MFC Moissanite Monogram Guidebook

The inspiration source for Moissanite Monogram is the 1934 "Book of American Types" by American Type Founders. Found in that specimen book, in a section titled "Diamond Combination Monograms", this popular diamond pattern of Moissanite Monogram was featured in Alfred Hitchcock's film, "North by Northwest". Originally, it was available only in metal type at 36, 48 and 60 points. A classic diamond form, this monogram style is now digitally recreated and revived for modern use in Moissanite Monogram, complete with two and three letter monograms, and a selection of frames to add a final classy touch!

Moissanite Monogram Styles

Moissanite Monogram supports two and three letter monograms, and comes with various frame styles. Moissanite Monogram uses the Ligatures feature, available in most OpenType savvy applications, such as Adobe Illustrator CS (see Fig. 1). The Ligatures feature is typically enabled automatically, but you may need to confirm this in your program if you are not certain. If any second lowercase letter typed does not automatically switch to form the right side of the diamond form, you do not have Ligatures enabled.

Two letter monogram
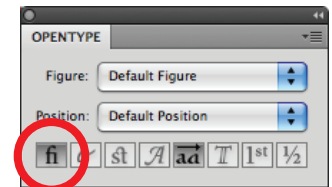

Type any two lowercase letters

Three letter monogram

Type any lowercase + Capital + lowercase

Figure 1

The Ligatures option is selected here in the OpenType Palette...

Moissanite Monogram also has unique frame capabilities, for positive and negative monogram design styles. See the formulas below on how to create these custom accented monograms.

Type any number 1-6 before a three letter monogram for a variety of frames. Type any number 7-9 or 0 to create a black filled frame, then change your font color and type out your two letter monogram for a negative (inverse) effect.

Two letter framed positive monogram

Type any shift-number character !@#$%^ and then any two lowercase letters

Two letter framed negative monogram

Type any shift-number character &*() then change your font color and type any two lowercase letters
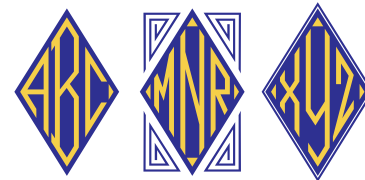
Creating a three letter custom framed monogram follows the same principles and is just as easy! See the formulas below.

Three letter framed positive monogram

Type any number 1-6 and then type any lowercase, Capital, lowercase combination

Three letter framed negative monogram

Type any number 7-9 or 0 then change your font color and type any lowercase, Capital, lowercase combination

Below is a character map of the various frames available as part of MFC Moissanite Monogram.

| ! | @ | # | $ | % | ^ | & | * | (|) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 |