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Darryl 'Cornbread' McCray, born in 1953 in North Philadelphia, is a living legend, considered the first modern graffiti writer to tag his name for the purpose of repetitive exposure, not just to claim territory or presence. Together with Cornbread, we embarked on an ambitious project: the creation of his own graffiti typeface. This endeavour became a historical exploration of letterforms originating on the streets of North Philadelphia during the mid- to late 1960s.

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In 2022, Maxitype visited Cornbread in Philadelphia to find out what motivated him to begin writing in the 1960s. Immersed in numerous incredible stories, each more captivating than the last, we embarked on an ambitious project: the creation of his own graffiti typeface. This endeavour became a historical exploration of letterforms originating on the streets of North Philadelphia during the mid- to late 1960s. Together with Cornbread, we compiled manuscripts filled with letters, analysing letter combinations and his distinctive handstyle.

Cornbread has frequently explained that in his neighbourhood there weren't many opportunities beyond the streets. Although he didn't want to become involved in gangs, drugs, or crime, he was still attracted to the street life. Back then, gang members were painting on walls in order to mark their turf, which inspired Cornbread to start bombing in his youth development centre (YDC) in 1965. He gained recognition and began writing all over Philadelphia. Cornbread's motivation was solely to gain fame in the streets, allowing him to move freely across the city. Unlike other writers Cornbread was not directly influenced by the traditional 'gangster' handstyle, which drew inspiration from blackletter and gothic calligraphy. He opted instead for a distinctive style: spacious and rounded, legible and large—easy to read, impossible to miss. His goal was clear: to be seen by the most people possible.

The Cornbread typeface, released in 2024 and available in five weights ranging from Skinny to Fat, is the digital version of Cornbread's handstyle. Writing however is not only about letterforms, but also about the combination of letters used to create words. The shape of the letter varies depending on its position within a word, whether at the beginning, middle, or end—as the alternation of height in the tag 'CornBread' clearly illustrates. Through Contextual Alternates OpenType features and complex coding, we were able to translate the organic feel of Cornbread's handstyle into a digital typeface. Make sure to use the typeface with Contextual Alternates activated to allow beginning and ending letters, double letters, special words, combinations and ligatures to contribute to tag-like construction and beauty. When the feature is deactivated, meanwhile, paragraphs formatted in small sizes also exhibit impressive readability.

Dig into the universe of early wall writing and modern graffiti in Philadelphia by exploring the publication *Cornbread the Legend*. This first-of-its-kind book compiles a series of newspaper articles, images, original letters and an interview with Cornbread by Maxitype, offering insight into the legend. The publication includes a desktop license for Cornbread Fat.



