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## TIERS OF JOY

Try a stackable table runner (like Anne Dabney of Charleston Stems did here) to maximize space. She placed floral foam between marble slabs and then tucked blooms into the foam. The flat slab tops allow for candles, table numbers, bread baskets, and bouquets. See page 140.

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# Calm & Cool

Host a fête inspired by marble and infused with spring elements

IMAGES BY *Rachel May Photography*  
DESIGN BY *Events by Reagan*



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“I view inspiration shoots in the same light as fashion shows,” says planner **Reagan Barnes** of **Events by Reagan**, “they are daring but there’s always something you can take away from them.” So it goes with this tablescape she concocted at **Boone Hall Plantation** with **Anne Dabney of Stems**. Using marble as a touch point, the core palette—cool blues, whites, and grays—got a lift from yellow daffodil-like poppies, emerald-hued ferns, and demure green hellebores. With a little scavenging, Anne scored a heap of marble slabs she stacked and layered with blooms for a multi-dimensional table runner on the head table and as a cake stand on the dessert sideboard. “That’s a great approach for family-style dining where space is a premium,” says Reagan. “You get the full, abundant floral look while leaving convenient surfaces for platters.” —**Frances Bramsen**

## FORCE THEM

Blooms like hellebores and dogwoods are easier to come by (and easier on your wallet) in spring. But it takes skill to force flowers open on a specific date (like your Big Day). Either read up on coaxing tricks, or ensure your vendor can play Mother Nature.



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**Cake:** Wedding Cakes by Jim Smeal **Calligraphy:** If So **INKined Stationery:** dodeline design **Rentals:** EventHaus **Gown:** Carol Hannah through Southern Protocol **Flatware, chargers:** Tablescapes **Florals:** Charleston Stems



## Simple Style Tricks Worth Stealing

### 1 LINE THOSE ENVELOPES

Marbleized papers are très chic but average \$8 per sheet. Save when you print an image of marble in black and white, trim the paper to suit your envelope, then affix with double-sided tape.

### 2 BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY

Warm up a cool palette with an accent color that pops, like lemon yellow.

### 3 NAME THE PLACE

While these placecards were custom calligraphed, fashion your own when you print scripted names on stickers, then attach them to ribbons.

### 4 BE BOLD & BEAUTIFUL

Get epic style with a classic but colorful gown, like Carol Hannah's "Downton" with its ethereal blue-gray tulle.

### 5 STAY STRONG

Marble slab runners (see page 139) are heavy, so opt for sturdy, stable tables.

### 6 BALANCE THINGS OUT

Offset the refined look of sterling silver, crystal, and cane-back chairs with rustic touches, like this home-style iced cake.

### 7 BORROW A NATURAL CANOPY

Spare your guests, food, cakes, candles, and flowers a case of the meltdowns when you plot tables to take advantage of shady spots.

