



Natalie Juarez & Marcos Flores

September 24, 2011 • Corpus Christi, TX • engaged for 13 months

All photos by D&P Photography

Colors: Eggplant, wisteria and shadow

Ceremony & reception:

The Courtyard at Gaslight Square
- 230 guests

Rehearsal dinner: Dos Comales -
43 guests

Invitations: Magnetstreet

Dress: Pronovias Fauna, Bridal
Galleria, San Antonio

Tuxes: Men's Wearhouse

Rings: Bride: Samuels Diamonds
Groom: Tungsten World

Jewelry: Bride: Fresh water pearl
earrings from Navy Exchange
Jewelry, bracelet was borrowed
and hair piece was handmade
by mother of the Bride

Bridesmaid's dresses: BariJay

Hair and makeup: Makeup: Chaos
Makeup Artist, hair: Blue Neptune

Flowers: H-E-B Blooms

Decorations: Bride and mother-in-law
Square

Cake: Sugarbakers

Entertainment: DJ Dus and Johnny
Hotcakes

Photographer: D&P Photography

1st dance song: "We Belong
Together" by Ritchie Valens

Father-daughter dance song:
"You Look So Good In Love"
by George Strait

Mother-son dance song: "The
Wonder of You" by Elvis Presley

Getaway vehicle: Pearl 2010
Cadillac CTS

Wedding night: Omni Bayfront Hotel

Registry: Macy's

Honeymoon: Spain (Barcelona,
Madrid & Valencia)



Wedding favors:
Custom wedding soundtrack cd's, mini candy packs and personalized bubbles.

Bridal party gifts:
Cd's, handmade satin sachets (by mother of the Bride), fast flats, customized butterfly hairpieces, earrings

How we met:
We met at Baker Middle School first and reconnected when Marcos saw my picture in the Caller Times for the grand opening of The Courtyard at Gaslight Square (I was the Event Coordinator at the time).

The proposal:
Marcos and I had decided to get Friday the 13th tattoos at Pinnacle Tattoo on Aug. 13th 2010. The number 13 is my lucky number mostly because something good always happens to me on that day. After I got my lucky horseshoe on my right foot and Marcos had received his Jason Vorhees hockey mask on his big toe, we walked out of Pinnacle. On our way back to the car, he pulled out an engagement ring from his pocket, said he's the happiest he's ever been in his life and asked me to be his wife. I snatched the ring out of his hand and said YES!!!

Favorite detail:
Bride: Our wedding soundtrack cd's! The picture we used for the label got so many compliments. Plus, Marc and I are huge music lovers. I still listen to that cd in my car. Groom: Every square inch of the best night of my life (so far). My wife literally planned, designed, and coordinated the entire event.



Favorite moment:
Bride: When my dad walked into the bridal suite right before walking me down the aisle. I hadn't shed a tear up until that moment (not even when I found my dress). I always prayed that I would make it to the day when my daddy would walk me down the aisle. Seeing him in his tux walk towards me, knowing that I was about to marry Marc made it all real. Groom: Seeing my wife for the first time walking over the flowers in that beautiful dress being escorted by her father. I almost lost it!

Biggest challenge:
Bride: Deciding to keep the guest list "adults only". It was the one decision people gave us grief over. But we stuck together on our decision and I'm glad we did. Groom: For me? Paying for it, ha! Natalie did all the dirty work!

Funniest/most embarrassing moment:
Bride: When our DJ played "Tequila" by The Champs. Marc and our son, Ethan took to the dance floor with their rendition of the legendary Pee Wee Herman dance.

Everyone was laughing! Definitely a typical Marc moment. Groom: Taking over the floor to pay homage to my favorite childhood actor Pee Wee Herman, dancing to "Tequila" by the Champs!!! Now my son is a huge fan and shared the floor with me.

What you would do over:
Bride: I would have involved my family more in the planning process. I thought I was doing them a favor by not delegating any specific responsibilities to them while I was planning. I didn't want to burden them with any more than what they were contributing to our wedding financially. Turns out they felt left out of the process. After a few heart to

hearts, we were back on track. I don't know what I would've done without them stepping in and fine-tuning all the little details those last couple of weeks. Groom: I would steal the microphone to make a speech, thanking everyone for sharing the night with us especially our parents, and praising my wife for all the time and energy she invested into the wedding she always dreamt about.

Advice for future Brides or Grooms:
Bride: Make a decision together and move forward. Dwelling about the what if's will keep you in a hamster wheel on certain decisions. If you and your Groom are in agreement, stick together on what you both believe is best for YOUR wedding and move forward. Everyone will respect you for that. Groom: I have 4! Communicate, compromise, be patient and listen (guys)!

Why you got married:
Bride: Marcos is my very best friend. He's handsome, funny, hard working, handy, loyal, a great dresser, a music lover like myself and a family man. Not to mention he's a great father. God blessed me with the opportunity to meet a man that treated my son like his very own. Can't get much better than all that. Groom: Are you kidding me? Look at her, she is gorgeous! Oh, and she is a genius in the kitchen.

How to make your spouse happy:
Bride: A good home cooked meal a couple times a week. Also, when it's football season, I don't expect him to do much on Sunday's... and I'm OK with that. Groom: Make time for DATE NIGHT! Nothing makes her happier than fine dining, fine wine, and my undivided attention!

Looking forward to:
Bride: Being able to share future life experiences with my bestie. Groom: Spending the rest of my life with my best friend, happily ever after!

Other information for couples:
Bride: Don't lose sight on why you are getting married. Planning any kind of wedding will bring on various types of stressors. Do your best to keep communication lines open and everything will work out fine. Do your research on your vendors and ask other Brides for advice or opinions when need be. I can't stress enough the importance of picking the right photographer that suits your needs. Those pictures are the pictures that will stay with you forever. Groom: Guys, your wife-to-be has been dreaming of this day her entire life and has chosen to share it with you. Do everything you can to make her dream become reality. Stress is inevitable but it can be minimized by supporting her decisions and participating in simple things like cake tastings, wedding registry, rehearsal dinner location and menu decisions. Also, never ever leave your wife's side after you say I do. She's your wife for a reason, show her off!!

