

LENICE & ELISHA

Lenice Tan, florist and owner of Skinny Blooms, and Elisha Lin, a Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) officer, both 26, tied the knot in an elegantly appointed celebration under the high ceiling of The Ahava.



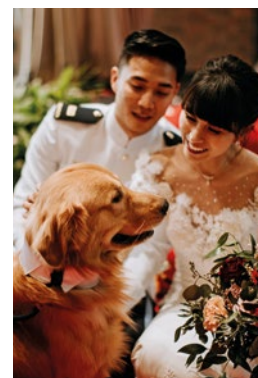


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1 Moments before the groom's first look at his bride in her gown – "Elisha had no idea how my gown was going to look until our wedding day!" 2 The bride wore a customised gown that featured 3-D floral applique, a classic long satin train, and bead and pearl detailing. 3 With the third member of their family. 4 A memento corner featuring letters and instant photos collected by the couple over the course of their relationship. 5 A family hug is always in order.

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OPPOSITE

"We knew we wanted a day wedding with plenty of natural light rather than a banquet at night. The Ahava was a perfect combination of what we'd envisioned for our big day."



THROUGH THE STAGES IN LIFE We met through mutual friends eight years ago and have been dating since then. Being in a relationship since we were 18 means that we've experienced different stages of life together – including two years of a long-distance relationship when Elisha was posted to the USA for his RSAF training.

PROPOSAL IN UTAH In 2016, Elisha proposed to me at Arches National Park in Utah when we were there for a Christmas holiday. The proposal spot was stunning! There were mountains on one side and natural rock arches on the other. He made sure there was no one else around, and we were able to enjoy a beautiful and intimate moment. →

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"TOGETHER, AT THE
START AND FINISH OF
EVERY SINGLE DAY, NO
MATTER THE SEASON...
I CHOOSE YOU."

Lenice's vow

6 The gorgeous bridal bouquet featured David Austin and Kenyan roses, ranunculus, Holland carnations, astilbes, Italian ruscus and eucalyptus – freshly picked from the nursery by Lenice the day before. 7 They had a simple and delicious three-tiered vanilla cake. 8 The bride wore a traditional kua for the tea ceremony.

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OPPOSITE

Eating glutinous rice balls is a traditional Chinese wedding custom that symbolises happiness for the newlyweds.

A FLORIST'S WEDDING Being a florist, I had a specific floral direction in mind. I went with my favourite colours of blush, maroon and navy. Elisha assisted in conditioning the florals the day before, while I focused on creating the bouquets and table centrepieces.

INDUSTRIAL THEME We kept our table arrangements minimal and Westernised in style, with long tables in two long rows alongside the aisle. These complemented the industrial facade of the venue. The chandeliers among the exposed black iron beams were also a perfect juxtaposition of industrial with a hint of luxe femininity – which inspired the look of our wedding.

ALL IN A DAY We did not have the traditional gatecrashing as we wanted Elisha's first look at me in the gown to be at the venue itself. That first look turned out to be the most memorable part of the day as we could enjoy the quiet moment before the hustle and bustle began. We had a Christian solemnisation service and a sit-down luncheon. We actually ended our celebration with the tea ceremony because Elisha has a huge family, so we couldn't do it at home – we wouldn't have been able to fit everyone in. In the evening, we had an after-party with our close friends to catch up and enjoy the night! →

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"NO MATTER WHAT LIFE BRINGS US...
WHEN OUR LOVE IS SIMPLE AND WHEN
IT'S AN EFFORT, I PROMISE TO CHERISH
YOU THE SAME."

Elisha's vow



"THE FLOWERS WERE GOING TO BE THE BRIDESMAIDS' MAIN ACCESSORY, SO I WANTED BIGGER BOUQUETS FOR THEM RATHER THAN TINY POSIES TO MAKE A STATEMENT."









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checklist

VENUE

The Ahava by Sammo Group (www.theahava.sg)

WARDROBE

Gown: The Gown Connoisseur (www.thegownconnoisseur.com); suits: Lai En Tailors (www.laitailor.com) and Carmin Shirts (6336-5685)

HAIR AND MAKEUP

Carolyn Beauty (hello@carolynbeauty.com)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Kompactfaen (www.kompactfaen.com)

DECOR & FLOWERS

Skinny Blooms (www.skinnyblooms.com)

CATERING

Megu Weddings (www.megu.com.sg)

CAKE

Unconventional Bake & Bar (permanently closed)

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9 Beaming with happiness as newlyweds. 10 "The feelings of elation and exhaustion culminated during our after-party, when we could finally relax after months of planning." 11 Plenty of natural light suffused the venue. 12 The talented couple designed all the wedding artwork.

OPPOSITE

Their first walk-in as husband and wife was in the military tradition of a march-in, with Elisha's sword-bearers forming an arch with their swords.



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FULL CONTENTMENT We financed the entire wedding ourselves, and we're really contented with how everything turned out. The wedding was definitely a reflection of God's faithfulness, guiding us throughout and providing for us every step of the way.

PLANNING TIPS DIY as much as you can. Your wedding should also have elements that reflect your personalities. We designed our own artwork and invites, and purchased props to personalise the event. Don't forget to have a projected budget for all your wedding items prior to spending! That way, you'll be able to track your expenses. **6**