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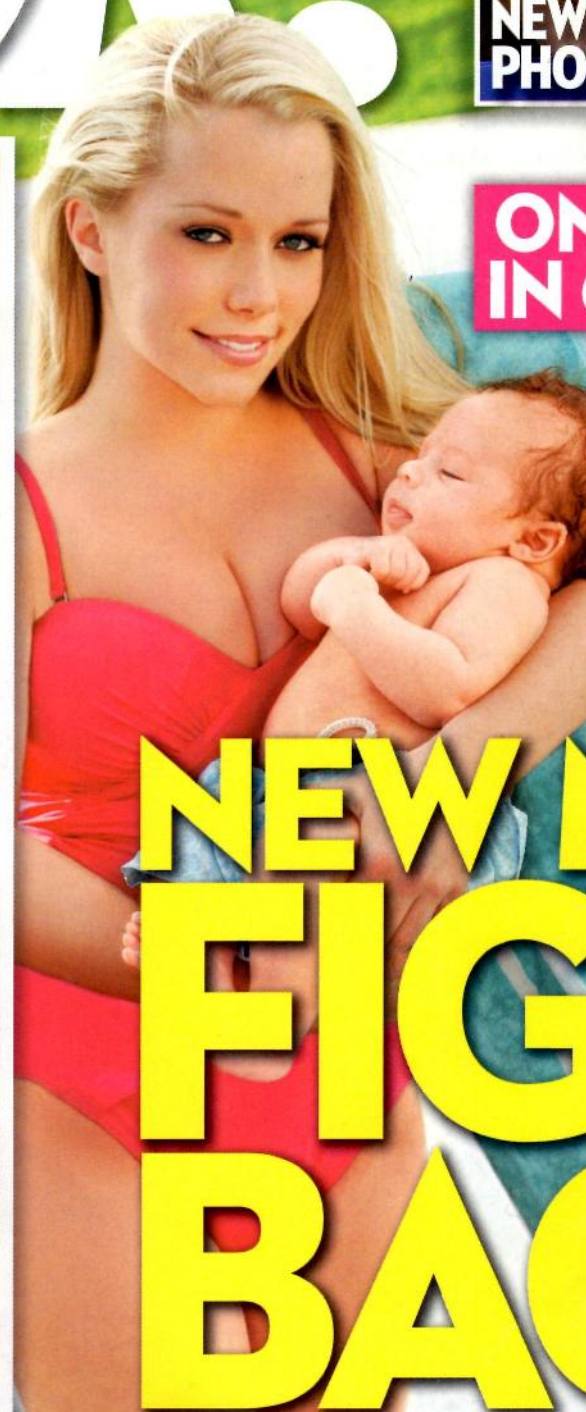
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"Jason's heart is made of candy and I just melted at the sight of him," says Bethenny, who met her future husband at New York's Tenjune nightclub.

Bethenny's DREAM WEDDING

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She's finally a true real housewife of New York — and soon to be a mommy in June. **Bethenny Frankel**, 39, wed businessman **Jason Hoppy**, 38, in an elaborate, super romantic affair at the Four Seasons restaurant in New York on March 28. "It's so cliché, but it was the best night of my life!" the reality star tells *OK!*. "It was just like Jason and me — sentimental, fun, absurd at times. We didn't take ourselves too seriously. I didn't know it was possible to be this happy."

The ornate wedding — which will be featured on Bravo's upcoming *Housewives* spin-off, *Bethenny's Getting Married* — was a very personal celebration with just 82 guests, including fellow *Housewives* **Ramona Singer** and **Alex McCord**. "We specifically had a small, intimate wedding so that everyone there genuinely cared about us and us about them. You could feel the happiness in the room," says the bride, who planned the event with Shawn Rabideau Events and Design, who also designed the flower arrangements.

"We were so happy for her," says Alex. "Jason is such a good guy. I think we all deep down hoped that he would be the one. We're all thrilled for her!"

