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the details

Bride's Dress: Monique Lhuillier
 Groom's Attire: Banana Republic
 Hair: Amanda McKenzie; Makeup: Regina McCook
 Cake: Anne Lever of Simply Sweet
 Flowers: Natalie Appleyard of Wildflowers
 Music: Strings n' Tings band
 Planner: Weddings in the Bahamas

1. The wedding party wore Lela Rose dresses and Banana Republic suits. 2. Masks enhanced the *Bal du Paradis* event theme. 3. The adorable flower girl, Hunter Hook. 4. The bride's grand entrance. 5. Junkanoo performers greeted the party. 6. Alyssa Reeves of Paradise Design Co. designed the schedule of activities placed in each welcome bag.



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paradise island, bahamas

Dustee Tucker weds Justin Jenkins on June 26, 2010

In spite of their Texas backgrounds, Dallas residents Dustee and Justin, who met through a mutual friend, figured that with so many out-of-town guests, a destination wedding would be just as convenient. The Bahamas quickly became the top contender. "I'd been to the Bahamas many times growing up and had fallen in love with the One&Only Ocean Club," says Dustee, vice president of communication for Target. After a quick scouting trip to Paradise Island, it was settled. "Once Justin saw the island, he fell in love too."

Ripples pool deck for the rehearsal dinner, featuring a steel-drum band and traditional Bahamian fare like conch fritters.

On the wedding day, relaxation was the main objective: The bride and 'maids sunned by the pool while the groomsmen toasted with Kalik beer, a Bahamian brew, in the couple's honeymoon suite. Later, after bridesmaids helped Dustee into her gown, she added her "something new" — sapphire and diamond earrings from Justin.

The couple wanted to offer various price points and showcase different venues, so they booked rooms and some events at nearby Atlantis resort. Anne Marie Williams of Weddings in the Bahamas teamed up with designer Lindsey Regan Thorne of Weddings and the City to plan a *Bal du Paradis*-themed weekend. "It means Paradise Ball and refers to a gala held in the Bahamas in the 1960s," Dustee explains.

At 6:30 p.m., the 120 guests gathered at the Augustinian cloister at One&Only to watch Dustee exchange vows with Justin. Loved ones gave special readings, which included a recitation by the bride's aunt, former secretary of the interior Gale Norton.

An open-air welcome reception at the Cove Atlantis' Seaglass bar kicked off the wedding festivities. The next day, several guys teed off at One&Only's golf course. Meanwhile, Dustee hosted a ladies luncheon at the nearby historic Graycliff Hotel, where the group dined in one of the restaurant parlors before touring the old cigar factory. That evening, guests gathered at Atlantis'

Afterward guests sipped champagne before moving to One&Only's garden for a five-course dinner of crab salad, watermelon gazpacho and roasted mahimahi, plus a red-velvet wedding cake. A 10-piece band coaxed the group to the dance floor, and as a surprise to their guests, the couple also hired a Bahamian junkanoo band. At party's end, the couple made their getaway via golf cart among the twinkle of sparklers. Remembers Dustee, "There was this moment when the golf cart stopped and we looked back and said, 'It was everything we hoped for and more!'" — *Blake Miller*

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