

# Showers with love

MOLLY *and* RYAN



Photos by Wayne and Justin Smith



**MOLLY TACK WANTED** to be one up on the weather gods on her September wedding day. "I invested early on in an umbrella I really liked that had an image of the sky inside," she says. "And I got a pair of rain boots." The New York lawyer also opted against an outdoor ceremony to negate the worry that rain or strong winds might interrupt her nuptials with her beloved, fellow lawyer Ryan Hooper.

All festivities were to be in the barn (and a tent beside it) at her parent's West Tisbury home – except for the Friday night rehearsal party at a nearby private beach. But when Friday's forecast said rain, they went to plan B and moved it to the barn too: "Even if it had not rained that night," Molly reflects, "I was happy to err on the side of people being more comfortable."

It rained on the wedding day too, but for a brief moment of clear skies during the cocktail hour. Well prepared with her umbrella and pretty rain boots, Molly stayed dry – and happy.

As her own wedding planner, Molly wanted the celebration to be "memorable



and closely connected to what we were celebrating, which was us." For the ceremony, the couple asked a few friends and family to share personal speeches. Molly's sister played a recording of the *Friends* theme song, while her stand-up comic brother brought levity: "His speech was incredibly funny but also managed to make everyone cry."

Table names expressed shared loves, from the movie *The Big Lebowski* to their lawyerly link, Civil Liberties, to Outdoor Showers – the kind you take in a stall, not those that fall from the sky. Though perhaps, given their lovely rainy day wedding, they have a fondness for those now too. 🌧️ – LINDA BLACK

