



Where Playfulness Meets Elegance

14 Original styles • 227 languages • 580+ Characters

TRADITIONAL

Yet adventurous

An unexpected twist

A flowing, sensuous inner form

CAPTIVATING

Contrasting Qualities

Élégant & Dynamique

Duration (2013–2024)

Grace crowns the final flourish

Description

Nave is the perfect choice for designers looking to intertwine tradition with creativity. Its characters are framed by a formal, rigid outer shape, revealing an unexpected twist: a flowing, sensuous inner form. These contrasting qualities breathe life into words, inviting readers on a journey from the familiar to the extraordinary.

Nave is designed for forward-thinking designers and businesses who value classic design but also want to infuse their work with personality and warmth.

Family Styles

Thin

Thin Italic

Light

Light Italic

Regular

Regular Italic

Medium

Medium Italic

Bold

Bold Italic

Heavy

Heavy Italic

Black

Black Italic

What's in a name?

Around my studio, numerous centuries-old churches grace the surrounding villages. Most have traditional stone exteriors, square towers, and utilitarian shapes. However, their interiors often showcase creativity with decorative columns, fluid arches, and intricate ceilings. Nave follows this concept: it has a conventional exterior shape, but its interior features are dynamic and fluid.

Alternatives
and ligatures

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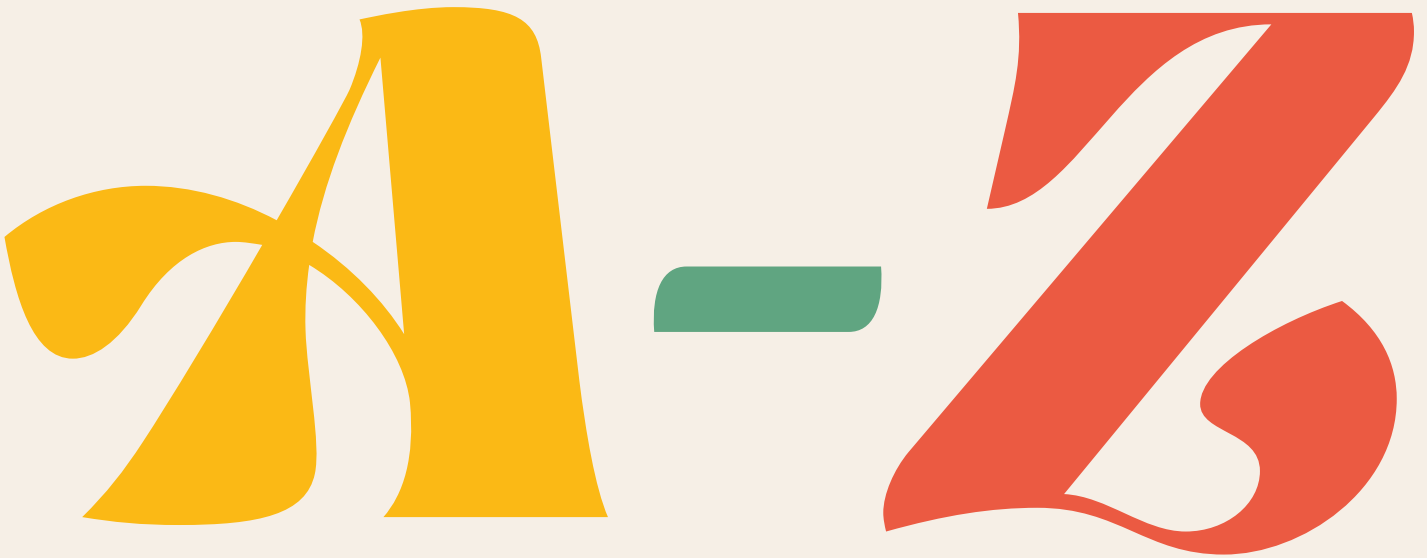
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Nave's Story

Nave's creation spanned eleven years, starting during my time at Reading University. Inspired by the fluid strokes of a pointed brush, I envisioned a typeface combining dynamic curves with a formal structure. After numerous attempts and much learning, I revisited Nave several times, each time refining the design. A breakthrough came when I was examining how Futura Black looks like its shapes are cut from blocks, guiding my approach to the uppercase letters. Today, Nave stands as a harmonious blend of tradition and creativity, ready to bring elegance and flair to any project.



