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Luckily, that coworker turned out to be wrong, and Lauren and Max evolved from work associates, to friends, to eventually girlfriend and boyfriend. Since the couple loves to travel, the "City of Love" proved to be the perfect inspiration for Max's proposal. While walking evening, they came across four "love locks," she exclaims.

imitating those secured by lovers on the Pont des Arts footbridge in Paris. Max had engraved each lock with a milestone in their relationship and the date, beginning with "The first time I saw you" and ending with "The day we got engaged." By the time Lauren read the final along Chicago's Michigan Avenue Bridge one lock, "he was on one knee and I was overjoyed,"









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Affectionately referring to themselves and Lauren's mother who was instrumental in the planning process - as "The Team," the couple focused on designing an outdoor, tented celebration overlooking Lake Michigan. A lakeside golf club, where Lauren had attended several special occasions over the years, offered picturesque from the ground up.

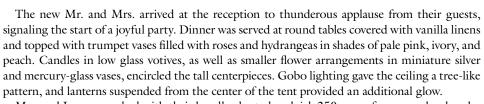
To complement the green lawn and sparkling blue lake, décor was kept to a neutral palette of ivory, blush, and peach. Wooden chairs placed on and around a brick patio faced a glorious canopy, representing a chuppah, crafted of branches and flowers. Trails of white and pink rose petals led to urns filled with hydrangeas, roses, and amaranthus. Bridesmaids wearing coral dresses preceded Lauren down the aisle, who was accompanied by both of her parents Lauren declares.

(in a unique twist, the groom was also escorted by his parents). The beautiful bride was radiant in a fit-and-flare lace gown and cathedral veil affixed to her low ponytail, gathered and braided at the nape of

Both a priest and rabbi presided over the service, representing grounds on which an entirely personalized wedding could be built Lauren's Catholic and Max's Jewish faiths. For Max, standing under the canopy, looking into Lauren's eyes, and feeling the love from their family and friends made the ceremony unforgettable as was "hearing the laughter from the crowd as it took me two tries to stomp the glass," he says. Afterwards, the newlyweds savored Champagne and hors d'oeuvres in a private room. "It was a special time to be together as we had just said 'I do.' It was also an opportunity to enjoy some of the great food we were serving!"







Max and Lauren worked with their bandleader to handpick 250 songs from popular decades for the evening. "The music was an absolute highlight and one of the most memorable parts of the best day of my life," Max boasts. But the festivities weren't over once the 16-person band finished their set. Pinpoint lights turned into neon lasers, fog filled the room, glow sticks, necklaces, bracelets, and rings were brought out, and a DJ took over to turn the party into a late-night rave – complete with comfort food such as fried chicken sliders and warm chocolate chip cookies with ice cream. "We had heard stories where brides and grooms weren't together for [the end of the wedding]," Lauren explains, so the couple chose the last three songs in advance, to ensure that they could close out the night side by side on the dance floor.

Throughout the celebration, Max was surprised by how calm he and Lauren remained. "I expected to feel anxious hoping everything would go well, but the entire night I felt an incredible sense of happiness without any nerves or jitters," he reveals. Indeed, the only disappointment of the day was that it didn't last longer. "It goes by so quickly, and it is so special to have your closest friends and family there to witness your commitment and celebrate with you!" Lauren smiles.

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