



Inspired by a popular Disney film, Claire and Steven's balloon-filled wedding day at Gilmerton House was picture perfect

The One... Steven is my rock and my best friend. He's the one I want to speak to first if I have good news or bad news. He makes me laugh and he's the kindest person I know. When he proposed to me in Ueno Park in Tokyo under a cherry blossom tree, I said yes before I'd even opened the box!

Circle of love... My engagement ring came from Berganza in London. It's platinum with a seven-carat sapphire and diamonds. I love vintage clothes and antiques so Steven thought an antique ring was the best way to go; mine is from 1930s' Paris.

Perfect location... Steven and I are both from East Lothian and, as we weren't getting married in a church, we needed to find a venue there with a special room to get married in. I fell in love with the music room at Gilmerton as it had lovely ceilings and a bay window. Nothing we asked them was ever a problem, and the house and grounds were simply beautiful.

Spoilt for choice... I like to shop on my own but a friend who lives in Glasgow came with me to try on some wedding dresses. I actually

ended up getting two! The first was 'Dietrich' by Pronovias from Anne Priscilla in Glasgow and the second was Justin Alexander's '8465' dress from Bliss, Edinburgh.

Floating away... Our theme was based on the film *Up* by Disney Pixar. I love the film and had the main song, *Married Life*, as my ringtone for a few years before I got engaged so decided I wanted to walk up the aisle to that. We had the balloon release ceremony and a guest tree in the shape of a hot air balloon with a house attached to it.

Say 'I do'... The ceremony felt a bit like an out of body experience. Steven and I agreed that we wanted it to be lighthearted and didn't write our own vows, mostly because I knew I would cry. Afterwards, our guests drank prosecco, rose punch and traditional lemonade in the sunshine.

Speaking out... My dad's speech was an emotional one, as he had cancer a few years ago and, although he never said it out loud, I'm sure he gave thought to times that he might not be there for us. Steven also said lovely things about me and took time to thank our parents and grandparents. ▶

