

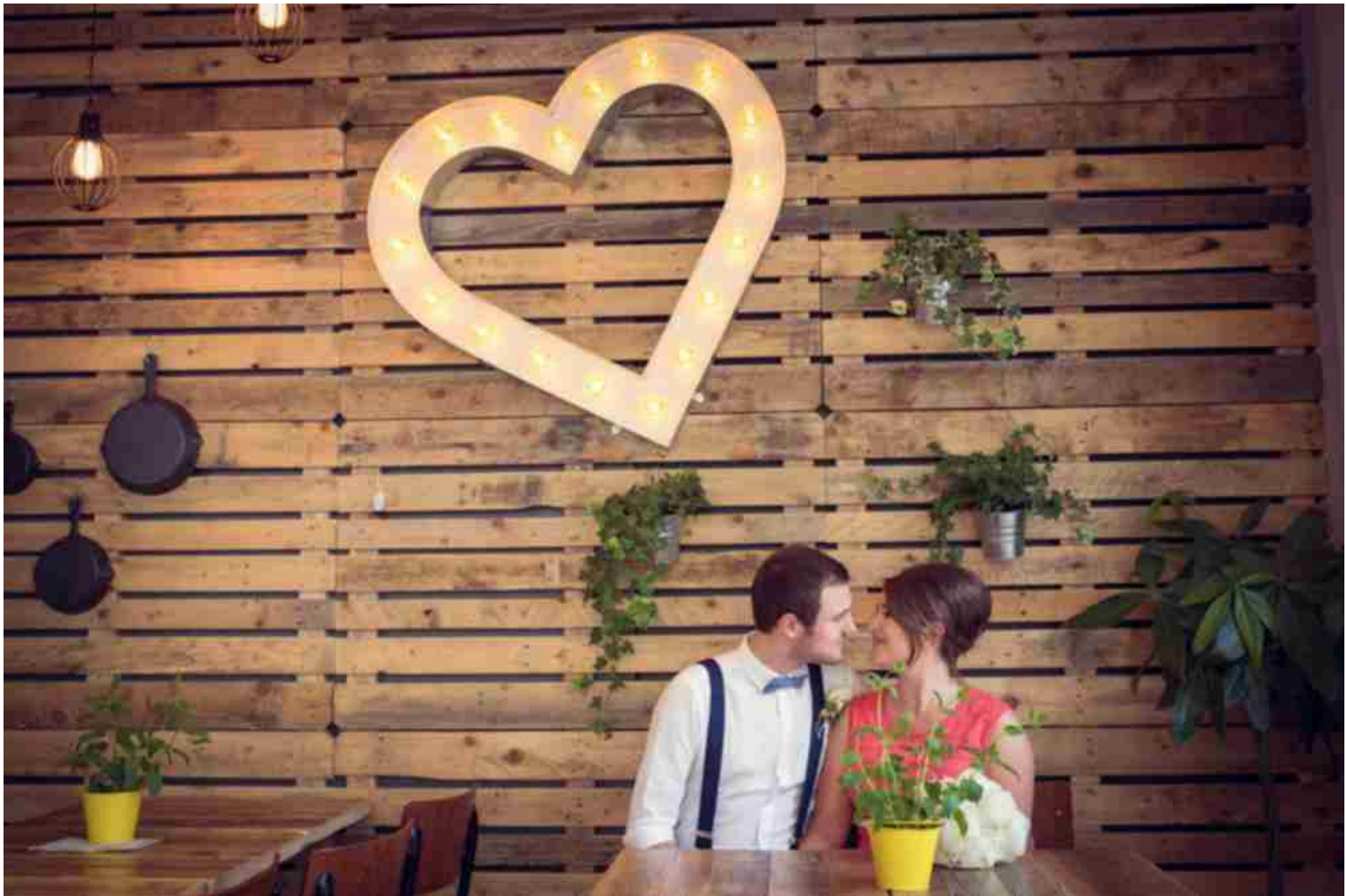



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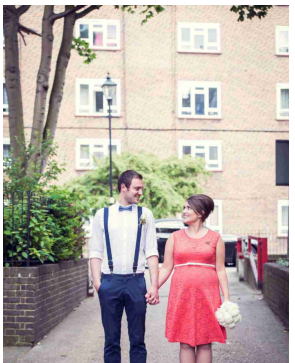
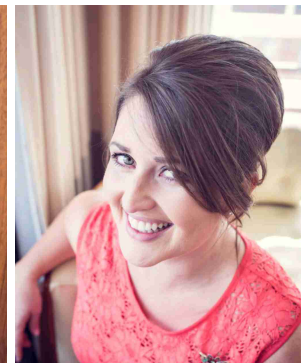
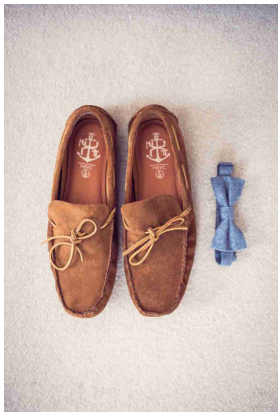
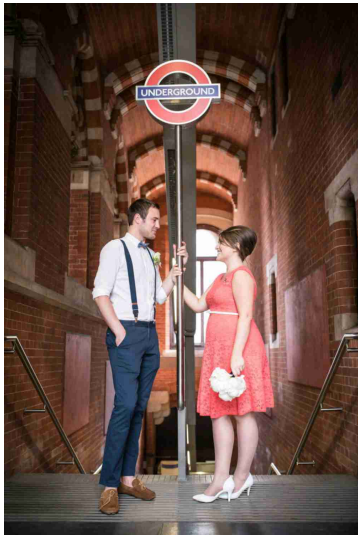
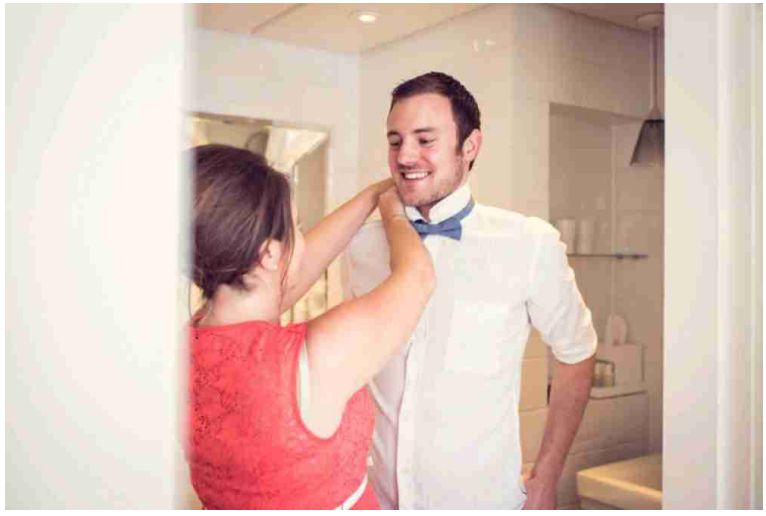
I've always found train stations to be incredibly romantic places – think of all of the people waiting for the arrival of their loved ones with butterflies and fluttering hearts, and St Pancras is a particular favourite of mine as it's where I would meet my boy back in the early days of our relationship – so this London elopement really pulls at my heartstrings.

Eloping isn't for everyone, but when you read Emiliana's words, I think you'll probably see it in a whole new light. I love these images from [Lucy Noble](#), it's like you're a fly on the wall at a very intimate moment for the couple and I think it's amazingly special that they can show their little one photographs of them getting

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married with him/her there too! Emiliana is definitely a glowing Bride and her bump looks lovely dressed in red.



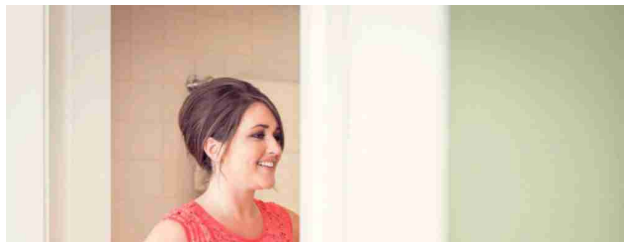
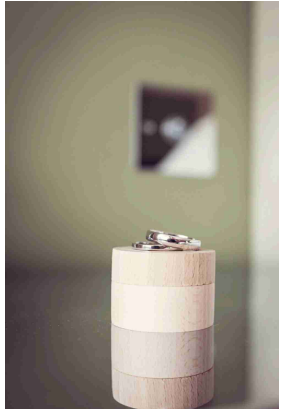
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Our Story

Emiliana The Bride: James and I met at university. We were both working part time at a well known shoe shop and he trained me up on my first day. I don't think either of us could have predicted what a long term thing our initial flirting would turn into and before long we were booked to go on a post-uni 1 year round the world trip together. A test of any relationship! Well 1 year turned into 2 years, so I guess that was a good sign that things were going well...

Getting Married

Having lived together at university and then out of rucksacks for 2 years, we consider ourselves lucky to have been able to experience a simple and carefree way of life together, so we'd never really had visions of a big elaborate wedding day. In fact, buying property to do up and sell on overshadowed the expense of any sort of wedding day expense, and it was 8 years before James popped the big question! Even then, we really weren't in any rush to make it 'official', and it was only when we discovered a baby Hall was on her way that we thought it would be nice to share the same family name.

