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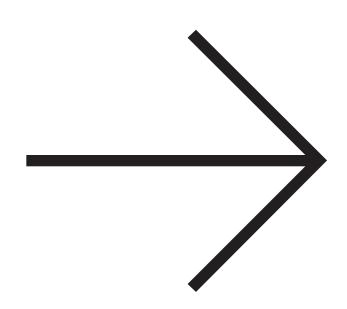
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Information

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Commercial Release

Total Styles

V1.1: October 2021

Glyphs Per Style

Optical Sizes

1100 (Uprights) + 1103 (Italics)

OpenType Features

Standard Ligatures, Discretionary Ligatures, Stylistic Sets 01 - 09, All Caps, Small Caps, Old Style Figures, Tabular Lining Figures, Tabular Old Style Figures, Fractions, Slashed Zeros, Ordinal Indicators, Contextual Alternates, Superscript / Superior + Subscript / Inferior

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Ahead of the Curve

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counterculture

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Rodney Mullen

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Materials, Form & Architecture Rework Text \cdot Thin \cdot 30pt

you'd drain their pool and roll around, carving up the evenly transitioned walls

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Kids hopping fences. Tearing around in deserted pools, until the police showed up. The 1970's in Los Angeles: Sun-soaked scenes of freedom and rebellion.

functionalism

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Villa Mairea

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In 1939, Alvar Aalto finished designing the world's first kidneyshaped swimming pool

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The villa is marked by a freeform, curving line, from its balconies to smaller details. A shift in Aalto's practice, from minimalist functionalism to more organic forms

Mourning & Protest

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memeability

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Piazza Alimonda

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A statue of Henry Kirke Brown Rework Text · Extralight · 30pt

Not all spontaneous shrines are explicit, but — perhaps by virtue of their visibility — they all

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Impromptu shrines were springing up across New York in the wake of 9/11. In the days following the terrorist attacks, there wasn't a clear idea of the number of the casualties.

Che Guevera

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ghost bike

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reject the idea of someone 'dying in vain' Rework Text · Extralight Italic · 30pt

the psychological appeal of prison tattoos is deeply earthbound – signalling individuality

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Whether it's flowers, cigarettes, bicycles, or sagging balloons, improvised shrines are the embodiment of a community's grief. They sacralise ground that would otherwise just be the

Confined Creativity

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creativity can flourish in confinement

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When Leonov put pencil to paper on board Vokshod 2 in 1965, he contended with zero gravity, wedged into a capsule with fellow astronaut Pavel Belyayev and wearing a bulky suit Rework Text · Light · 12pt

From the Refugee All Stars in Sierra Leone's Kalia Refugee Camp to Oscar Wilde's inimitable De Profundis written in solitary confinement, from 18th century sailors' scrimshaw carvings to modern prison tattooing, the human drive to leave impact beyond ourselves is impossible to quash. The constraints of confinement fan fires, rather than extinguish them: whether you're looking at marker messages inside a toilet cubicle or a heart-breaking tract on longing – written within emotional rather than physical shackles.

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TAKE THE BODY. We signal our mood, our preferences, our origins and our aspirations with as much primal profundity as a peacock – hairstyles, outfits, pins and patches telegraph an identity to those in our immediate sphere (and beyond, thanks to social media). We are what we look like, and when every marker is stripped, human beings turn to the one which will always remain: skin. Tattooing is one of our oldest means of self-adornment; common to cultures around the world and across millennia, decorating bodies with ink has been used to identify individuals as part of tribes, clubs and out-groups as much as a means of signalling their specialness. While the last few centuries

have seen tattooing fall from grace – increasingly associated with criminality, or as a marker of low-class status – that same frisson could account for its sudden return to fashionability. Today, 38 per cent of adults between the ages of 18 and 29 have at least one tattoo; reasonable, then, to suppose that their sudden ubiquity might lessen their rebellious glamour.

Just the right amount of pressure, it seems, produces the best conditions for creativity: too little is just as unhelpful as too much, and work that won't be assessed by peers or superiors tends to be more robust than that which will (i.e., a painting made in your bedroom is likely to be better than your art school assessment). Beyond

Alexei Leonov

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on board Vokshod 2 in 1965

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Regardless of society's perceptions, tattooing remains as staunchly sovereign behind bars as it ever was; recourse to ink holds fast to its synonymity with freedom. Much of that symbolic weight is attached to the forbidden practice – subject to penal incarceration, a little rule breaking can go a long way when it comes to reminding someone they're a person. Armed with things like ballpoint pens, a motor from an electric razor, lighters and Sellotape, prisoners across the world have found ways to manufacture entirely

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If the psychological appeal of prison tattoos is deeply earthbound – signalling individuality, or gang belonging – other forms of creativity wield much heavier mantles of significance. Alexei Leonov, for instance, was the first person to make a work of art in outer space. While the artefact he produced is a fairly modest object, the coloured-crayon depiction of an orbital sunrise represented a first in human history.

