



# Doing it our way

## THE AMANDA FARRAR & DANIEL BORCHERT WEDDING

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**I**n the way the best weddings often do, the Sept. 5 nuptials of Amanda Farrar, 30, and Daniel Borchert, 30, in scenic Arch Cape, mirrored their hopes, plans and dreams for their future. It was their day, and in planning it they showed a real feet-on-the-ground approach to things, staying flexible but retaining a solid sense of themselves the whole time.

With families as far apart as South Dakota and Maryland, picking where to get hitched was tricky. Things worked out, though, when the couple moved to Oregon, as Amanda was looking at Oregon State University's

marine biology program. "Our first stop was Cannon Beach because I needed to see the ocean," she remembers — for the first time, too. "That inspired us to have the

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wedding in this area. We thought, 'It's beautiful in Oregon; they can come to where we're at.'"

The couple met at a party on New Year's Eve. "We kind of talked and then exchanged numbers. He called me a couple of days later and we started hanging out," recalls Amanda. They've been together for eight years now. But one fateful Thanksgiving, the couple was at the mall. "We ended up looking at rings for giggles, and he's like, 'Well, do you want to do this?'" Later, he did ask for Amanda's hand in the time-honored way.

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