Eloping

Our bump was the perfect excuse to take ourselves off to our favourite city in the world and sign on the marriage line in our own, secret way...and what a secret it was! We didn't tell anyone about our plans, but as I love a quote, I posted a cryptic Instagram photo on the morning of that day that said 'Love is meant to be an adventure', which just seemed so fitting to the last 9 years of being together and especially for that day. We'll never forget the feeling on that Tuesday in May when everyone we know was getting on with their daily lives and there we were, in this beautiful city, 'just us'. It doesn't get more romantic than that.

The Venues

We stayed at [The Great Northern Hotel](#) the night before the day, mainly because of the gorgeous photo opportunities that its amazing décor and the Kings Cross St Pancras surrounds offered. [Room 99 at the Islington Town Hall registry office](#) is a small intimate room perfect for an elopement wedding. The ceremony was short and sweet and the registrars were so friendly and welcoming.

Choosing witnesses from passers-by on the street was one of the best bits of the day! We are so happy that we happened to pick Charlie and Kim Buckley, as they brought such a positive and warming vibe to the ceremony, and the start of our married life! (Themselves being married for over 30 years!).

The Photography

We are so pleased we decided to invest in a photographer to capture the day, and even more pleased that we chose [Lucy](#). She made us feel really relaxed and listened to what style of photo we liked as well as suggesting some great ideas herself. We mostly forgot we were being snapped as we got ready for our 'big' day in our hotel room, during the very intimate Islington Town Hall ceremony and then later when we were wondering the streets of Islington as a newly married couple in the warm London sunshine. The end results were even more special than what we were expecting, especially as it was just the 2 of us the whole time!

The Fashion

Seeing as the whole day was turning out to be pretty untraditional, we decided to keep up the trend and make a day of going out shopping for our outfits together! With our growing bump I needed something that was going to be flattering, but comfortable – no easy feat! But I managed to find something that felt special and gave me room to grow in the lead up to the day in the [Harrods](#) maternity department, which was a treat in itself! The brand was [Attesa](#) and I decided against going for the traditional white or ivory, but instead opting for coral lace dress with white accessories. My gorgeous little brooch was a gift that James gave me on the morning of the day. James found his quirky outfit which I absolutely loved him in from various high street retailers.

The Beauty

On the day, I had my hair, nails and make up done in the beauty department at [Selfridges](#). The staff were all wonderful and I'm sure they made an extra effort when I said I was about to get married!

Keeping up one tradition at least, we had a simple bunch of white peonies and hydrangeas for my bouquet and a white rose buttonhole delivered to the hotel by a local [Kings Cross florist](#).

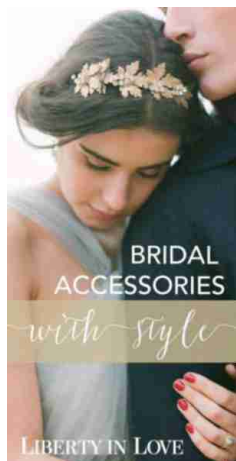
The Food

After we were finished with the photos, we had our first meal as a married couple in the form of a quick bite to eat at Leon at St Pancras station! We then jumped on the tube to Heathrow and made our way to Portugal for our honeymoon/babymoon. From there, we sent our nearest and dearest post cards telling them all about our news. We often hear from our recently married friends, 'just do what makes you happy as you just can't please everyone' when offering advice about organising a wedding day. Our friends and family were over the moon for us, a bit shocked but in a 'that's just madness' sort of way. That's when we knew we had made the right decision, to get married in a way that suited us and our situation and without the worries of pleasing an entire wedding party. It really was the most perfect day. We will still be celebrating with friends and family next year, but it will be all about the party and less about the formalities. Just as we like it!



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Love it! Train stations ARE romantic! Amen!

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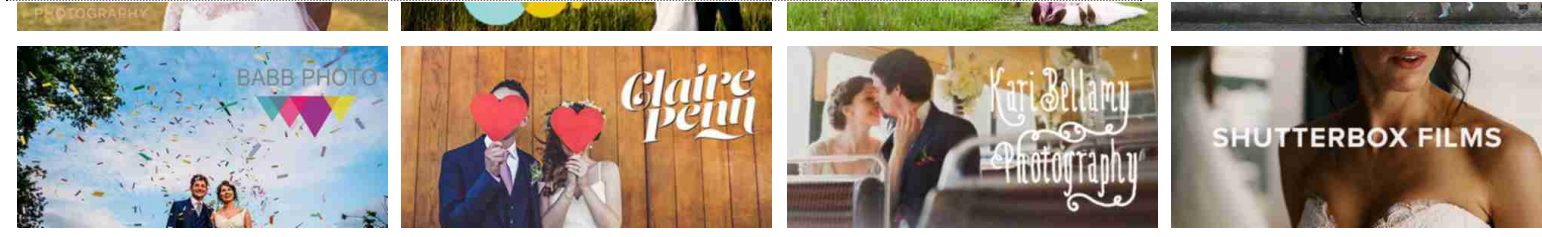
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