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HAND LETTER WORD MARK Created by Nik Wilcox



Blackletter, Old Style, Transitional, Modern, Slab, San Serif, and Contemporary.

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CHARACTERISTICS Metal Blackletter

Left-leaning axis or stress

Dramatic difference between thick and thin strokes

Diagonal flat serifs

BLACKLETTER METAL BLACKLETTER \sim

Black letter, also called Gothic script or Old English script, in calligraphy, a style of alphabet that was used for manuscript books and documents throughout Europe—especially in German-speaking countries—from the end of the 12th century to the 20th century. It is distinguished by a uniform treatment of vertical strokes that end on the baseline, the use of angular lines instead of smooth curves and circles, and the fusion of convex forms when they occur together.

CHARACTERISTICS Garamund Pro

Left-leaning axis or stress Medium Contrast

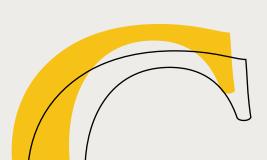


Soft rounded serifs Scooped serifs

OLD STYLE

GARAMUND PRO \sim

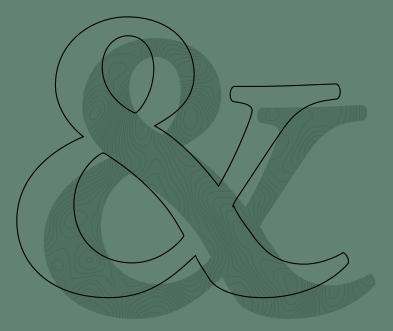
In typography, Old Style is a style of serif font developed by Renaissance typographers in the 15th century. It replaced the Blackletter style of type that was in popular use in hand-lettered writings of the day. Many of the letterforms were based initially on pen-drawn strokes.



FOUR TYPES OF BLACKLETTER Textura Rotunda Schwabacher Fraktur EXAMPI PEFA

> TYPEFACES OF OLDSTYLE

> > Garamund Pro Bembo ITC Berkeley Sabon Next



Garamund Pro



FOUR TYPES OF TRANSITIONAL Baskerville Americana Bulmer Perpetua

TYPEFACE

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- TYPEFACES OF MODERN

Bodoni ITC Fenice Adobe New Caledonia Berthold Walbaum

TRANSITIONAL BASKERVILLE

This type was introduced by John Baskerville, a notable English printer and typographer from the mid-18th century. This style represents the modification of Old Style types and neoclassical designs, while adapting some definitive characteristics of its own.

MODERN BODONI

These were born in the late 18th century. The Italian type designer Giambattista Bodoni is one of the most prominent figures related to this style type.

These typefaces are most commonly used today in high-end fashion magazines because they are elegant, unhurried, calm and controlled.

CHARACTERISTICS Baskerville

Almost Vertical axis

Greater contrast



Low x-height

Less heavily bracketed serifs

CHARACTERISTICS Bodoni

Vertical axis

Strong contrast



Low x-height

Abrupt serifs

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SLAB **CENTURY EXPAND** \sim

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CHARACTERISTICS Century Expand

Very little stress Little contrast



Medium x-height

Thick serifs

SANS SERIF HELVETICA \sim

This classification originates from the French word "sans," which literally means "without." "Serif," on the other hand, comes from the Dutch word "schreef," which means "line." This particular font family has less line width variation in comparison to the serif font family.

CHARACTERISTICS Helvetica

Very little stress

Little contrast



Large x-height

No serifs

— FOUR TYPES OF SLAB Century Expand Archer Officina Serif Rockwell

EXAMP

TYPEFACES OF _____ SAN SERIF Helvetica Gilroy Gothem Futura



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Helvetica



AUTHOR CREATED TYPEFACE ARTE DORMER

Inspiration for creating

ARTE DORMER IS A SERIF HEADER TYPEFACE. IT IS INSPIRED BY MARK VANS LEEUWEN HANDLETTERING WORK. HAS A SOUTHWEST INFLUENCE TO THE DESIGN.

CONTEMPORARY

ARTE DOMER \sim

Contemporary Sans is a unique grotesque with a distinct contrast between its horizontal and vertical strokes that gives it a lively and elegant appearance. Friendly, subtly formed strokes and individual letter forms make it both legible and pleasant to read at small sizes, and striking at display sizes.

CHARACTERISTICS Arte Domer



Medium Contrast



High x-height

Sharp serif

— FOUR TYPES OF CONTEMPOAIRY Arte domer Altero Botera

VisionW

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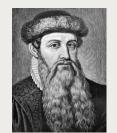


An infographics of important Early typographer from the 1450s to the 1974.

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Johannes Gutenberg



JOHANNES GUTENBERG BLACK LETTER

He invented the mechanical movable type printing press. Which dramastically impacted the world during the Renaissance.

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NICOLAS JENSEN ROMAN TYPE JENSON

> Nicolas Jenson didn't make his name until the last decade of his life. After he was 50 years old.



ALDUS MANUTIUS ALDINE

He Started the first Greek and Italics Fonts to the world. He also published Works from the ancient philosophers.



GIAMBATTISTA BODONI BODONI

By 1790 Bodoni had become widely known; important travelers visited his press, and collectors sought his books. More info on page | 06



FIRMIN DIDOT DIDOT

> The Didot family were printers, publishers, typeface designers, inventors and intellectuals. Well known family in the 14 hundreds.

JOHN BASKERVILLE BASKERVILLE

He became a writing master at

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Birmingham but in 1740

established a Successful

japanning business.



WILLIAM CASLON CASLON

Caslon began his career as an sucessful typographer.

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CLAUDE GARAMOND

GARAMOND

He was one of the first punch cutters to work independently of printers. His punch cutters was used for 150 years.

