

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

"Truly unbearable"  
 -BOOKIEBOOK WEEKLY

"Dazzling!"  
 -GLIBSON TORVILLE

# 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

48 PT INTERMINGLE REGULAR

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

**SALMONELLA** REGULAR

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**Ancient artifact**

**Biodegradation**

**DAYDREAMING** SMALL CAPS

***QUADRILLION*** ITALIC

***Gelatinousness***

***Tender moment***

***MISANTHROPE*** SMALL CAPS

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SMALL CAPS

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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

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TABULAR LINING FIGURES

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