

SWEET<sup>®</sup> Sans



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Referencing various masterplates—which typically offer the alphabet, figures, an ampersand, and little else—Mark van Bronkhorst has drawn a comprehensive toolkit of nine weights, each offering upper- and lowercase forms, small caps, true italics, arbitrary fractions, and various figure sets designed to harmonize with text, small caps, and all-caps. The fonts are available as basic, “Standard” character sets, and as “Pro” character sets offering a variety of typographic features and full support for Western and Central European languages.

Though rich in history, Sweet Sans is made for contemporary use. It is a handsome and functional tribute to the spirit of unsung craftsmanship.

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**LINNEA LUNDQUIST**  
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Sweet Sans Hairline	HAIRLINE SMALL CAPS
<i>Sweet Sans Hairline Italic</i>	<i>HAIRLINE ITALIC SMALL CAPS</i>
Sweet Sans Extra Thin	EXTRA THIN SMALL CAPS
<i>Sweet Sans Extra Thin Italic</i>	<i>EXTRA THIN ITALIC SMALL CAPS</i>
Sweet Sans Thin	THIN SMALL CAPS
<i>Sweet Sans Thin Italic</i>	<i>THIN ITALIC SMALL CAPS</i>
Sweet Sans Extra Light	EXTRA LIGHT SMALL CAPS
<i>Sweet Sans Extra Light Italic</i>	<i>EXTRA LIGHT ITALIC SMALL CAPS</i>
Sweet Sans Light	LIGHT SMALL CAPS
<i>Sweet Sans Light Italic</i>	<i>LIGHT ITALIC SMALL CAPS</i>
Sweet Sans Regular	REGULAR SMALL CAPS
<i>Sweet Sans Italic</i>	<i>ITALIC SMALL CAPS</i>
Sweet Sans Medium	MEDIUM SMALL CAPS
<i>Sweet Sans Medium Italic</i>	<i>MEDIUM ITALIC SMALL CAPS</i>
<b>Sweet Sans Bold</b>	<b>BOLD SMALL CAPS</b>
<b><i>Sweet Sans Bold Italic</i></b>	<b><i>BOLD ITALIC SMALL CAPS</i></b>
<b>Sweet Sans Heavy</b>	<b>HEAVY SMALL CAPS</b>
<b><i>Sweet Sans Heavy Italic</i></b>	<b><i>HEAVY ITALIC SMALL CAPS</i></b>

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Detail, "Oshichi," color woodcut by Utagawa Kuniteru (1808-1876). Japan: Masuda Shop before the Temple of the Shiba Shinmei, 1867 (Hori Yoshiharu, carver).