Cornbread the Legend, Hardcover, 156 pages
Published by Maxitype, 2024

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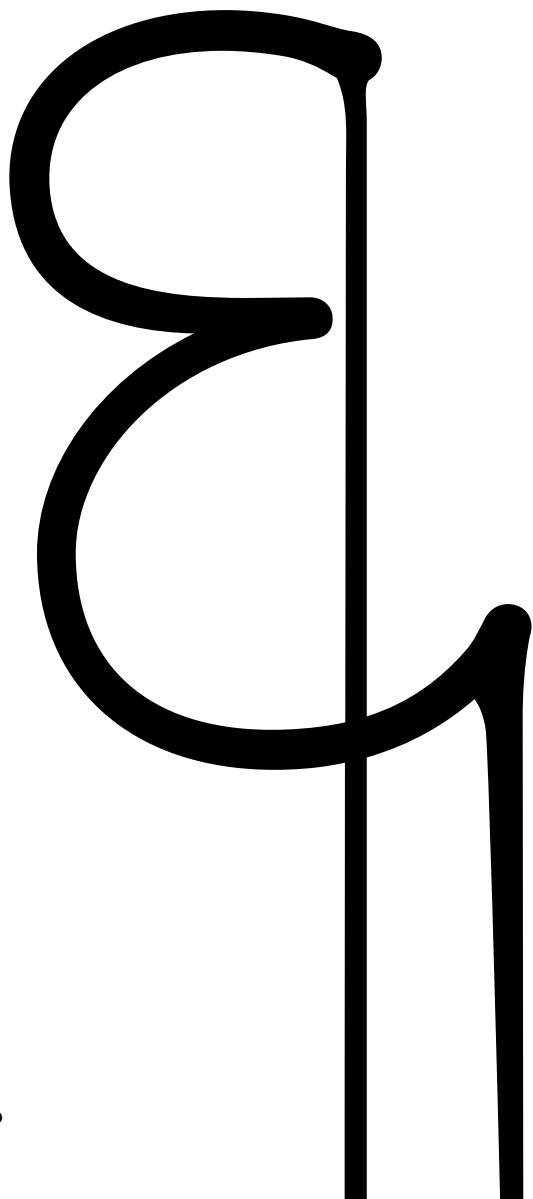
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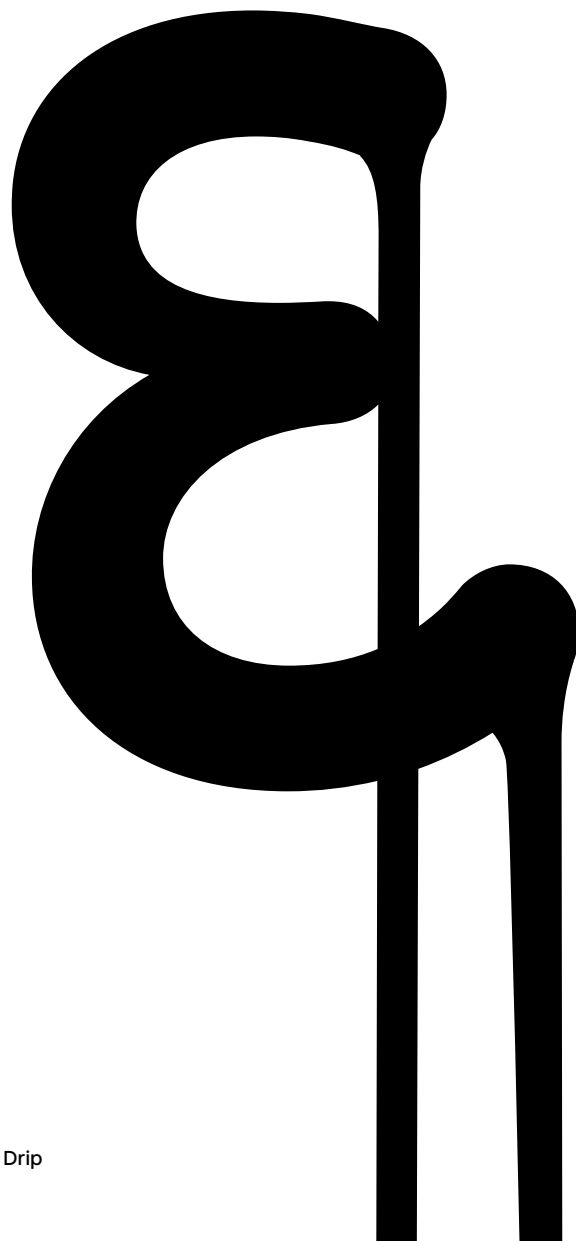
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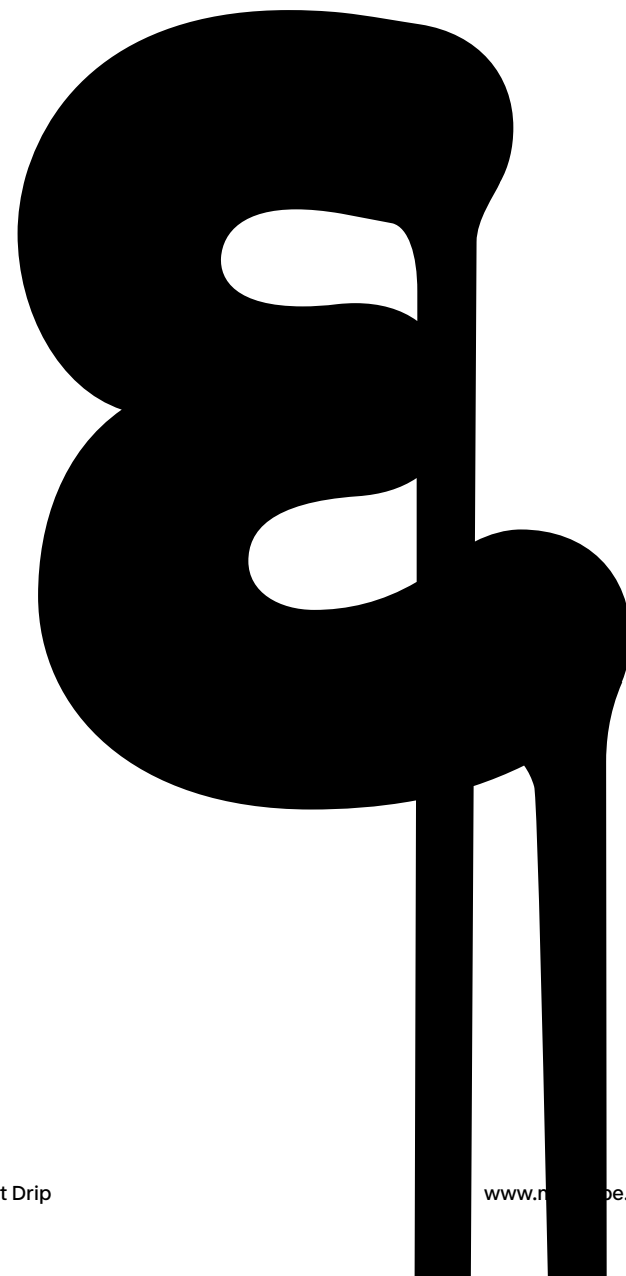
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"THE KING OF
the WALLS...
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CORNBREAD
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To the BEAT y'ALL
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**"Philly"
