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Modern NY wedding by You + Me Styling

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When our eyes first met Shayna & Justin's wedding, spotted in Issue Five of rue magazine, we felt like we nearly died and gone to styling heaven. How could this wedding be so, so, so, what's the word? – Right. The answer is simple. Plan a party – not a "wedding", have it be obvious that your passion and your taste for life is embedded into every detail, and have there be activities for your guests to participate in or sit back and enjoy (like a magician, or live watercolorist!).

Six weeks after their secret City Hall wedding, the couple threw the "Alexander Wang-ish dinner party" they sought out.

We could all dream of booking a venue that literally sits as a blank canvas when starting out. That's why we're so envious at the sight of this glowing-white photography studio. High-five to those of you that are able to book one of these babies for your reception!

This gold, sleek black & white palette, with hints of green, highlights the couples' love of art, which will become more evident in the photos below.

Shayna created this incredible 5' by 5' patchwork portrait of both her and Justin to welcome guests as they arrived. We love the emphasis it gives on who they are – what an entrance! Those adorable bits & pieces you see in the bottom right – those are watercolors. Hand-painted watercolors of dresses, shoes, ties, jewelry, and trinkets worn by guests. Aside from the fact that these cuties were painted live and displayed throughout the night, we can't help but think of what a perfect keepsake it would make to have them together in one album, or placed in over-sized picture frame.

Photography: Moss and Issac / Styling: You + Me / Portrait Image: Shayna Kulik / Video: Matt & Madi / Watercolorist: Erin Fagerland / Caterer: K&G Fare / Dress: Valentino dress with sash by morgan carper / Shoes: Calvin Klein / Bracelet: Lulu Frost / Suite & Tie: Barney's / Hair & Makeup: Butterfly Salon / Invites: Designed by Shayna /