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• **Consider the brunch pros.** A brunch-time wedding means an early day, but it also means the couple and guests get to spend more time together after the festivities wrap up. Brunch weddings lend a more relaxed atmosphere. And as planner Amy DeVito points out, "Who doesn't love brunch?" It's also an opportunity to go beyond the norm with your menu.

• **Don't feel tied to tradition.** Allison and Josh went rogue by ditching the band, DJ, and raucous dancing. Instead, Palmetto Strings played the ceremony, first dances, and set an elegant tone for the reception. They also opted for a custom juice and coffee bar over alcohol.

• **Rethink the exit strategy.** Allison wanted confetti for their send-off, but chose instead biodegradable pink and green sprinkles, which were packaged in a bag with a personalized sticker of the couple's beloved cat.

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ALLISON FENSKE & JOSHUA FRICKS

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Style and color. Allison Fenske and Josh Fricks have got it in spades. From the first time they met, a conversation was struck over the cool outfit he was wearing. Even the proposal centered on designer Golden Goose sneakers during a trip to Las Vegas, when Josh presented Allison with a custom pair emblazoned with “Mrs. Fricks” and an engagement ring. Though based in Florida, the couple had visited Charleston and fell in love with the city and Hotel Bennett, which perfectly suited their 70-guest brunch wedding. Four months before the wedding though, Josh, a college hockey player, suffered a severe accident that left

him temporarily paralyzed and their wedding plans in limbo. All attention was on his recovery, and plans were left to Amy DeVito of Buttercup Events. “Even a month out, we weren’t sure if it was going to happen,” explains DeVito. Thankfully though, it did, and Josh was even able to stand for the ceremony and dance with his mother. There were no dry eyes.

Bubblegum pink, kelly green, and orange were the colors of the day, which included a brunch menu of all the couple’s favorites. There was no band or DJ. “For them,” says DeVito, “it was about bringing their family and friends together for something people really weren’t sure was going to happen. It was

tearful and so sweet.” And in true fashion, Allison looked stunning in her Maggie Sottero gown; though Josh may have stolen the show with his fabulous kelly green plaid Gucci suit.

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Planning & Design: Buttercup Events
Photography: Alex Thornton Photography
Venue, Catering, Cake: Hotel Bennett
Florals: Fresh Weddings & Events
Signage: J Lily Designs
Linens: Connie Duglin Linens
Entertainment: Palmetto Strings
Bridal Attire: Maggie Sottero
Beauty: Lashes and Lace
Groom’s Attire: Gucci