# alpine glam

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or their destination wedding, New Yorkers Josie Atwood (33 and manager of print research and development at Ralph Lauren) and Kow Atta-Mensah (32 and executive director at Morgan Stanley) headed to Aspen, Colorado—the scenic spot where he asked her to marry him the year before. "We had such a lovely time there and wanted to share it with family and friends," Josie explains. And share it they did! Guests took the threemile gondola ride to the top of snowcovered Aspen Mountain for Josie and Kow's high-altitude, high-fashion nuptials. To accentuate the majesty of their mountain setting, the couple decided on a sleek black, white and silver color palette. A black-tie dress code meant guests looked just as incredible as the mountain backdrop. -MO

THE COLOR PALETTE:







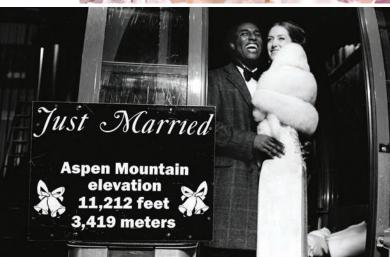
the bridal style "My checklist was unusual: I wanted lace, a high neck, long sleeves and an open back," Josie says of her dream gown. Unable to find what she was looking for, she enlisted the help of a coworker to design it for her. "There's nothing better than wearing a dress on your wedding day created specifically for you," she says. the ceremony décor Josie and Kow married in front of a fireplace flanked by white branches, candles and arrangements of orchids and baby's breath. the details Guests were greeted with hot chocolate and tuxedoed musicians playing giant alphorns. the rings Josie paired her baguette-cut engagement ring with a unique diamond pavé chain ring by Ralph Lauren.











the cake The couple's classic cake was finished with buttercream frosting and a single cascade of white orchids. the groomsmen style "Everyone wore self-tie bow ties, which made for an incredible circus in the dressing room," Kow recalls. the first dance Josie and Kow had their first dance to "Your Song" by Elton John. "It's the perfect first-dance song!" she says. the exit With the sound of alphorns in the background, the pair made their postreception getaway down the mountain in a private gondola.

## ingredients

Ceremony & Reception Site Aspen Mountain Club, Aspen, CO Photography James Christianson Photographers Videography Craig William Films Event Design Cristina Verger Event Planning & Production Flowers The Aspen Branch Officiant Chirag Shah Gown & Veil Custom, Maria Loccisano Hair & Makeup Liz Christensen Makeup Shoes Rene Caovilla Wedding Rings Bride: Ralph Lauren; groom: Cartier Bridesmaid Dresses Lauren Ralph Lauren **Formalwear** Groom: Dior, New York City; groomsmen: Ralph Lauren Invitations & Menu Cards Elum Designs Escort Cards Kaleidakolor Calligraphy Studio Rentals Halcyon Productions Catering The Little Nell Cake d'Elissious Cake Studio Music Ceremony: Michael Thornton/Colorado Alphorn Events; reception: Platinum Productions Favors Image<sub>3</sub>D Accommodations The Little Nell Registry Sur La Table Honeymoon Seychelles: Four Seasons Resort Seychelles; South Africa: Cape Grace Hotel; Singita Sweni Lodge

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