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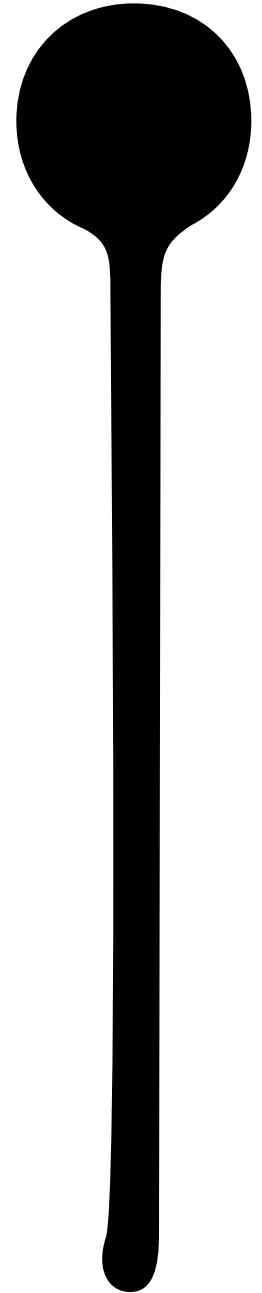
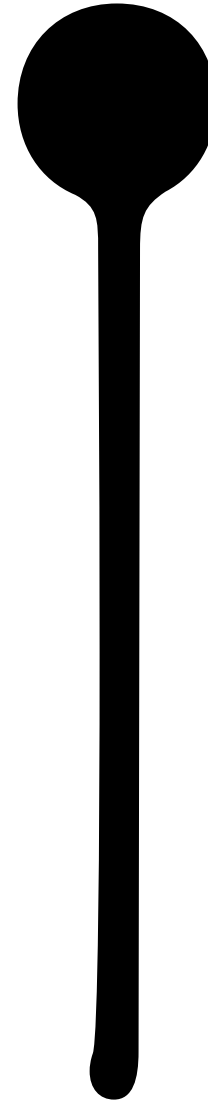
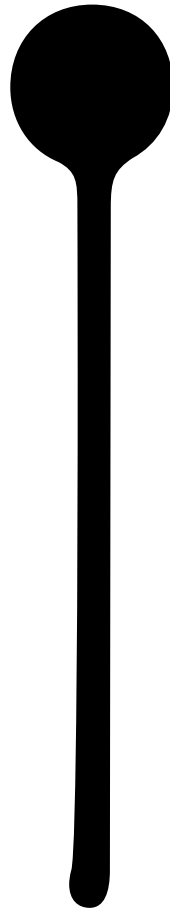
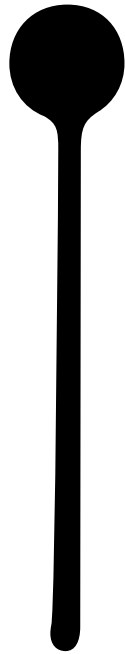
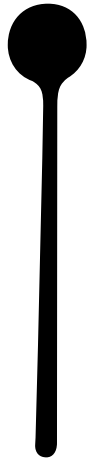
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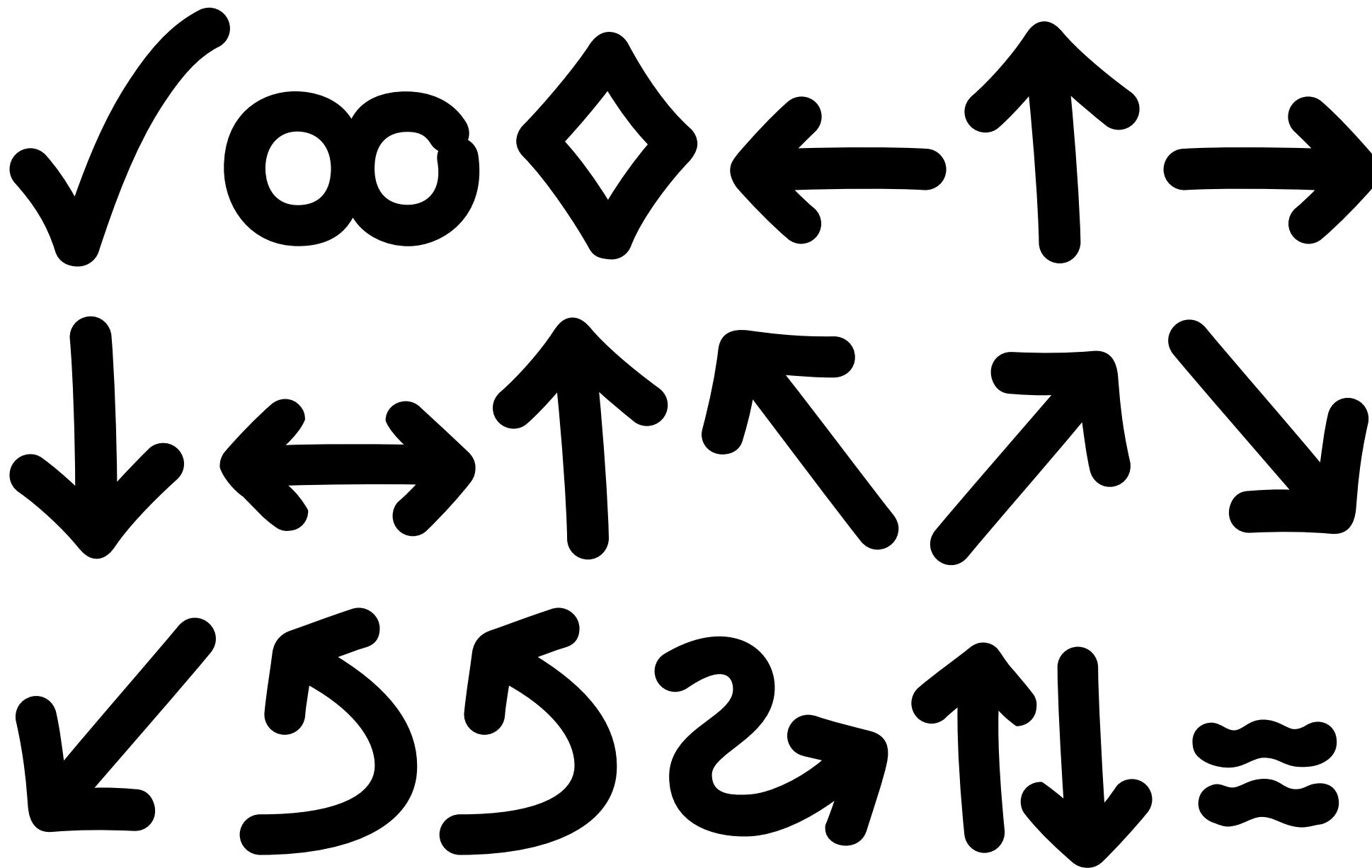
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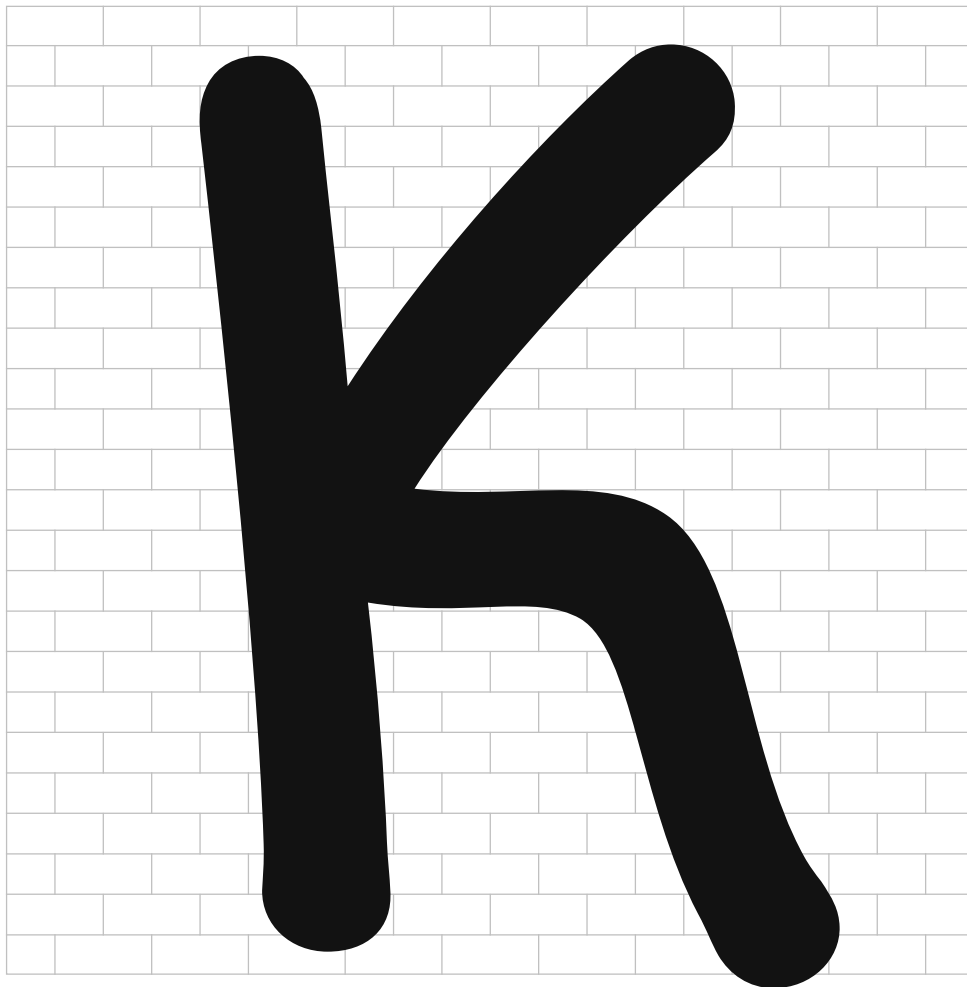
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TRADITIONALLY, TEXT HAS BEEN COMPOSED TO SERVE AS A VESSEL FOR A WRITTEN WORD. IT IS A MEDIUM THAT CAN CARRY IDEAS AND THOUGHTS, EXPRESSING THEM WITH CLARITY AND