MFC Manoir Monogram Guidebook

The source of inspiration for Manoir Monogram is a distinguishingly narrow Victorian initial letterset adorned with flourishes from a vintage embroidery publication. This digital revival splits the letterset from its flourished background to give you more design flexibility. Manoir is a highly ornate typestyle with a lot of elegance and flair.

MFC Manoir Monogram Basic Styles

MFC Manoir Monogram has uppercase and smallcap letters that support one, two, and three letter monograms of an antiquated Victorian style. The following basic monogram setups are typed "**without**" Opentype Ligatures enabled.

One letter monogram

Type any capital letter

Two letter monogram

Type any two capital letters

Three letter monogram

Type any lowercase, capital and lowercase letter

MFC Manoir Monogram Unique Flourish Monograms

MFC Manoir Monogram also contains beautiful flourish backgrounds for each uppercase letter. Using the OpenType Ligatures feature, available in most OpenType savvy applications, such as Adobe Illustrator CS (see Fig. 1), these flourishes can create both one and three letter monograms. To build a single letter flourish monogram, be sure only the Ligature feature is enabled and type any uppercase letter twice. Because of the unique manner in which this is setup, we recommend setting your paragraph to centered.
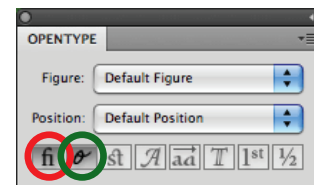

Enable OpenType ligatures, set the paragraph to centered and type any uppercase letter twice.

To colorize your monogram, enable OpenType ligatures, set the paragraph to centered, select the flourish color and type any uppercase letter, then change the text color and type the letter again.

Figure 1

OpenType features are enabled by selecting the various buttons found in the OpenType Palette. Here, the **Ligature** option has been selected.

Building the three letter flourish monogram is a little more complicated the first few times you try it. Be sure to enable only the **Contextual Alternate** feature, as circled above in Figure 1. Again, we recommend setting your paragraph to centered. First, you will want to lay down the correct flourish, so begin the typing sequence with the capital letter of the surname of your three letter monogram. In the sample below, that would be 'W'. You should see the flourish. Do not worry about the positioning; it will work itself out as you complete the monogram. Now follow up by typing the normal three letter sequence for a three letter monogram, in this case, "aWs". That's it! You should see the beautiful monogram below!

Enable Contextual Alternates and set the paragraph to centered. Begin the sequence with the uppercase letter of the surname, in this sample 'W'. Then complete the sequence by typing the three letter monogram, 'aWs'.

In this sample, type WaWs

To colorize your monogram, enable Contextual Alternates, set the paragraph to centered. Select a flourish color and begin the typing sequence with the uppercase letter of the surname, in this sample 'W'. Then select the text color and complete the sequence by typing the three letter monogram, 'aWs'.

In this sample, type WaWs

Manoir Monogram is also capable of typing headlines and titlings. Our favorite application is twice spaced out flourished capitals.