

hip to be square



UPSCALEPHOTO.COM

THE IDEA: These compact, square rose centerpieces added a vibrant touch of romance to Jennifer Freund and Rich Calderon's May 15, 2004 wedding celebration.

HOW SHE DID IT: Jennifer's top reception priority was creating an "elegant party where my guests would have a really great time." She made two centerpiece requests from her florist: she wanted red roses and compact designs so that the arrangements wouldn't block guests' sight lines or inhibit conversation. Nadia Dahaoui of Bamboo Flowers, Inc. made sure that the small centerpieces would still stand out by squeezing over a dozen blooming roses into the short, square vases. Dahaoui also wrapped a green leaf around the roses "to emphasize the arrangement's square shape and create a balance between the red and green," Nadia says.

WHY WE LOVE IT: These petite yet dramatic centerpieces prove that bigger isn't always better. By using a strong color palette, an intriguing shape and a densely compacted arranging style, Jennifer and her florist created gorgeous centerpieces that sparked conversation.

MAKE IT YOUR OWN: You don't need to use a lot of blooms to make a strong visual statement. Ask your pros to play around with textures and colors to make the most of your decorating possibilities.

Bamboo Flowers, Inc., 305/461-9898