At 8 p.m., the bride, lit by hundreds of votive candles, entered the wedding to the strains of the "Wedding March," glowing

The Real Housewives of New York's star talks to *OK!* exclusively about her romantic and intimate wedding celebration and how pregnancy has changed her life



1 One-of-a-kind rings were created by Kristen Farrell. **2** The Pink Cake Box's red-velvet confection matched the wedding invitations. **3** Shawn Rabideau arranged the bride's bouquet with roses, tulips, Stephanotis and crystals. **4** Bethenny's makeup was by Sonia Rodriguez. **5** Bethenny's own Skinnygirl Cosmos, Margaritas and Mojitos were served.

under her veil. Jason beamed back. Then, in the fairy-tale setting of cherry blossom trees and the Four Seasons' gorgeous reflecting pool, there were both tears and laughter from the united family and friends as the couple recited their personalized vows. "You make me laugh and smile, and yes, at times you make me crazy," the groom joked. "But most of all, you fill me with happiness."

Bethenny replied, "My entire life I've been running away from things... But you asked me to let you love me and I do... Jason, you are my true love and my best friend."

Afterward, guests dined on lobster ravioli, sirloin steak, Dover sole and red-velvet wedding cake — "literally the most incredible-tasting, fantastic-looking cake I could have imagined," gushed Bethenny.

For their first dance, Bethenny and Jason looked into each other's eyes as they swayed to **Alicia Keys'** "No One," before later asking their family and friends to join them on the dance floor. "We wanted to start slow and romantic, just me and Jason, then get fast so we could include our friends and start the party," said Bethenny. "We wanted to



Ramona's stunning crimson gown was created by Kimberly Towers. "When I renew my vows with my husband, I'm going to be sure to have one of her dresses," she told OK!

Guests rocked the house to tunes like Jennifer Hudson's "Spotlight." Music was provided by Hank Lane Music Productions, while the lights were provided by Fusion Lighting.

Alex, in Galliano, told OK!. "Tonight isn't about drama. It's about romance and friendship."



include everyone."

In an exclusive interview with OK!, Bethenny shares more of her wedding details, as well as her thoughts on becoming a wife and mother.

What was the most memorable moment of the night?

Standing on the platform over the [reflecting] pool, looking into Jason's eyes. You could really see the love on his face.

Who designed your gown?

My dress is by Amsale. It's a mermaid-style dress. I didn't want to cover the [baby] bump; I wanted to embrace it!

The jewels?

My wedding band is unbelievable. Kristen Farrell did such an amazing job with it. Jason and I designed the bands together. He wanted something a little thicker and I wanted something feminine and sparkly. It's a band of diamonds — three round diamonds, then two round diamonds. Very blingy, very gorgeous.

Were there any wedding traditions you felt strongly about keeping?

I'm not traditional, so my wedding was not traditional. I wasn't throwing a bouquet or wearing a garter. We just did it the way we wanted to do it. We had a nondenominational ceremony with the people we love. And we wrote our vows.

In what ways is the wedding very Bethenny?

I'm not girlie-girlie, but I like things to be pretty and elegant and upscale. But I also wanted it small and intimate. It's the guests at the wedding that make the wedding. No drama!