PRECISION. TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, TEXT TYPOGRAPHY AIMS TO CREATE A READABLE, COHERENT, AND VISUALLY PLEASING TYPEFACE THAT WORKS INVISIBLY, WITHOUT DISTRACTING THE READER FROM THE MESSAGE. ONE OF THE PRIMARY GOALS OF TEXT TYPOGRAPHY IS TO ACHIEVE AN EVEN DISTRIBUTION OF TYPESET MATERIAL. THIS MEANS THAT THE TEXT IS ARRANGED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS AND ANOMALIES. THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO CREATE CLARITY AND TRANSPARENCY, ALLOWING THE READER TO FOCUS ON THE MEANING AND CONTENT OF THE TEXT RATHER THAN THE FORM. THE CHOICE OF TYPEFACE(S) IS THE PRIMARY ASPECT OF TEXT TYPOGRAPHY. BOTH MAXITYPE AND SWISS TYPOGRAPHY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF TYPOGRAPHY IN EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION. THEY RECOGNIZED THAT TYPOGRAPHY PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN SHAPING THE READER'S EXPERIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE TEXT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE MAXITYPE TYPEFACE'S CLEAN AND SIMPLE DESIGN MADE IT EASIER FOR READERS TO FOCUS ON THE CONTENT OF THE TEXT WITHOUT DISTRACTIONS, WHILE SWISS TYPOGRAPHY'S USE OF GRID SYSTEMS AND MINIMALIST DESIGNS HELPED TO CREATE A CLEAR HIERARCHY OF INFORMATION.

