MiniBlock

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MiniBlock is a mosaic-style typeface built from rectangular modules that, when used, create a visual texture in which letters interlock both horizontally and vertically to form intricate shapes. One of its distinctive features is the vertical alignment of certain letters—such as L, T, and Y — with the stems of other characters. Its primary purpose is ornamental and playful, placing legibility in the background.

The type system includes multiple versions that expand its creative possibilities. MiniBlock VF, MiniBlock Pro Condensed, Medium and Extended offer 813 glyphs, advanced OpenType features, integrated borders and ornaments, full compatibility with Mac Roman and Windows 1252. MiniBlock 3D is a layered version composed of three OpenType files Miniblock-Front, Miniblock-Side, and Miniblock-Bottom. MiniBlock Titles delivers greater weight for high impact headlines, while MiniBlock Borders includes decorative frames and ornaments that are directly accessible from the keyboard.

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MiniBlock Pro VF
Variable font

MiniBlock Pro is also available as a Variable Font, built on a width axis ranging from 300 to 600.

This format offers greater flexibility for responsive design, allowing fine control over width to adapt typography fluidly across different media and layout requirements—all while maintaining the font's distinctive modular structure.

MiniBlock Pro
width variations

MiniBlock Pro Condensed, MiniBlock Pro Medium, and Mini-
Block Pro Extended.

These styles allow for flexible typographic composition
across different formats—ranging from compact layouts to
spacious, expressive designs—while preserving the system's
modular and ornamental character.

condensed

medium

extended

MiniBlock Pro
OpenType features

MiniBlock Pro includes an extensive set of OpenType features designed to enhance typographic flexibility, linguistic support, and visual expression. Its features are organized into functional categories that address both advanced typesetting and decorative composition:

Typographic Essentials

liga: Standard ligatures, including support for custom combinations and ornamental inputs.

tt   tt   ff   ff

calt: Contextual alternates for smoother and dynamic letter sequences.

awesome   awesome

Number Formatting

lnum, onum: Lining and oldstyle figures.

1984   1984   1960   1960

MiniBlock Pro
OpenType features

numr, dnom, frac: Numerators, denominators, and automatic fraction building.

¹/₂ ¹/₄ ³/₄ ¹/₈ ³/₈

ordn: Ordinal indicators

1ª 1º 2ª 2º

Small Caps and Alternates

smcp, c2sc: Lowercase and uppercase small caps transformations.

A A b B C C

ss01, ss02: Stylistic alternates for key letterforms.

N N G G O O

titl: Titling alternates for display use.

A B C D E F G 1 2 3

ABCDEFG123

Localized Language Support

locl: Contextual character substitution for Catalan, Romanian, Moldovan, Turkish, Kazakh, and other Latin-script languages, ensuring typographic correctness based on locale.

MiniBlock Pro
OpenType features

Modular Ornaments & Decoration
Via the dlig feature, MiniBlock Pro enables direct access to a
wide range of modular frames, connectors, and decorative
elements using simple text inputs:

Corners: *01 - *14
Horizontal borders: h1 - h27
Vertical connectors: v1 - v5
Decorative ornaments: o01 - o27

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Accessing Frames and Ornaments
in MiniBlock Pro

MiniBlock Pro includes a modular system of typographic frames, connectors, and decorative ornaments, all accessible via the Discretionary Ligatures (dlig) OpenType feature.

To activate these features, make sure Discretionary Ligatures are enabled in your design software (such as Adobe Illustrator, InDesign, or Glyphs). Once active, simply type the appropriate trigger to access each custom glyph.
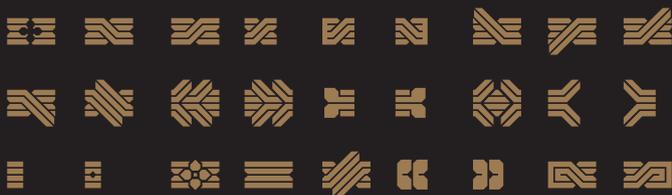
Corner and structural elements:

*01	*02	*03	*04	*05	*06	*07
*08	*09	*10	*11	*12	*13	*14

Vertical connectors:

v1   v2   v3   v4   v5

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Horizontal connectors:

h1	h2	h3	h4	h5	h6	h7	h8	h9
h10	h11	h12	h13	h14	h15	h16	h17	h18
h19	h20	h21	h22	h23	h24	h25	h26	h27

Ornaments:

o01	o02	o03	o04	o05	o06	o07	o08	o09
o10	o11	o12	o13	o14	o15	o16	o17	o18
o19	o20	o21	o22	o23	o24	o25	o26	o27
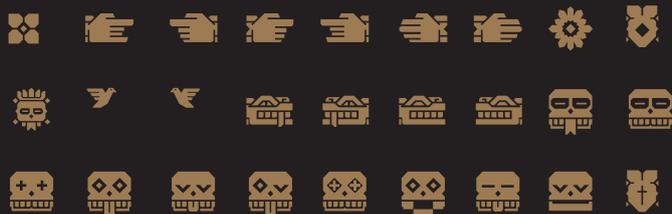
Using the 3D Version of MiniBlock

MiniBlock 3D is a layered type system designed to create dimensional and visually striking compositions. It consists of three coordinated OpenType font files:

MiniBlock-Front:
The main face of the letterform

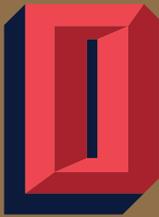MiniBlock-Side:
The side extrusion, providing depth and volume

MiniBlock-Bottom:
The base shadow or underside projection

To achieve the 3D effect, simply stack the layers in your design software and apply different colors or effects to each one. Ensure that all layers are aligned exactly in the same position to maintain visual consistency.

Ideal for display typography, posters, packaging, or any design where bold, architectural letterforms can amplify visual impact.

Have fun

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