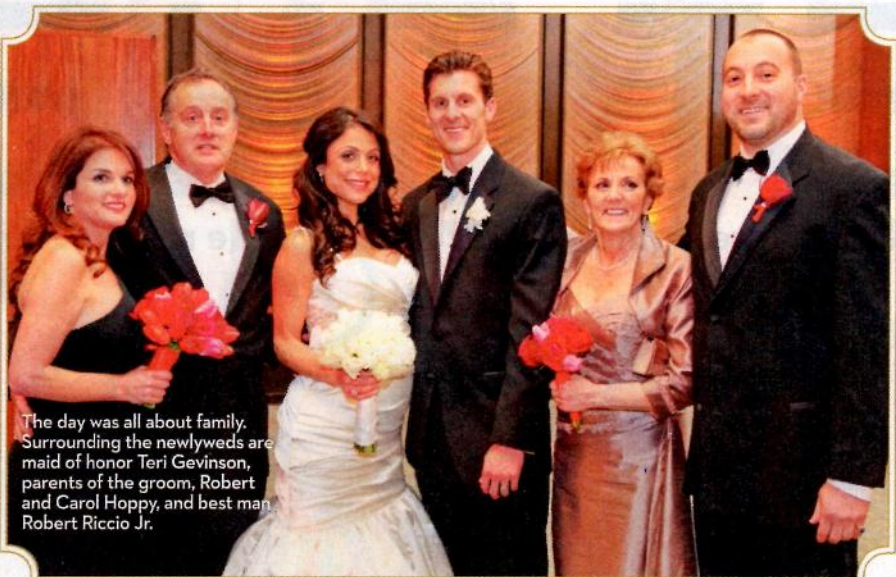
You're a chef yourself, so the wedding menu must have been very important.

I wanted to come from the standpoint of being a guest as opposed to a chef. I want to eat! I want to have fun! I want fries! No one wants to eat stuffy food at a wedding. We did the whole potatoes and

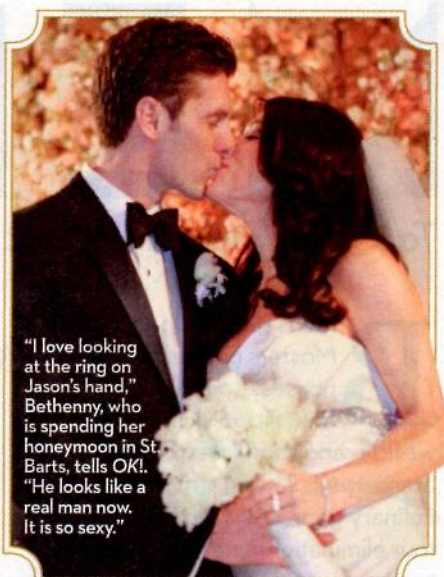
Throughout the celebration, Bethenny kept thinking of Jason, our new life, and our baby on the way.



"My goal was to have everyone dance their feet off," says Bethenny, who switched to high-heeled sneakers.



The day was all about family. Surrounding the newlyweds are maid of honor Teri Gevinson, parents of the groom, Robert and Carol Hoppy, and best man Robert Riccio Jr.



"I love looking at the ring on Jason's hand," Bethenny, who is spending her honeymoon in St. Barts, tells OK! "He looks like a real man now. It is so sexy."

'I am eight months pregnant and this cake is my life!'



The Today show's Hoda Kotb and the other guests dined on a down-home menu chosen by the bride, featuring hearty treats like mac and cheese and bread pudding.

caviar, which is nice, but I also wanted real food. Jason and I had this cake we adore — a red-velvet cake — and we had it made in this arch shape. The wedding planner tried to tell us no one cares about the cake, but I said, "Let me explain something to you: Cake is my life! I am eight months pregnant and this cake is my life!"

Was it odd to have the cameras around you as you prepped for your wedding?

I definitely had reservations about letting the camera crew film the wedding. Jason's from a small town and this is new for him. But I signed up to do a show, and just like on *Housewives*, I've always been open about my life.

How have you changed since meeting

Jason and becoming pregnant?

The pregnancy has really mellowed me out. I'm trying not to live in this place of stress. Jason is calming a lot of the anxiety in my life. I used to think I would never get married and then I met Jason and he said, "I want to get married and I want to have kids." I thought all I had room for was my career, but now I can come home to something calm and great.

Do you have any wedding advice for future brides?

We really made a conscious decision to take a moment together after the ceremony, to stay together for most of the night and to really be in the

moment. The night goes very quickly yet we were both ready to go home when we did. Truly, I was more excited about being married than any part of the entire evening.

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— Shauna Bass



After the party, the newlyweds went home to snuggle with their dog Cookie, who was also their ring bearer.