When Leonov put pencil to paper on board Vokshod 2 in 1965, he was contending with zero gravity, wedged into a capsule with fellow astronaut Pavel Belyayev and wearing a bulky suit – hard to imagine a more physically constraining situation, or a more intellectually stimulating one.

We make art to make sense of the world (or in Leonov's case, of the world's place in the universe). It's no coincidence that cultural output excels during trying times, despite the fact that austere political climates tend to retract governmental funding from the organisations which support it. In much the same way as some of the world's best poetry is born from personal heartbreak (try and tell me that Pablo Neruda would pack half the punch if he'd written only when cheerful), some people produce their most engaging work as a result of negative stimuli. From film and television to visual art and music, trying times can birth our very best; Jon Kelly cites a veritable roster of creative greats, toiling

Common Ground

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desire paths

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our yearning to walk on the wild side

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Broadway in New York, is believed to be the last surviving Native American path from pre-colonial times, a route between settlements in what is now Manhattan which anchors the city to this day Rework Text · Regular · 12pt

Desire paths aren't only about convenience – on some level, they're about disobedience. Robert Macfarlane, who coined the term 'desire path' in the first place, offers 'free-will ways' as an alternative (and very charming) moniker. The appeal of going off the beaten track lies in its informality, in part at least. Set that track in stone, and the desire to avoid it will be transferred to another shortcut or scenic meander. Rule breaking requires something to kick against: a paved road to ignore, in fa-

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IN SOME PARTS OF THE WORLD planners take desire paths as the basis for their municipal interventions – like Rem Koolhaas, who famously used them to plan the Illinois Institute of Technology. And, closer to home, one architect Riccardo Marini went so far as to map concentrations of dropped cigarette butts and bubble-gum splotches on Regent Street, feeding the data into his decisions about where to place public benches. After all, people don't naturally stop every 200 metres, or congregate on every second corner – however convenient that would be.

It's in built up areas that you see the strength of desire paths most clearly; set against the crisp

lines of regimented order, the muddy track of human after human cutting corners is thrown into sharp relief. Cities have historically grown organically from the positioning of routes like these, or done their utmost to paper over the inconvenient meandering our ancestors insisted on. Broadway in New York, for instance, is believed to be the last surviving Native American path from pre-colonial times, an intuitive route between settlements in what is now Manhattan which anchors the city to this day.

Cow paths are used more the more they're used, if you see what I mean. Human beings make them too; visit a park and scout for earthy streaks through the trees or up the sides of

Straw Gown

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Build it and they will come – that's how the old saying goes, though cows wouldn't agree. Design, of systems or buildings or garments or anything else that starts with an idea, has two fundamental points of origin. Start with the thing, or its intended user? Proponents of each revile the other, and it's a schism which runs deep as any ideological difference.

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regular distances as gospel. Or you could take an haute-couture gown, incorporating bewitching forms and sculptural uses of fabric. Its atelier gave scrupulous consideration to structure, tone, texture – and likely very little to user experience. There's no reason they ought to have done, of course. There's nothing intrinsically more important about practicality than beauty, or intellectual integrity. Nonetheless, this Straw Gown was birthed from a very different set of priorities to those which gave rise to, say, a pair of Birkenstock sandals.

Of course, and with all of the good will in the world, even the most generously designed won't necessarily be used the way it was intended.

Ingenuity thehoof

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cohabitation

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Is sitting in the garden cheating?

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Friendships have made the switch from pub table to screen sharing. Family contact is reduced to phone calls, and budding relationships put to the test as new couples deem cohabitation to prolonged separation

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Improvisation is humanity's response to uncertainty; while it's hard to think of a catastrophe in which has shaken affluent and generally comfortable westerners like coronavirus, there are plenty of people who are much more accustomed to the low-hum of precarity. In places like refugee camps or slums, instability is part and parcel of daily life. Improvisation is king – and 'make do' makes for some amazing innovations. From the inventiveness of favela architecture in Brazil

