



The couple
Sarah & Duncan

Sarah Musgrave, 31, and Duncan
Batty, 29, both lawyers

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St Mary's Church, Hadlow, Kent,
and marquee reception at bride's
family home

French ACCENTS

Sprigs of lavender and lashings of lace brought a Provençal vibe
to Sarah and Duncan's backyard marquee in Kent



STUNNING SILHOUETTE
 Louise Selby, who designed the dress, was inspired by a trip to the Grace Kelly exhibition at the V&A, and Sarah loved that the gown looked classic but still super-chic. "To complement the lace of my dress, we incorporated lots of vintage style into the décor," Sarah says. "We hired patterned side plates, teacups and pressed glass vases, and Duncan's mum made 150 metres of bunting to hang over the driveway"

WHERE THE HEART IS
 "It was very special to celebrate at my parents' home, and it gave us free rein to design everything as we wanted rather than being restricted by a venue," Sarah explains. "I was also able to walk to the ceremony, and all the neighbours came out to wish me luck!" A mix of English peonies, roses, hydrangeas, sweet peas and stocks in soft blues, pinks and ivories helped transform the space for their celebration.



SCENT OF SUMMER
 "I think I was trying to recreate the South of France in Kent with all the lavender we used," Sarah jokes. Local lavender farm Downterry provided the herb in both purple and the more unusual pink variety, which the couple used on place settings, on top of the cake and in the bride's bouquet. "My mother-in-law made jars of apple and lavender jelly, which we covered with crochet lids cut from an old tablecloth that belonged to my grandmother."



The dream team
Photography Lily & Frank (lilyandfrank.co.uk)
Bride's dress and veil Louise Selby (louiseselby.com)
Tents Raj Tent Club (rajtentclub.com)
Hairband Emmy (emmyshoes.co.uk)
Groom's suit Hackett (hackett.com)
Stationery Ivy Ellen (ivyellenweddinginvitations.co.uk)
China hire Vintage Flair (vintage-flair.co.uk)
Flowers Butterfly Flowers (butterfly-flowers.com)
Cake The Creative Cupcake Company (thecreativecupcakecompany.co.uk)
Lavender Downterry (downterry-nursery.co.uk)

