

love in black & white



CANDLE, \$49,
by Renée,
03 9880 7646.

BELOW Gorgeous hand-wrapped soaps were given to guests. LEFT The lush Gerringong backdrop.



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE LEFT Romantic candlelight sets the mood; Guests enjoy the wedding reception; The happy newlyweds; Keeping the monochrome theme with the wedding cake; The beautiful bride.



SIGOURNEY CANTELO (NEE GRAY), 26, FREELANCE JOURNALIST, MARRIED DAMIEN CANTELO, 30, MEDIA BUSINESS OWNER

DATE: December 1, 2007, at Bellachara Boutique Hotel in Gerringong, NSW, with 110 guests.

HOW WE MET: At a party, six-and-a-half years ago.

THE PROPOSAL: It was the night before my 25th birthday and Damien asked me to meet him at Guillaume at Bennelong at the Sydney Opera House for dinner. I was met by a private butler who led me outside towards the Botanic Gardens. It was raining gently and there, glowing with candlelight, was a beautiful black and white marquee. Damien got down on one knee, produced a beautiful diamond ring and asked me to marry him.

THE DRESS: A strapless, sweetheart Alex Perry gown in ruched silk chiffon with a flowing circle skirt and a black velvet bow around the waist.

THE BRIDAL PARTY: My best friend Josephine was my maid of honour and Damien's best friend Simon was his best man. We also had three bridesmaids and three groomsmen.

SOMETHING OLD, NEW, BORROWED, BLUE: For new and blue, one of my bridesmaids gave me a La Perla garter with a blue ribbon sewn on to it. For old and borrowed, Damien's mum, Lynne, lent me an embroidered handkerchief.

WEDDING THEME: Black and white elegance. We made sure every detail of the wedding worked with the theme.

OUR FIRST DANCE: "Hungry Eyes" by Eric Carmen (the song is in the movie *Dirty Dancing*). We even choreographed a dance with a lift at the end – our friends were in hysterics.

OUR HONEYMOON: We toured around Thailand. It was so magical we decided to stay an extra few days.

BEST ADVICE: Everyone said that personal touches were important, so we requested our guests' favourite party tunes and built our playlist around them.

SPLURGE ON: A top photographer and videographer. These are the things you look back on long after the big day.



PLATES, \$79.95 (large), and \$59 (small), both by Kate Spade at David Jones, 13 33 57.



BOOK, \$100, at Papier D'Amour, 02 9362 5200.

BY KATE SPIES. PHOTOGRAPHY BY GRAHAM MONRO. STILL-LIFE STYLING BY RACHEL WAYMAN; GLORIA LEE. STILL-LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY BY WILL HORNBER.

WEDDINGSPECIAL

EARRINGS, \$3500,
by Jan Logan,
02 9363 2529.



Vintage Gardenia
Cologne, \$140,
by Jo Malone,
02 9266 5183.

PURSE, \$1300, by
Swarovski,
1300 791 599.



DRESS, \$5690, by
Collette Dinnigan,
02 9360 6691.



The beautiful country setting was
perfect for the dramatic
monochrome-themed wedding.
BELOW RIGHT Even the place settings
followed the black and white style.



get the look

GO FOR SIMPLE, CHIC PIECES
IN BOLD MONOCHROMES

BOUQUET, from
\$165, by Pearsons
Florist, 02 9550 7777.
INVITATIONS, from
\$10, by Kate Spade
at Papier D'Amour,
02 9362 5200.



The wedding party have
fun with the speeches.
BELOW Walking back
down the aisle as
husband and wife.



DRESS, \$9995, by
Ralph Lauren,
1800 501 201.



CAKE, \$850, by
Planet Cake,
02 9810 3843.



LOLLIPOPS, \$5
each, at Papier
D'Amour,
02 9362 5200.



HEELS, \$550, by
Terry Biviano,
02 9221 3456.



RING, \$11,500,
by Canturi,
03 9654 4888.