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THE OCCUPY LONDON PROTEST IN 2011, for instance, transformed the public square outside iconic St Paul's Cathedral into a makeshift camp-city. Complete with a kitchen, library and even a tech-tent, the movement raised a high bar as far as improvising creature comforts. More profound, though, was its willingness to adapt to the constraints of public space – and eight years later in 2019, Extinction Rebellion followed Occupy's example in erecting a city of campers on Trafalgar Square. As police confiscated ER's bins, toilets and kitchenware, the group was quick to compile a list of sympathetic nearby shops and restaurants who were happy for protesters to use their

facilities. By forging alliances, calling their immediate environments and neighbours into their rallying cries, the protestors forged movements impactful enough to bring international cities to a juddering halt. While their causes remain far from resolved, it's on the fringes – of society, science, or the law – that improvisation comes into its own. It's when we don't know what we're capable of that humanity makes its biggest leaps; while a silver bullet remains elusive in the fight against coronavirus, we need only look to the sheer speed and ingenuity of the world's scientific counterattack to see such strides in action. Hundreds of vaccines are in development as we speak, and the successful

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counterattack

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Uncertainty can be paralysing

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Using old structures to novel ends is improvisation's hallmark – and as working from home establishes itself as the New Normal for millions around the world, boundaries between play and productivity are easily blurred. With what-we-do so tightly associated with wherewe-do-it, the move from office to repurposed sitting room marks a psychological journey as much as (the lack of) a physical one. Tips, tricks and 'hacks' circulate online, advising everything from designating the spare room as an intellectual ivory tower to setting up an improvisatory floor-desk to boost creativity. Should our home-office areas look as much like our customary niches as possible, or should

we take the opportunity to reinvent the working-wheel? Is sitting in the garden cheating? Outside the 9 to 5, forbidden to lesser or greater degrees from using public spaces like parks and city squares, people are turning to backyards, balconies and even indoor staircases as settings for physical activity.

Beyond private spaces suddenly invaded by the super-ego, or living rooms repurposed as running tracks, the current state of affairs has seen public buildings reimagined for much more explicitly pandemic-centric purposes. In major cities around the UK, conference centres have been converted almost overnight into vast hospitals to accommodate predicted

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MacGuyver

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diffusing a bomb with 3 seconds left

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Here, survivalism intersects with the politics of identity – figures like Milo Yiannopolis, Alex Jones or Jordan Peterson have taken mantles from Bonds and Bauers in the fight for continued existence. Rework Text · Bold · 12pt

While the larder remains a frustratingly female preserve (women preppers reportedly spend more than their male counterparts, but that tends to be on boring things like food rather than glamorous things like guns and gadgets), the excitement of navigating an emergency tends to fall to a nuclear household's resident Indiana Jones. And if those silver-fox-and-silver-screen heroes remain on the right side of civilisation's moral compass (just about), manly improvisation has a darker side too. The shifting

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AND THE NUMBERS AGREE. Twenty five per cent of American men admit to buying survival materials in the last 12 months, compared to 18 per cent of women. Accounting for those who have already feathered their nests – i.e., store-cupboards not newly but long heaving – the split is about the same, with 60 per cent of men and 52 per cent of women identifying as actively preparing for one disaster or another. While the larder remains a frustratingly female preserve (women preppers reportedly spend more than their male counterparts, but that tends to be on boring things like food rather than glamorous things like guns and gadgets), the excitement of navigating an emergency tends to fall to a

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Beleaguered white masculinity, for instance, has found a comfortable roost in the internet's deepest bowels. On sites like infowars, or forums like 4chan and Reddit, Alt-right (neo fascist) crusaders rail against female empowerment, racial diversity, gay rights, and anything else which feels threatening to their otherwise unimpeached position at the apex of society's

Quite simply

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modern machismo's weapon

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Always be prepared. So say the Boy Scouts, and plenty more besides. In an era of increasing precarity, the links between preparedness and survivalism (with all its gun-toting and bunker-building associations)

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Improvisation has a strong precedent, in mass media depictions of lovable rogues. Tied tightly to ideas about masculinity – think James Bond pinging off a poison dart from his ballpoint pen just in the nick of time, or Jack Bauer with his whatever-it-takes approach to torturing bad guys – the ability to adapt to any situation is a mark of pride for heroes on- and off-screen. In digesting a zeitgeist, as pop culture is wont to do, television has answered every era's anxieties with a dedicated flag bearer.

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Terror of the 2000s gave us Bauer but also Jason Bourne, who could fell an adversary with nothing more than a rolled-up magazine. While their televisation provided whole cultures with catharsis (background anxiety requires release, if only through small-screen dramatisation) it also fed much more ancient tropes about men and masculinity. Our shared ideas about maleness encompass not only financially supporting a family but keeping them safe, and that macho shouldering of responsibility expands and contracts to match shared conceptions of what's most threatening at any given time. Pernicious ideas about women's sphere being in the home, and men's outside it, doesn't

only account for 10,000 years of continuing female oppression – in terms of preparedness, confronting anything beyond the kitchen falls into our collective category of Man Stuff.

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