

CRISTIN NIEMIEC *marries* PATRICK ROBB

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Fresh blooms and cheery shades of pink, green, and blue complemented the setting's natural beauty. After a ceremony on the beach, guests headed to the reception on the grounds of the bride's parents' summer home.

Cristin wore a silk satin gown with crystal-beaded cap sleeves and a chapel train called "Adrian," by Melissa Sweet (melissasweet.com).

In keeping with the "casual beach" theme, Patrick wore a laid-back combination of cotton slacks and a blue silk shirt, both from Banana Republic.



Yellow pound cake cupcakes with frosting that matched the summery color scheme were provided by Smith's One of a Kind Edible Art (231-922-2336) in Traverse City—just the thing for a relaxed, outdoor wedding.



Fresh flowers in handblown glass vases were set on birch rounds from Traverse City store Olive Creek (231-941-5639). Guests later took the vases home as favors.

Cristin's bouquet was composed of baby roses, daisies, peonies, and green hypericum berries. "I kept the stems long so that it looked as if they were freshly picked," she explains. Bouquet and all flowers by Amy Kate Designs (231-264-6938) in Charlevoix.

The 20-minute ceremony took place on the bride's parents' private beach, located right in the heart of Manistee National Forest. "We wanted to bring our family and friends away from hectic city life to a more quiet, peaceful setting," says Cristin.



These adorable paper placemats were designed by Hello!Lucky (hello lucky.com), and featured the evening's menu of herb-crusted beef tenderloin and grilled salmon, from Catering By Kelly's (231-938-3663, catering bykellys.com) in Williamsburg.



The couple wrapped twine around trees lining the way to the reception tent; escort cards were attached to the twine with clothes pins. "There were so many trees around the reception area that we just had to use them for something," Cristin jokes.



The couple produced their elegant, woody fete in collaboration with MerryMakers (merrykr.com). Colorful paper lanterns from lunabazaar.com hung inside the tent. Chairs and linens, Special Events Rental (586-755-0000) in Warren.

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