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apprentice to an engraver of gunlocks and barrels. which led him to be a well known



-William Caslon





VINCENT FIGGINS ANTIQUE /EGIZIANO BLACK

The earliest form of Ionic was brought out by Vincent Figgins in 1821 and was intended for display work.

 WILLIAMS CASLON IV EGYPTIAN

He was the great grandson of the original William Caslon, son of William Caslon III who had purchased the Joseph Jackson foundry,



Williams Caslon IV



ROBERT BESLEY **CLARENDON**

> This typeface was named after Oxford's Clarendon Press, for the Fann Street Foundry. as one of the last new developments in 19th century.



-Frederic Goudy



1974

HERB LUBALIN ITC LUBALIN GRAPH

Was an American graphic designer. He collaborated with Ralph Ginzburg on three of Ginzburg's magazines. which helped him get into type.

MAX MIEDINGER HELVETICA

1957

He spent nearly a decade as a typeface sales representative and customer counselor at the Haas Type Foundry. More info on page | 07



Adrian Frutiger



ADRIAN FRUTIGER **UNIVERS**

Hw was a Swiss typeface designer. He was known for typing name of cities and towns on road signs. which led him in creating Univers.



FREDERIC GOUDY GOUDY OLD STYLE

In full Frederic William Goudy, American printer and typographer who designed more than 100 typefaces.



PAUL RENNER **FUTURA**

He was a remarkable painter and teacher. He strongly supported the Bauhaus movements principles and aims.

TYPE ANATOMY

Ascender/ Base/ Descender line, Cap Height/ x-Height, Crossbar, Bowl, Ear, Counter, Stem, Serif, Spine, Loop, Aperture, Shoulder, Tail, and Terminal.

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" RE IS ONE F H, ____ CARES ABOUT TYPE."

Crossbar



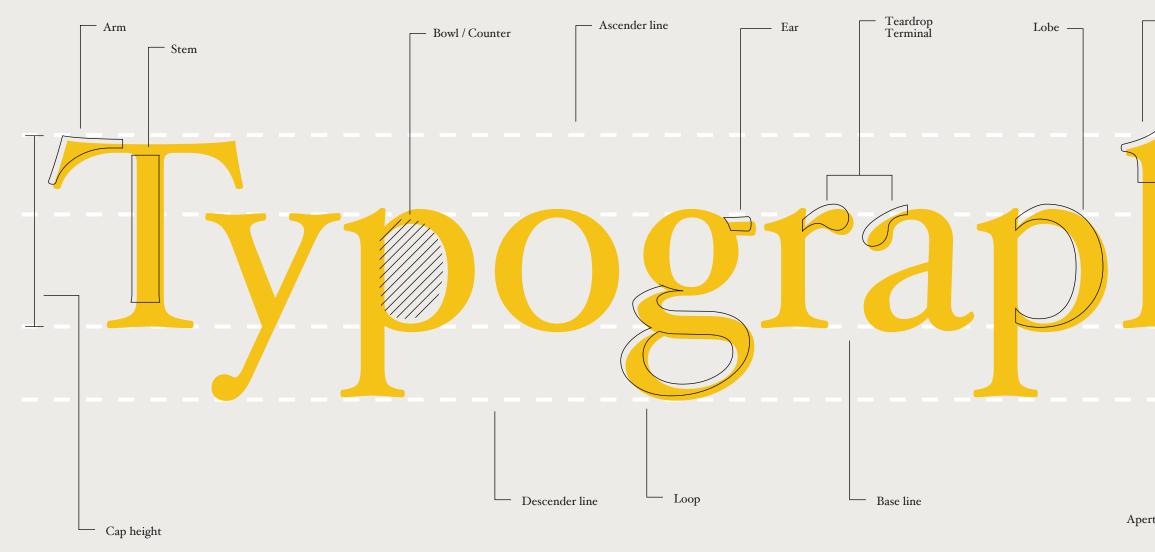
-Rohan Nanavati



Spine



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"THE PERFECT STATE OF CREATIVE BLISS IS HAVING POWER (YOU ARE 50) AND KNOWING NOTHING (YOU ARE 9). THIS ASSURES AN INTERESTING AND SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME."

–Tibor Kalman

FAVORITE DESIGNER TIBOR KALMAN

Tibor was born in 1949, in Budapest, Hungary. Because of the Soviet invasion of Hungary Tibor quickly fled Hungry and moved to Poughkeepsie, New York. Shortly after that Tibor attended NYU to be a journalist, but soon realized that wasn't his dream and dropped out of college his first year. In 1970 Tibor worked his way up the ladder in a small book store until he became the supervisor the design department. You've probably heard of this bookstore today. This book store became barnes and noble later on. In 1979 Tibor, Carol Bokuniewicz, and Liz Trovato created a company known as the design firm M & Co. This design firm got Tibor on the radar. M & Co was known for doing work for the band Talking heads, and for New York City's Meatpacking District. Soon after in the early 1990's tabor became the creative director of interview magazine. Here he worked with the entertainment world where he worked

with a lot of the celebrities. In 1993 Tibor got an offer to work for Colors magazine, so he left M & Co and moved to Rome to work for Colors magazine. Where he finally can work for controversial subjects and put his beliefs into his work. Where before his work wasn't controversial or big impacting on a activist level. After making an impact on Colors Magazine Tibor moved back to the states because he was fighting Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. In 1997 being back in the states, he reopened his design firm M & Co again. Two years later he could fight the disease any longer. Tibor Kalman Died passed again in 1999. The American Institute of Graphic Arts gave Tibor an AIGA Medal in the highest honor of graphic arts. Princeton Architectural Press published a book in memory of him about Tebor Kalman and his creation of M & Co called "Tibor Kalman: Perverse Optimist."





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