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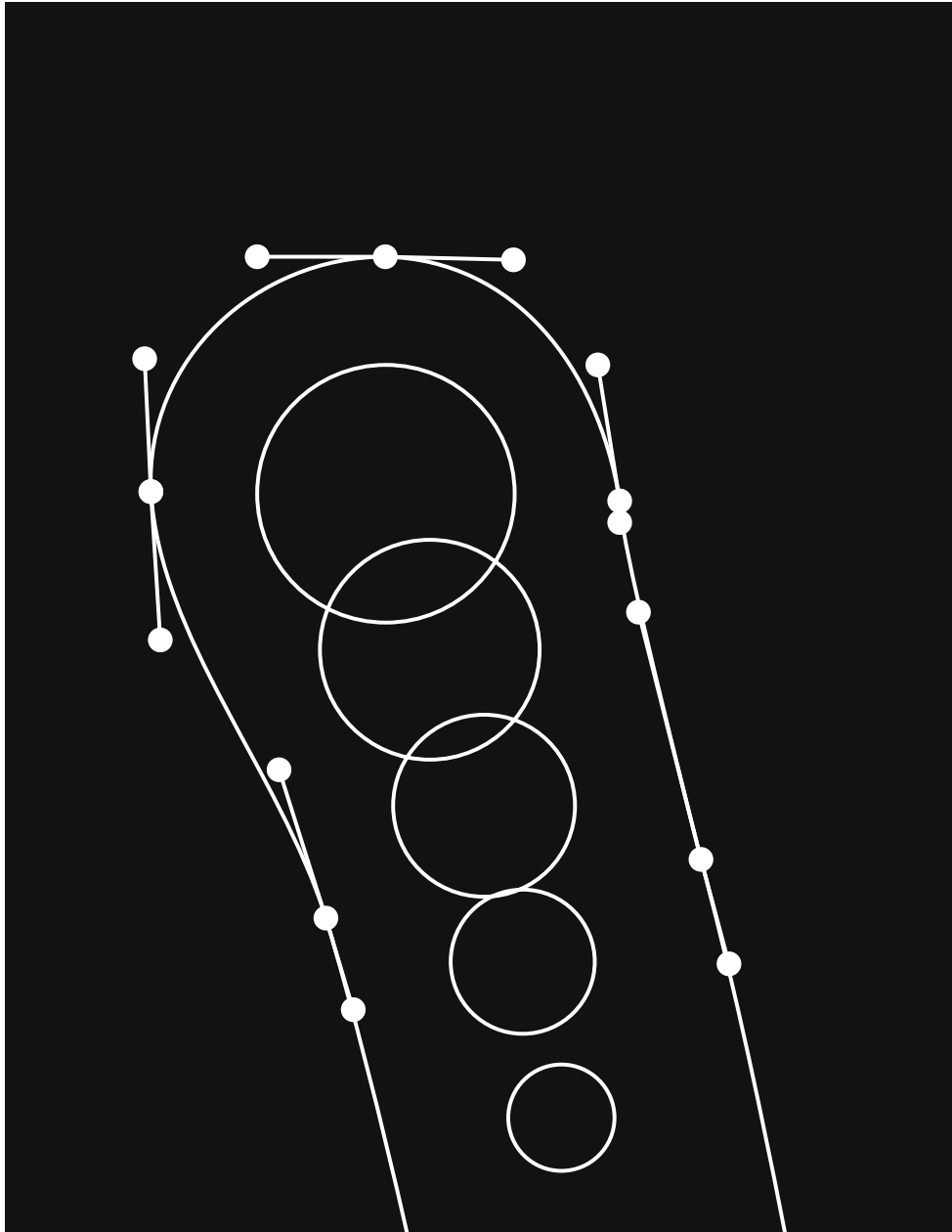
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Font Specification

