MFC Haute Monde Monogram Guidebook

The source of inspiration for Haute Monde Monogram is the 1934 "Book of American Types" by American Type Founders. Found in that specimen book was a wonderfully elegant monogram alphabet known as "Elite Monogram Initials". This elegant typeface is now digitally remastered and updated for modern use with functionality beyond its original intentions.

Haute Monde Monogram is capable of several traditional monogram forms utilizing Ligature & Stylistic Alternates features.

If you would like to learn more about traditional monogram formatting and rules, please feel free to visit our website and download our tutorial PDF, "Rules of Traditional Monogramming Explained" at http://www.monogramfonts.com/MonogramRules.pdf

Haute Monde Monogram Styles

Haute Monde Monogram supports one and three letter (diagonal) monograms, as well as numbered monograms (allowing commemoration, memorial, and other styles of labeling).

One letter monograms

Three letter monograms standard

Three letter monograms diagonal

Type any Capital letter
(with Ligatures disabled)

Type any lowercase + Capital + lowercase
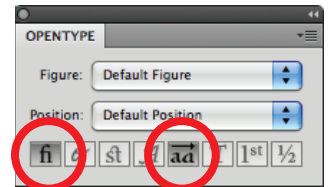(or any 3 lowercase letters with Ligatures enabled)

Type any lowercase + Capital + lowercase
(or any 3 lowercase letters with Ligatures & Stylistic Alternates enabled)

Haute Monde Monogram also includes numerals to allows for even more detailed and personalized monograms. While the examples of numeral use below does not require Opentype features, the diagonal monogram format requires the Stylistic Alternates feature, available in most OpenType savvy applications, such as Adobe Illustrator CS (see Fig. 1).
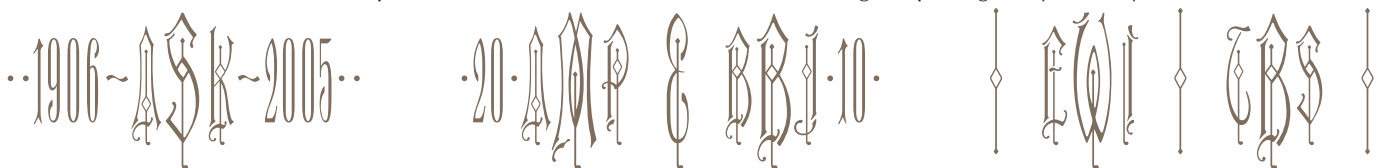
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Figure 1
The Ligatures and Stylistic Alternates options are selected here in the OpenType Palette...

Typing the above combination in a standard font, in Haute Monde w/ Ligatures enabled, and with Ligatures & Stylistic Alternates enabled

Use a combination of the capabilities shown above to create custom monogram pairings for you and your loved ones.

Although not intended to be normally used in this fashion due to its design, Haute Monde Monogram also includes a unique feature to make this normally monogram constrained typeface usable for headlines and titles. By disabling the Ligatures feature, the auto-monogramming sequence is substituted for center aligned smallcaps. (See the example below.)