

Serifs are extensions or protrusions from letterforms, finishing strokes that aid in legibility and help distinguish typefaces. Serifs can be blunt, rounded, tapered, pointed or hybrids.

Terms: Hairline, Square/Slab, Wedge, Bracketed, Unbracketed

A B C G R

Adobe Caslon Pro (Oldstyle)
slab serifs, bracketed
little contrast between thick/thin
head serifs (usually angled)

A B C G R

Adobe Garamond Pro (Oldstyle)
tapered serifs, curved bracketing
rounded ends

A B C G R

Baskerville (Transitional)
wedge serifs, bracketed
thin flat, blunt ends

A B C G R

Bodoni (Modern)
hairline, little or no bracketing
horizontal serifs, spurs

A B C G R

Glypha
slab serif, unbracketed

A B C G R

Memphis
slab serif (geometric), unbracketed
head serifs, eqyptian revival