



Sugar sugar

Emily and Jack filled their big day with fun, laughter and sensational sweets

The couple Emily & Jack

Emily Boulstridge,
35, property manager,
and Jack Utley, 33,
associate director

15 September 2007
Catholic ceremony at the
Church of the Sacred
Heart and St Catherine
of Alexandria,
Worcestershire

In the beginning

The romance between Emily and Jack blossomed at a fancy dress party in 2004. "I'd decided on a night in, but my sister insisted I go out as I always complained I never met any new guys. I owe it to her that I met Jack," says Emily. After being introduced by a mutual friend, the couple "got on brilliantly and have been together ever since." Jack proposed in Paris in 2007. "Jack gave me a book entitled *Best Places to Kiss in Paris* and he chose Pont Marie (a lover's bridge) as our place. After the kiss, Jack went down on bended knee, produced a diamond ring and asked me if I would do him the honour of spending the rest of my life with him," recalls Emily. "I happily

accepted with, 'Of course I will, you muppet!' and in a delirious state we walked back to the hotel for champagne to celebrate."

The outfits

Emily sparkled in a crystal-dotted "fairytale dress" and veil from Suzanne Neville. "I focused on the 'something borrowed' theme and added my mum's bracelet, sister's watch and best friend's tiara."

What a sweetie

The couple's reception for 175 guests was held in the garden of Emily's family home. "I'm a hopeless romantic, and loved the idea of waking up on the morning of my wedding and being at home," reveals the bride. When choosing >



COOL CANDY
Fun personalised rock (opposite page, top left) paid tribute to Emily's sweet tooth. The tiny Fiat (above) is the model Jack's parents drove at their wedding





a theme, there was only ever one option for Emily: "Sweets! I love them. I am renowned for the permanently filled sweetie jar in my house." Tables were named after retro sweets and Emily's sister made a seating plan on coloured ribbons from VV Rouleaux, attaching names with double-sided tape. Guests' naughty cravings were satisfied with glass jars of penny sweets and yummy personalised sticks of rock.

Decorations to delight

Emily wanted her wedding to look "magical and whimsical" and used soft shades of pink, green and white. She carried a bouquet of orchids and adorned the venue with roses, hydrangeas, agapanthus and chrysanthemums. Birdcages containing faux roses, butterflies and white doves were hung above the white picket fence, while Jack sourced giant disco balls from Ryness to suspend from the ceiling. Outside, the couple strung pretty bunting and wove fairy lights around the trees. "In the evening, Jack and I took a few minutes out on our own, as so many friends had recommended we do. We walked in the garden and looked back at the lights, the cages, the people chatting, the disco balls sprinkling light and everyone having a good time dancing. I remember thinking, "Wow, this looks great."



ON THE CARDS
Emily wrote a personal message on each name card: "We wanted our friends and family to feel an important part of the day"



Emily's dream team

- Photography** Douglas Fry (douglasfry.com)
- Bride's dress** Suzanne Neville (suzanneneville.com)
- Groom's suit** Oliver Brown (020 7259 9494)
- Bridesmaid outfits** Watters and Watters at Perfections in Worcester (01905 610482)
- Flowers** Jackie Fleming in Worcester (07969 184127)
- Stationery** Hot Off The Press (020 7381 5772)
- Catering** Oxford Dining (0800 298 5589)
- Cake** Andy's Creative Cakes (andyscreativecakes.co.uk)
- Sweets** A Quarter Of (01254 262160) and The Rockshop (01524 410434)
- Decorations** Butterflies from Wedding-favours.com. Birdcages from The Furniture Shop in North End Road, London (020 7381 9399)