MFC Diamant Monogram Guidebook

The inspiration source for Diamant Monogram is a stylishly formal letterset flaring out to create a diamond framework from a vintage embroidery publication. Originally intended to adorn handkerchiefs, it has so many other possibilities. Its obvious diamond shape inspired the name "Diamant" or "Diamond" in French. This is one of many monogram designs from the early 1900's which fall into a two letter format that is either adorned or interwoven with framing styles.

Diamant Monogram Styles

Diamant Monogram is only capable of two letter monograms due to its unique design. It was originally designed in an outline style, but solid and outline versions have been created for more versatility and appeal. By default, Diamant Monogram types in a solid style.

While you could simply type a capital letter and then a lowercase letter to format Diamant Monogram properly, Opentype ligatures will automatically type correctly, even if you type in all capitals or all lowercase.

Type any Capital & Lowercase letters

Or with Opentype ligatures enabled you can type any two Capital or Lowercase letters

Diamant Monogram makes setting any two letter monogram easy!

The outline version of Diamant Monogram requires the Stylistic Alternates feature, available in most OpenType savvy applications, such as Adobe Illustrator CS (see Fig. 1). You can enable Stylistic Alternates and type out a two letter monogram, or you can highlight an already setup solid monogram and enable Stylistic Alternates to change it to the outline style.
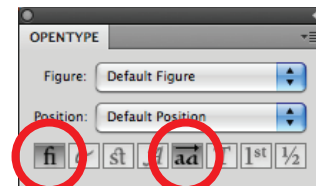

Type any Capital & Lowercase letters with Stylistic Alternates enabled

Or with Opentype Ligatures & Stylistic Alternates enabled you can type any two Capital or Lowercase letters

Figure 1

The Ligature & Stylistic Alternates options are selected here in the OpenType Palette...

If you want to create a more customized look, you can use a combination of the solid and outline initials for an added emphasis.

Type out any two letter monogram, highlight your single letter of choice and enable Stylistic Alternates to create a mix of effects