

Rustic BEAUTY



Jessica Manno + David Setches

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Jessica and David discovered one of Sydney's only warehouse-style venues and transformed it into a warm and vibrant space fit for an unforgettable wedding.

"I love flowers and I always have them in the house so to be honest, choosing my wedding flowers was a bit difficult for me," says Jessica. "I knew I wanted some vibrancy in my bouquet and floral arrangements but I still wanted a classic style." Thankfully she found a fabulous florist in Blooms by Bethan and together they created a seasonal mix of arrangements that imbued the day with romance and colour.

Jessica and David stuck with family tradition and married in their local Parish, St Joan of Arc, in Haberfield where small posies decorated the end of each pew. They then invited their guests to celebrate with them at Simmer on the Bay, a unique restaurant that was transformed into a rustic, industrial-chic event space for the evening. The tables were decorated with hessian runners and featured small vases and vessels

brimming with red, pink and ivory blooms. Mismatched vintage chairs, mood lighting and a vintage lounge suite helped to create the rustic style the newlyweds envisioned, but Jessica admits it was an abundance of flowers that really completed the look. "In an industrial space, flowers created a real sense of warmth and vibrancy which I don't think we could have achieved with anything else. We didn't have any extravagant flower arrangements but flowers really were the most integral part of our styling," she says.

Indeed, colourful blooms were evident from the very beginning of the day; the flower girls wore flower crowns and carried mini bouquets, Jessica's bouquet was unstructured and wild and there were flowers in every corner of the reception, even on the cake.



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 Photography: Mint Photography • www.mintphotography.com.au
 Styling: May Rose Style & Hire • www.mayrostyle.com.au