# Beastie

A NOVEL

FIONA SMIRKLE

PENNY  
 CANDY  
 5¢

48 PT VACATIONING REGULAR

Festive fruitcake

Groundbreaking

SUPERMARKET SMALL CAPS

MEMBERSHIP ITALIC

Prized specimen

Mansion burned

ENCYCLOPEDIA SMALL CAPS

INTERMINGLE REGULAR

48 PT

Plastics exports

Desired method

GRAPHIC ARTS SMALL CAPS

*ADVERTISING* ITALIC

*Peculiar artwork*

*Superb qualities*

*MYTHOLOGICAL* SMALL CAPS

48 PT HORSE SHOW REGULAR

Prodigious child

Extension cords

STRAIGHT LINE SMALL CAPS

*TEAM LEADER* ITALIC

*Museum Exhibit*

*Breaking dishes*

*ELEGANT HATS* SMALL CAPS



48 PT ORCHESTRAL REGULAR

Frightful phobia

Overweight dog

ITALIAN SHOES SMALL CAPS

*SPORTY AUTO* ITALIC

*Employees Only*

*Sweet anecdote*

*CATCHY TUNES* SMALL CAPS

48 PT AUTHORITIES REGULAR

Girls like horses

Tacky souvenirs

ONLINE POKER SMALL CAPS

MEANDERING ITALIC

*A special feeling*

*Boyhood drama*

WOODEN BATS SMALL CAPS

48 PT SCRIMMAGES REGULAR

Kitchen warfare

Skirmish erupts

MONEY FOUND SMALL CAPS

PROJECTILES ITALIC

*Sticky meringue*

*Folk songs sung*

*FANCY HAIRDO* SMALL CAPS

48 PT GLUTEN FREE REGULAR

Scarlet blemish

Lakeside resort

XANTHAN GUM SMALL CAPS

*PHLEBOTOMY* ITALIC

*Vocal ensemble*

*Motion sickness*

*BICYCLE SHOP* SMALL CAPS

48 PT **ABSORBENCY** REGULAR

**Irksome docent  
Television show  
SUBORDINATE** SMALL CAPS

***REFRIGERATE*** ITALIC

***Pinball machine***

***Baccalaureates***

***RAZZAMATAZZ*** SMALL CAPS

48 PT **SALMONELLA** REGULAR

**Ancient artifact**

**Biodegradation**

**DAYDREAMING** SMALL CAPS

***QUADRILLION*** ITALIC

***Gelatinousness***

***Tender moment***

***MISANTHROPE*** SMALL CAPS

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ALL CAPS

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ALL CAPS

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SMALL CAPS

ABCDEFGHGIJK&amp;abcdefghijkl → ABCDEFGHGIJK&amp;ABCDEFGHGIJKL

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LIGATURES

Offer Muffin Battle After → Offer Muffin Battle After

STYLISTIC SET 1

012345 012345 012345 → 012345 012345 012345

STYLISTIC SET 2

Banjo Carload Hyphen → Banjo Carload Hyphen

OLDSTYLE FIGURES (DEFAULT)

ABCDEabcde 0123456789 → ABCDEabcde 0123456789

TABULAR OLDSTYLE FIGURES

ABCDEabcde 0123456789 → ABCDEabcde 0123456789

LINING FIGURES

ABCDEabcde 0123456789 → ABCDEabcde 0123456789

TABULAR LINING FIGURES

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FRACTIONS

1/2 23/87 8/5 239/348 → 1/2 23/87 8/5 239/348

SUPERScript / SUPERIOR

1o 1a 1st Mrs \$8.95 footnote.18 → 1º 1ª 1<sup>st</sup> Mrs \$8.<sup>95</sup> footnote.<sup>18</sup>

SUBSCRIPT / INFERIOR

H<sub>2</sub>O Polo Tournament → H<sub>2</sub>O Polo Tournament

NOTE AVAILABILITY OF OPENTYPE FEATURES SUBJECT TO APPLICATION SUPPORT

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LOWERCASE	abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
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EXTENDED LOWERCASE	àáâãäåçèéêëìíîïĸňóòôõöøšúûüýžđþæœ
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SUPERSCRIP MINUSCULES	abdehilmnorst
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LANGUAGES SUPPORTED	ALBANIAN, BASQUE, CATALAN, CORNISH, DANISH, DUTCH, ENGLISH, ESTONIAN, FAROESE, FINNISH, FRENCH, GALICIAN, GERMAN, ICELANDIC, INDONESIAN, IRISH, ITALIAN, MALAY, MANX, NORWEGIAN BOKMÅL, NORWEGIAN NYNORSK, OROMO, PORTUGUESE, SOMALI, SPANISH, SWAHILI, AND SWEDISH

UPPERCASE	ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
LOWERCASE	abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
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EXTENDED UPPERCASE	ÁÀÂÃÄÅÇÉÊËĚİİİŁŃÓÒÔÕÖØŠÚÛÜŸŽĐƆÆǼ
EXTENDED LOWERCASE	ÁÀÂÃÄÅÇÉÊËĚİİİŁŃÓÒÔÕÖØŠÚÛÜŸŽĐƆÆǼ
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