Name: Cornbread
Designer: Darryl 'Cornbread' McCray
Year: 2022–2025
Styles: 10 styles, 3 package
Features: Contextual Alternates, 2 Stylistic Sets
Glyphs: 599
Kerning Pairs: 37922
Formats: OTF, TTF, WOFF, WOFF2
Variable Font (Beta Version)
Kerning: iKern
Mastering: Office for Typography
Type Foundry: Maxitype

OpenType Features

Access All Alternates
Contextual Alternates
Localised Forms
Superscript
Fractions
Ordinals
Tabular Figures
Case-Sensitive Forms
Discretionary Ligatures
Standard Ligatures
Slashed Zero
Stylistic Set 1
Stylistic Set 2
Character Variant 1
Character Variant 2
Character Variant 3
Character Variant 4
Character Variant 5

Unicode

Basic Latin
Latin-1 Supplement
Latin Extended-A
General Punctuation
Superscripts And Subscripts
Currency Symbols
Arrows

Supported Languages

Afrikaans, Albanian, Asu, Basque, Bemba, Bena, Breton, Catalan, Chiga, Colognian, Cornish, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Embu, English, Esperanto, Estonian, Faroese, Filipino, Finnish, French, Friulian, Galician, Ganda, German, Gusii, Hungarian, Inari Sami, Indonesian, Irish, Italian, Jola-Fonyi, Kabuverdianu, Kalaallisut, Kalenjin, Kamba, Kikuyu, Kinyarwanda, Latvian, Lithuanian, Lower Sorbian, Luo, Luxembourgish, Luyia, Machame, Makuwa-Meetto, Makonde, Malagasy, Maltese, Manx, Meru, Morisyen, Northern Sami, North Ndebele, Norwegian Bokmal, Norwegian Nynorsk, Nyankole, Oromo, Polish, Portuguese, Quechua, Romanian, Romansh, Rombo, Rundi, Rwa, Samburu, Sango, Sangu, Scottish Gaelic, Sena, Serbian, Shambala, Shona, Slovak, Soga, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Swiss German, Taita, Teso, Turkish, Upper Sorbian, Uzbek (Latin), Volapuk, Vunjo, Walser, Welsh, Western Frisian, Zulu.

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