Cranes

A typeface inspired by Didot

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Inspiration Typeface
Didot

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefhijklmn
opqrstuvwxyz
Typeface History

This typeface was named after one of the most famous Parisian families, the Didot family, they were known for their printing and type foundry. It has been used in many cases such as, in a publication of Voltaire, and in the logo of an American broadcasting company. It was based on a group of related typefaces that were created between 1784 and 1811. Pierre Didot has the credit of developing the typeface in 1783 in Paris, he cut the letters, and casted them as type. Didot has been revived a couple of times by typeface designers such as, Adrian Frutiger and Jonathan Hoefler.

Didot is classified as a modern or didone typeface. The characteristics that this typeface is known for are its bracketless slab serifs, its striking contrast between thick and thins, and its stems that flow into very thin hairlines. Since it is a very elegant typeface, it has become a major part of fashion brands, such as, Vogue, Harper’s Bazaar, and Louis Vuitton.

My Plan

Inspired by Didot’s high contrast between thick and thins, and its hairline stems, I chose to resemble its thinnest parts as the paper folds, and that is how I chose origami as my inspiration.
Process - Hand Sketches

1. I started playing with the counters, by making them half circles. After that, I tried doing the origami idea, which was very unsuccessful with the letter g.

2. I tried to apply circle on the letters, and tried tracing the letters around the circle, which looked like cheese holes. Then, I experimented with the origami approach with the letters n, k, and l.

3. I applied half and full circles in the counters of the a’s, and added circles instead of the serifs Next, I created an origami inspired a which I added some shading to.

4. I tried adding circles and half circles and traced around them to create the letter s. I also placed the shapes inside the letter and subtracted them. Then, I did the origami s, which was one of the best letters for origami.
Process - Digital

abcd
efgh
ijkl
mnop
How to Make Your Own Crane

What you will need:

A strip of paper

Step #1

Step #2

Step #3

Step #4

Step #5
See the Cranes for Yourself
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