Photography** Caroline Tran Photography **Planner** Loli Events **Flowers** Lewis Miller Design **Gown** Johanna Johnson, Mark Ingram Atelier, New York City **Shoes** Pedro Garcia **Menswear** Saint Laurent **Engagement & Wedding Rings** Cartier **Stationery** Invitations: East Six; calligraphy: Ink Revival **Rentals** Lewis Miller Design; Party Rental Ltd.; Pegasus Productions **Catering & Cake** Feast & Fêtes **Accommodations** Crosby Street Hotel

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