

## All the Details from Nate Berkus & Jeremiah Brent's Comfort Food Wedding Feast

Their faces say it all: Nate Berkus and Jeremiah Brent had a wedding to remember.

The couple, who were the first to hold a same-sex wedding at the New York Public Library, wanted the night to reflect how they live and entertain at home. So Berkus, the host of *American Dream Builders*, and Brent, a designer and stylist, teamed their powers with those of wedding planner Marcy Blum to create a one-of-a-kind aesthetic — and reception.

So how would Berkus sum up the wedding dinner? “Family-style organic comfort food,” he told PEOPLE. “Creamed spinach, truffled mac and cheese.”

Sounds like the perfect match to the main course: dry-aged rib eye and chicken, with whole birds presented tableside for a bona fide family feast. The menu also included an elegant salad of burrata and golden beets, Tuscan kale salad, grilled asparagus with romesco sauce and a family-style portion of quinoa, a Peruvian risotto made with quinoa — a nod to the spot where the couple got engaged in 2013.

Though the dining room itself was quite grand and formal — check out the dramatic lighting in the dome alone — it was important to Berkus and Brent to make dinner feel relaxed and comfortable,

down to having guests sit at long wooden farm tables to encourage conversation.

“We just did what felt right and what would allow for our guests to enjoy and let loose,” said Berkus.

Naturally, Berkus' home goods collections played a starring role throughout the evening. The tables were decorated with his gold vases and new white gem-cut dinnerware from Target and patterned monochromatic runners and tablecloths from his

fabric line at Calico, along with geodes, petrified wood and all-white flower arrangements.

Post-dinner, guests were led upstairs to get down on the dance floor — and dig into a towering dessert buffet, an alternative to a traditional tiered cake. The only cake in the house: Brent's mom's “dump cake” — a recipe where all

of the ingredients are dumped in one pan, which is a favorite of both men.

“We really tried to personalize every element of the design, surprises and little moments throughout the night,” said Brent. “It was a celebration of our love but also of the love the people who were attending have contributed to our lives.”



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