

first place



THE IDEA: Name cards, tucked into the “collars” of sage green tuxedo-folded napkins, helped guests find their seats at Nichole Blackwell and Markette Ward’s October 8, 2004 wedding.

HOW SHE DID IT: Nichole talked to the catering manager at Sheraton Bal Harbour about her desire to have a contemporary look for her celebration. “I didn’t want a traditional setup, I didn’t want place mats or charger plates,” she says. “I wanted a simple setting.” She chose table linens and stationery in hues that matched the wedding’s Caribbean atmosphere and color scheme—char-treuse, teal, white and deep pink. “The tables were named after different Caribbean islands we visited while dating,” says Nichole. “When I see teal blue and green, I think of the ocean.”

WHY WE LOVE IT: Nichole used striking colors, clean lines and unusual napkin folds to create visual interest with personal significance. A winning combination!

MAKE IT YOUR OWN: Let the history you and your groom share inspire your wedding’s color scheme, table names or reception cuisine—even the smallest touch will create a unique and personal feel at your celebration.

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