

Type Classification

serif or sans...

Do you know your types of type?

Type classification is a system used to divide typefaces into categories. This is useful for several reasons: to help identify them historically, to distinguish them visually, and to assist in combining them. Most typefaces fall into four broad categories: **serif**, **sans serif**, **scripts**, and **decorative**. But within these groups are many subcategories. This simple classifications system will give you a basic understanding of how typefaces differ.

Serif Type Styles

Old Style
Transitional
Neoclassical
Slab
Clarendon
Glyphic

Sans Serif Type Styles

Grotesque
Square
Humanistic
Geometric

Script Type Styles

Formal
Casual
Calligraphic
Blackletter

DECORATIVE Type Styles

GRUNGE
PSYCHEDELIC
Grffiti