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Language Support

227 Languages including Western, Central and South Eastern European

Acheron, Achinese, Acholi, Achuar-Shiwiar, Afar, Afrikaans, Aguaruna, Alekano, Aleut, Amahuaca, Amarakaeri, Amis, Anaang, Andaandi, Dongolawi, Anuta, Aragonese, Arbëreshë Albanian, Asháninka, Ashéninka Perené, Atayal, Balinese, Bari, Basque, Batak Dairi, Batak Karo, Batak Mandailing, Batak Simalungun, Batak Toba, Bemba (Zambia), Bena (Tanzania), Bikol, Bislama, Borana-Arsi-Guji Oromo, Bosnian, Breton, Buginese, Candoshi-Shapra, Caquinte, Caribbean Hindustani, Cashibo-Cacataibo, Cashinahua, Catalan, Cebuano, Central Aymara, Central Kurdish, Chachi, Chamorro, Chavacano, Chiga, Chiltepec Chinantec, Chokwe, Chuukese, Cimbrian, Cofán, Cook Islands Māori, Cornish, Corsican, Creek, Crimean Tatar, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dehu, Dutch, Eastern Arrernte, Eastern Oromo, English, Faroese, Fijian, Filipino, Finnish, French, Friulian, Gagauz, Galician, Ganda, Garifuna, German, Gheg Albanian, Gilbertese, Gooniyandi, Gourmanchéma, Guadeloupean Creole French, Gusii, Haitian, Hani, Hiligaynon, Hopi, Huastec, Hungarian, Icelandic, Iloko, Inari Sami, Indonesian, Irish, Istro Romanian, Italian, Ixcatlán Mazatec, Jamaican Creole English, Japanese, Javanese, Jola-Fonyi, K'iche', Kabuverdianu, Kaingang, Kala Lagaw Ya, Kalaallisut, Kalenjin, Kamba (Kenya), Kaonde, Karelian, Kashubian, Kekchí, Kenzi, Mattokki, Khasi, Kikuyu, Kimbundu, Kinyarwanda, Kituba (DRC), Kongo, Konzo, Kven Finnish, Kölsch, Ladin, Ladino, Latgalian, Lithuanian, Lombard, Low German, Lower Sorbian, Luba-Lulua, Lule Sami, Luo (Kenya and Tanzania), Luxembourgish, Macedo-Romanian, Makonde, Malagasy, Malaysian, Maltese, Mandinka, Mandjak, Mankanya, Manx, Maore Comorian, Maori, Mapudungun, Marshallese, Matsés, Mauritian Creole, Meriam Mir, Meru, Minangkabau, Mirandese, Mohawk, Montenegrin, Munsee, Murrinh-Patha, Mwani, Mískito, Naga Pidgin, Ndonga, Neapolitan, Ngazidja Comorian, Niuean, Nobiin, Nomatsiguenga, North Ndebele, Northern Kurdish, Northern Qiandong Miao, Northern Sami, Northern Uzbek, Norwegian, Nyanja, Nyankole, Occitan, Ojtlán Chinantec, Orma, Oroqen, Palauan, Pampanga, Papantla Totonac, Papiamento, Pedi, Picard, Pichis Ashéninka, Piemontese, Pijin, Pintupi-Luritja, Pipil, Pohnpeian, Polish, Portuguese, Potawatomi, Purepecha, Páez, Quechua, Romanian, Romansh, Rotokas, Rundi, Samoan, Sango, Sangu (Tanzania), Saramaccan, Sardinian, Scots, Scottish Gaelic, Sena, Seri, Seselwa Creole French, Shawnee, Shipibo-Conibo, Shona, Shuar, Sicilian, Silesian, Slovak, Slovenian, Soga, Somali, Soninke, South Ndebele, Southern Aymara, Southern Qiandong Miao, Southern Sami, Southern Sotho, Spanish, Sranan Tongo, Standard Estonian, Standard Latvian, Standard Malay, Sundanese, Swahili, Swedish, Swiss German, Tagalog, Tahitian, Tedim Chin, Tetum, Tetun Dili, Toba, Tok Pisin, Tokelau, Tonga (Tonga Islands), Tonga (Zambia), Tosk Albanian, Tumbuka, Turkish, Turkmen, Tzeltal, Tzotzil, Uab Meto, Umbundu, Ume Sami, Upper Guinea Crioulo, Upper Sorbian, Venetian, Veps, Võro, Walloon, Walser, Waray (Philippines), Warlpiri, Wayuu, Welsh, West Central Oromo, Western Abnaki, Western Frisian, Wiradjuri, Wolof, Xhosa, Yanesha', Yao, Yucateco, Zapotec, Zulu, Záparo