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featuring: **PRETTY BLING
GIVEAWAYS**
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MONA FRED &



PLAYA DEL CARMEN, MEXICO
July 7, 2011

PHOTOGRAPHY by LA DOLCE VITA

The art of "doing your own thing" when it comes to planning a wedding comes to life when at the end of the day you can sit back and smile in absolute, unapologetic bliss over every detail, every accessory, every smiling guest - eight to be exact. That was the total guest list for Mona Ariza and Fred Renteria's wedding in Mexico and if you think that was an easy process, try including a wedding planner based in Austin, Texas. Oh yes! A juggled art form indeed.

"Fred was under the impression that we were just going to get to the [Rosewood Mayakoba] resort and show up on a beach one day and get married." Mona said. "He had no idea as to the details that were involved in orchestrating our wedding. So from his perspective he thought 'what is all of this fuss? We are just having a small wedding on the beach' and I am trying to create this amazing wedding."

A small wedding? Yes. What exactly was the big deal? Try cross continental vendors, time zone differences and having to relinquish control. For many style savvy brides, that last point would be the biggest challenge of all. However, Mona was able to have some semblance of "peace-of-mind" with the help of Ruby Clark Rogers of Ruby Rogers Studios to help her sort through the many details.

So on a rainy day in July, months after their surprise Dallas engagement, in front of eight close family members finally meeting for the first time, Mona and Fred exchanged their vows, poured mixed sand and said "I do" underneath a rich canopy of cascading votives.

"I definitely come from a culturally diverse background with my father being Mexican/American and my mother being German. Having the wedding in Mexico brought part of my heritage into the wedding and definitely reminded me of my days growing up in San Antonio, TX.

And according to Mona, sneaking away for a brief moment as newlyweds to toast to champagne was a welcome relief from all the planning, and the gateway to an intimate dinner celebration of their new life as husband and wife.



TEXT by FR FORJNDM



QUEEN OF SPADES!
Mona's maid of honor looked smashing in her coral **Kate Spade** number.



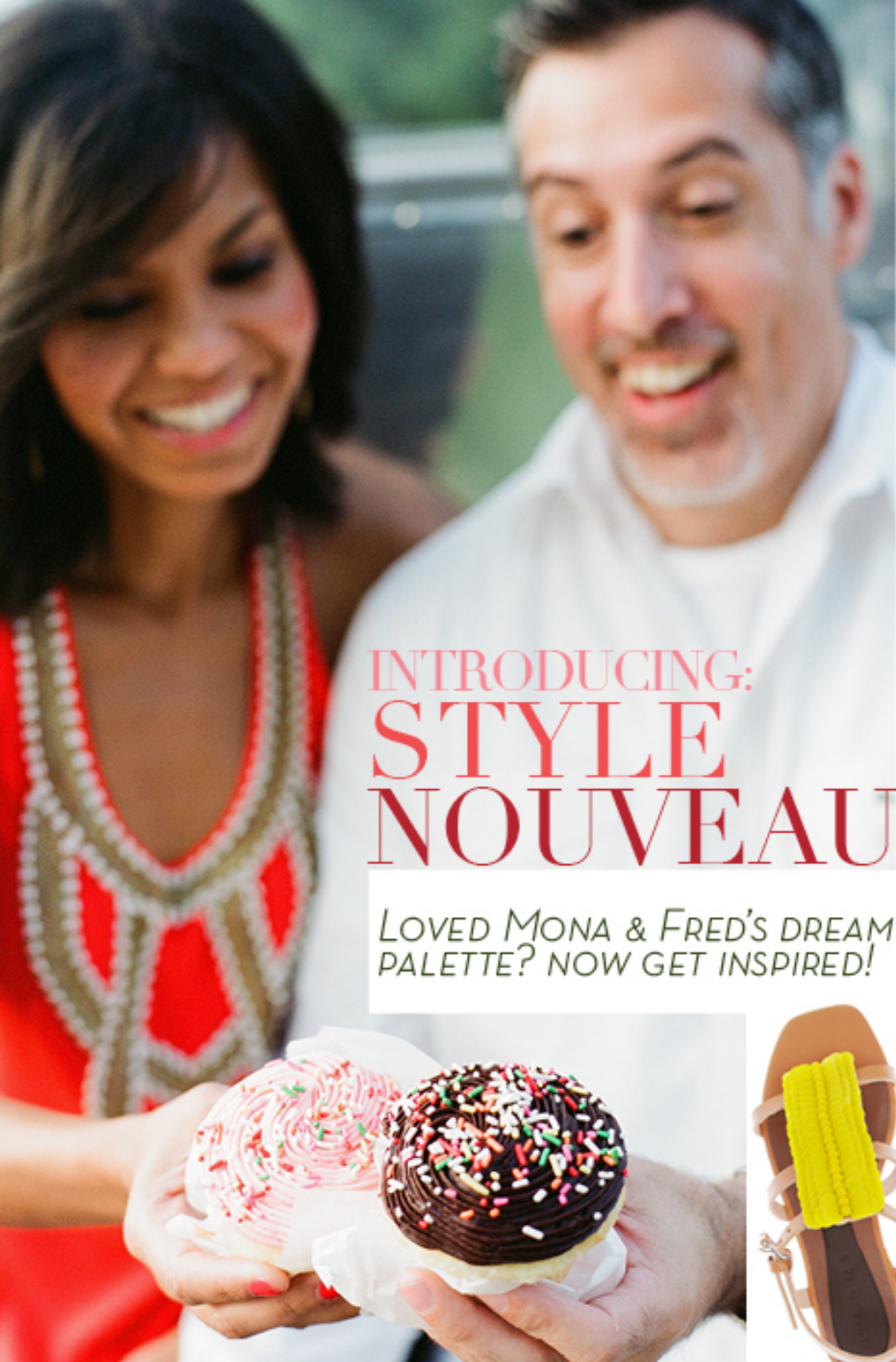
"Opposites not only attract but they provide love and support too."

~ Mona Ariza, Bride.



DREAM TEAM

- Photography**
La Dolce Vita
- Event Design**
Ruby Rogers Studios
- Flower Arrangements**
Euphonia
- Hair**
My Face Design
- Cake, Catering & Venue**
Rosewood Mayakoba
- Dress/ Shoes**
Driscilla of Boston
/ Kate Spade
- Suit**
Hugo Boss
- Maid of Honor Dress**
Kate Spade



INTRODUCING: STYLE NOUVEAU

LOVED MONA & FRED'S DREAM
PALETTE? NOW GET INSPIRED!

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Nº2

Plume Python Shoulder
Bag by Christian Louboutin
(Net-A-Porter.com; \$8,995.00)



Nº3

Iceberg Pink Scarf
by plaidMADE
(LeifShop.com; \$84.00)



Nº4

La Sardina St
Tropez Camera
by Lomography
(Lomography.com; \$109.00)



Pantone Milk
Jug by Leif
(LeifShop.com;
\$24.00)

Nº5



Nº1

Embellished Leather
Sandals by Marni
(Net-A-Porter.com; \$525.00)



Nº6

Miniature Quartz
Necklace by Leif
(LeifShop.com; \$45.00)



Tropical infused appetizers
by Rosewood Magalaba
Catering (Photo by La Dolce Vita)

Nº7



Nº8

Raspberry Beer Cocktail
by Mai K. (Get recipe at
ACupOfMai.com)