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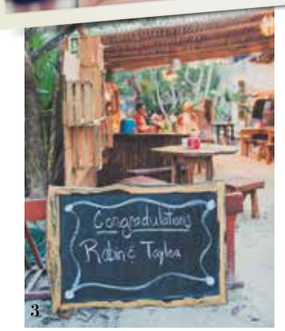

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1. ATTIRE Guests applauded the newlyweds, in a Badgley Mischka gown and a J.Crew suit. **2. SPECIAL GUEST** 6-year-old Emery, Robin's daughter and Taylea's stepdaughter, was the flower girl and ring bearer. **3. SIGN** Casa Violeta offered wedding wishes during cocktail hour in its beach bar. **4. FLOWERS** Vanessa Jaimes Floral Design created succulent planters and baby bouquets in vintage goblets. **5. CELEBRANT** Shaman Monserrat Beltran and her daughter performed the ceremony. **6. TABLES** Archive Rentals supplied runners, brass candlesticks and rose-and-blue drinkware. **7. DRINKS** Colorful mojito garnishes at Santara Tulum's signature cocktail bar. **8. CEREMONY** Tufted chairs and benches came from Archive Rentals.

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GEORGIANS TAYLEA AND ROBIN FIND PEACE AND QUIET IN THE MAYA TOWN OF TULUM.

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"Robin and I met in 2005 at Newton Medical Center in Covington, Georgia, where he was an anesthesiologist and I was a surgical technician. We were engaged in early April 2015 and married less than two months later on May 23 in laid-back Tulum, Mexico, our favorite retreat from our high-stress jobs.

We found our planners, Regina Crosby-Atkins and Krista Jon of **Crosby + Jon Design**, online. They recommended the boutique hotel **Casa Violeta** for our ceremony and the chic **Sanara Tulum** wellness retreat for a crazy-healthy organic reception dinner. We rented a 16-bedroom beachfront villa in Akumal through **airbnb .com**, where we stayed with our 30 guests. **Party Planet Productions** provided transportation for the 30-minute drive to Tulum.

Guests toured Maya ruins, snorkeled and relaxed before Friday's rehearsal dinner at **Tacolum**, a taco truck in a VW bus with flowing margaritas and lots of open-air seating. Then on Saturday at sunset, they gathered on Casa Violeta's beach for a traditional Maya ceremony performed in English, Spanish and Mayan. The shaman blew into a large shell, and we tossed flowers into the ocean as an offering to Mother Earth.

After cocktail hour, the group enjoyed a four-course lobster or shrimp dinner and a little splurge — *esponjoso de chocolate* cake — at Sanara Tulum. We danced to the **Gypsy Jazz Quartet**. What could have been one of the most stressful days of my life turned out fun and stress-free." — *Taylea Fowler, as told to Susana Youngsteadt*

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