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The wedding ceremony was designed to create a garden feel, combining various shades of pink roses for their chuppah. The aisle was drenched in rose petals, seen through an iron gate. A seventeen piece orchestra played for the entrance of the groom, and the bridal party. A solo violinist celebrated the bride and her father's entrance with "Can't Help Falling in Love". After the traditional breaking of the glass and their first kiss as husband and wife, Stephanie and Brandon Humes came up the aisle under a cascade of confetti petals.

The wedding of Brandon Humes and Stephanie Cohen was held at the luxurious Bacara Resort and Spa located in Santa Barbara, overlooking the beautiful California coastline. Brandon, a professional wedding photographer, incorporated a diamond ring into his website. This signature became the foundation for the design of their wedding, beginning with oversized faux diamond rings as the favor for their engagement party. Coupled with their love of pink which was used as their primary wedding color, hence the theme of their "Pink Bling" wedding..



The ballroom was carpeted and partially draped in white custom linens and rhinestone trim made of black and white toile. Napkins and chair cushions were fuchsia pink, with black chivari chairs. Centerpieces were a combination of both low and high florals, combining a romantic style with a modern edge. A lounge was built into the room with two seating vignettes each with an overhead chandelier, centered by a plexi-glass bar. A slide show of the photos of the bride and groom was projected onto the draping behind the bar, to create an artistic element. A custom diamond martini luge was the center focal point of the bar. In the center of the room was the white dance floor, with their initials set in a monogram. Nine pink chandeliers were hung at various levels over the dance floor. A traditional wedding cake and a groom's cake provided the dessert for the evening. The groom's cake had a custom chocolate camera, created by Bacara's renowned Pastry Chef. To add a bit of 1950's nostalgia, the couple incorporated a candy station, pink cupcakes and late evening sliders, fries, cookies and milkshakes. Entertainment for this lavish affair was provided by a nine piece band and a DJ to ensure that the party was non-stop fun!

