



THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT A niece (center) and two cousins led the wedding procession. Treats from Georgetown Cupcake were decorated with mushrooms and ladybugs. The couple danced into the reception hall as they were introduced as Mr. and Mrs. Martell. The Creamicle-flavored cake, from Sticky Fingers Bakery, was vegan—even though the bridal couple isn't; "It was the tastiest cake we tried," says Indra. For the escort cards, the bride adhered paper leaves onto fruit with ladybug pushpins. Nevin's sister, Josephine, and Indra's sister, Yoni, wore bridesmaids' dresses by Jenny Yoo.

OPPOSITE, FROM LEFT Indra's father gave his daughter away in a traditional Ghanaian outfit. Roses, orchids, birds, and berries nestled in moss baskets. The gnome centerpieces were a focal point of the reception and guests' photographs. Turn to Shopping Guide.



BEST MONEY-SAVERS

» **TUNE IN EARLY** By selecting their DJ several months ahead, the couple took advantage of a 30 percent early-booking discount.

» **HELP! I NEED SOMEBODY** The bride relied on her friends to keep costs down. One pal with connections got her a great deal on the invitations, another with neat handwriting wrote out all 150 place cards, and a third provided child care during the reception.

» **ALL IN THE DETAILS** Indra's ceremony dress (from David's Bridal) and ruffled bolero (Etsy.com) were so affordable, she could splurge on Christian Louboutin shoes—and still stay under budget!

» **DRINK UP** Their venue allowed them to provide their own alcoholic beverages, so Indra and Nevin shopped around and got a bulk-rate discount on wine and spirits.

