



Above The piñatas themselves, which stand in the inside yard of this California desert hotel, are even sweeter than the candy inside them. Left If you create your whole wedding yourself, from the invitations to the table decorations, then your celebration will bear your own unique signature.

Jaimee and Adam had already been together for 14 years when they decided to make their love official. They tied the knot with only their immediate family in attendance, but when it came to organizing a big party a few months later, they decided on the enchanting 29 Palms Inn on the edge of Joshua Tree National Park, which has a western vibe and glorious views of California's desert skies.

As the owner of a popular vintage store, Jaimee is a consummate organizer and knows how to pull different colors and materials together to create a unique atmosphere. The couple decided not to employ a wedding planner, but to arrange a party for 40 guests themselves. For a Mexican-inspired look, Jaimee and Adam hung piñatas of all shapes and colors around the inner courtyard of the 29 Palms Inn. To these they added colorful strings of flags and bright table decorations made up of floral arrangements, paper cacti, and painted porcelain, all on hand-embroidered tablecloths.

Jaimee and Adam's gorgeous wedding outfits also chimed beautifully with the color scheme. The couple stipulated a bright but monochrome dress code for their guests, and were rewarded with an incredible rainbow effect in their photos. Life-size piñatas of Jaimee and Adam watched over the sumptuously bedecked table, but the couple fell so in love with them that they couldn't bring themselves to wield the stick. As if the heavens had been watching all along, the night glowed with countless shooting stars, like exquisite candies raining from the sky.

DIY wedding

Are you doing all of your own wedding planning, too? Then you'll need to be organized, like Jaimee and Adam! Make clear to-do lists and give generous time margins, plus a little extra budget for any last-minute extravagances—your own piñatas, for instance!