

MONUMENTAL
POINTING FINGER GROTESK
BRICK-LAY
ARCHITECTURE
BERLAGE &
PIET ZWAR
AMSTERDA
DEN HAAG
1923—2016

MONUMENTAL GROTESK

Monumental Grotesk is a spiritual revival of letters originally designed to be carved from stone. Piet Zwart, one of the first Dutch graphic designers, drew a small set of heavy, modern capitals for use in some of his poster work, and eventually took these designs to the physical world. Renowned architect Hendrik Berlage, who led the Amsterdam School movement, needed some façade lettering done, and Zwart had the right stuff lying around.

In 2020, the typeface was updated to include more languages.

Designer
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Publication year
2016, 2020

Language support
Over 200 languages (see page 8)

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OpenType features

Using OpenType, Monumental Grotesk is capable of a few useful tricks, such as contextual replacements of clashing glyphs, smart fractions and some stylistic variations of glyphs.

Tabular and Proportional Numbers

PROPORTIONAL

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

TABULAR

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

Discretionary Ligatures

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 (C) (P) (R)
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Automatic Fractions

2 1/4 CUPS

2 ¼ CUPS

Stylistic Sets (SS01, SS02 and SS03)

SS01

Å É Ö Ñ

SS02

KONING

SS03

BAYOU

**Å É Ö Ñ
 KONING
 BAYOU**

Language support

The standard Tiny Type character set supports over 200 languages using the Latin script. It further supports a vast range of manual combinations of base glyphs and diacritics using the OpenType Mark feature.

Abenaki, Afaan Oromo, Afar, Afrikaans, Ajië, Albanian, Aleut, Anuta, Apache, Aragonese, Aranese, Aromanian, Arvanitic (Latin), Asturias, Aymara, Azeri, Basque, Belarusian (Latin), Bergamasque, Bikol, Bislama, Bosnian, Breton, Cape Verdean Creole, Catalan, Chamorro, Chichewa, Cimbrian, Cofán, Cornish, Corsican, Creek, Crimean Tatar, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dawan, Delaware languages, Dholuo, Drehu, Dutch, English, Esperanto, Estonian, Evenki, Faroese, Fijian, Filipino, Finnish, Folkspraak, French, Frisian, Friulian, Gagauz, Galician, Genoese, German, Gikuyu, Gilbertese, Greenlandic (Legacy and modern), Guadeloupean Creole, Gwich'in, Haitian Creole, Hawai'ian, Hiligaynon, Hopi, Hupa, Icelandic, Ido, Ilocano, Indonesian, Ingrian, Interglossa, Interlingua, Irish Gaelic, Istro-Romanian, Italian, Jamaican, Javanese, Jèrriais, Kala Lagaw Ya, Kapampangan, Kaqchikel, Karakalpak, Karelian, Kashubian, Kazakh (Latin), Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Kurdish (Kurmanji), Kven, Ladin, Latgalian (Latin), Latin, Latino sine Flexione, Latvian, Ligurian, Lithuanian, Lojban, Lombard, Ludic, Luxembourgish, Makhuwa, Malagasy, Malay, Maltese, Manx Gaelic, Maori, Marquesan (Northern and Southern), Marshallese, Meänkieli, Megleno-Romanian, Meriam Mir, Milanese, Mirandese, Mohawk, Moldovan (Latin), Montenegrin, Murrinh-Patha, Nagamese Creole, Nahuatl, Nauruan, Ndebele (Southern and Northern), Neapolitan, Ngiyambaa, Niuean, Norman, Norwegian, Novial, Nyungar, Occidental, Occitan, Old English, Old Icelandic, Oshiwambo, Palauan, Papiamentu, Picard, Piedmontese, Polish, Portuguese, Potawatomi, Q'eqchi', Quechua, Rarotongan, Romance (+ Rhaeto-Romance), Romanian, Romansh, Romany, Rotokas, Sami (Inari, Lule, Northern, Southern, Ume, Pite, Skolt), Samoan, Samogitian, Sango, Sardinian, Scottish Gaelic, Serbian, Seychellois Creole, Shawnee, Shona, Sicilian, Silesian, Slovak, Slovenian, Slovio, Somali (Latin), Sorbian (Upper and Lower), Sotho (Northern and Southern), Spanish, Sranan, Sundanese (Latin), Swahili, Swazi, Swedish, Tahitian, Tatar (Modern), Tetum, Tḥçḥ (Dogrib), Tok Pisin, Tokelauan, Tongan, Tshiluba, Tsonga, Tswana, Tumbuka, Turkish, Turkmen (Latin), Tuvaluan, Tzotzil, Ugric, Uzbek (Latin), Venetian, Veps, Vietnamese, Vilamovian, Vöro/Seto, Wallisian, Walloon, Waray-Waray, Warlpiri, Wayuu, Welsh, Wik-Mungkan, Wiradjuri, Xârâcùù, Xavante, Xhosa, Yapese, Yiddish romanization, Yindjibarndi, Yup'ik, Zazaki, Zulu and Zuni.

About the designer

Robin Mientjes (1988) is a Dutch type designer, graphic designer and hobby cook. She lives in Oslo, the capital of cold, wet, rainy, beautiful Norway with her spouse and their dog. She runs the Tiny Type Co., for fonts of any size.

And finally...

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