

# AMSTER (2.0)

A refined typeface family including 5 weights of roman & *cursive* all fully equipped with OpenType sorts, ornaments, and two sets of illuminated capitals.



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# Amster *A refined type family*

Thin    a    *a*    A    A    Roman, *Cursive*, SMALLCAPS, *SC CURSIVE*

Light    a    *a*    A    A

Regular    a    *a*    A    A

Bold    a    *a*    A    A

Black    a    *a*    A    A



VERSAL  
ILUMINADA

**Amster** *A versatile type family*

AMSTER THIN 36 PTS

El oficio de tipógrafo

AMSTER BLACK ITALIC 70 PTS

***rafinovaný***

AMSTER REGULAR 24 PTS

Les détails qui font la différence

AMSTER LIGHT 90 PTS

Tyylikäs

AMSTER THIN 46 PTS

*Polski typografem*

AMSTER BLACK 24 PTS

**einfaldleikinn er erfiðast að fá**

AMSTER REGULAR 48 PTS

La Lira Popular

AMSTER THIN ITALIC 72 PTS

*Singularity*

AMSTER REGULAR 28 PTS

A highly versatile typeface

AMSTER BLACK ITALIC 110 PTS

***Energy***

AMSTER THIN 34 PTS

Contemporary Design!

AMSTER REGULAR ITALIC 104 PTS

***Rhythm***

AMSTER BOLD 30 PTS

Modern Typographic Art

**Buffalo**

**Buech'ner fun'nel** (bük'nēr). = BÜCHNER FUNNEL (see FUNNEL, *Ilust.*).

|| **bue'nas no'ches** (bwā'nās nō'chās). [Sp.] Good night.

|| **bue'nas tar'des** (tār'dās). [Sp.] Good afternoon.

|| **bue'no** (bwā'nō), *interj.* [Sp.] Good; very well; all right.

**Bue'nos Aí'res** (bwā'nōs ī'rās) **a.** Capital of Argentina.

**b.** Figuratively, the government of Argentina.

|| **bue'nos dí'as** (dē'ās). [Sp.] good day; good morning.

**bu'fa-gin** (bū'fajin), *n.* [*Bufo* *agua* + *-in.*] *Biochem.* A crystalline principle C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>4</sub> isolated from the tropical toad *Bufo* *agua*, and like digitalin in its action.

**buff** (büf; boof), *v. i.* [Imitative. Cf. PUFF.] To burst out, as into laughter; to stammer; stutter. *Obs. exc. Dial.*

**buff** (büf) *n.* Nonsense; idle talk. *Scot.*

**buff** (büf) *n.* [Formerly *buffe* buff, buffalo, fr. F. *buffle* buffalo. See BUFFALO; cf. BUFFLE.] **1.** A buffalo, or of the ox. *Obs.* **2.** A sort of superior leather prepared with a velvety or fuzzy finish from the skin of the buffalo, or the ox, elk, etc. and dressed with the oil, like chamois. **3.** A military coat made of buff leather. **4.** The bare skin; as, to trip to the *buff*. *Colloq.* **5.** A color. yellowish red-yellow in hue, of medium saturation and high brilliance. It is redder and lower saturation and higher brilliance than yellow ochre and redder and of higher saturation of chamois. Cf. COLOR.

☞ COMBINATIONS in this sense are:

**buff-backed**      **buff-colored**      **buff-washed**  
**buff-breaſted**    **buff-orange, adj.**      **buff-yellow, adj.**  
**buff-citrine, adj.**      **buff-tipped**

**6.** A buff stick; also, a sitck faced with cloth, velvet, or the like, to wish polishing material as applied. **7.** An unbranded bull, cow, or steer hide of 45 to 60 pounds. **8.** *Mach.* A buffing wheel. **9.** *Med.* The grayish viscid substance of the buffy coat. **10.** [*cap.*] *pl. Mil.* The old 3<sup>d</sup> regiment of the line in the British Army, now the East Kent Regiment; —popularly so called from the former color of their facings. **11.** An enthusiast about going to fires. *Slang U. S.*

**buff** (büf) *adj.* Made of or like buff; of the color of buff.

**buff**, *v. t.*; BUFFED (büft); BUFFING. **1.** To polish with a buff. See 3<sup>d</sup> BUFF, 6. **2.** To give a buff or velvety surface to (leather); also, to color or stain buff, as willow rods. **3.** *Hatmaking.* = 1<sup>st</sup> pounce, 1.

**buff**, *n.* [OF. *buffe*. See BUFFET a blow.] A buffet; a blow *Now Dial.*, except in the phrase "blindman's buff."

**buff**, *adj.* [Perh. fr. *buff* a blow.] Firm; sturdy; — in the phrase to stand buff.

**buff** (büf; boof), *v. i. & i.* [See BUFFET a blow.] **a** *Obs. exc. Dial.* To strike; beat. **b** To take, or deaden, the shock (of) as a buffer.

**buff** (büf; boof), *n.* = BUFFER, a fellow. *Obs.*

|| **buff'fa** (bööf'fä), *n. fem.; pl. BUFFE* (-fa). [It See BUFOON.] A woman who sings comic roles in opera.

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**coal** (kōk), *n.* [ME. *cole*, *col*, fr. AS. *col*; akin to D. *kool*, OHG. *kol*, *kolo*, G. *kohle*, ON. *kol*, OIr. *gial*. Cf. COLLIE, COLLIER, 1<sup>st</sup> COLLOP, CULM soot.] **1.** A piece of glowing carbon or thoroughly charred fragment of wood or other combustible substance; an ember or cinder. **2.** = CHARCOAL, 1. **3.** **a** A black, or brownish-black, solid, combustible substance formed by the partial decomposition of vegetable matter without free access of air, under the influence of moisture and, in many cases, of increased pressure and temperature. A complete series can be traced from the cellulose of wood through *lignite*, or brown coal, or anthracite, or, as a final product, to graphite. The order given is one of decreasing volatility and increasing carbon content. Besides carbon, coal contains hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, and sulphur, and also inorganic constituents, which last are left behind as ash when the coal burns. The largest deposit of coal belong to the Carboniferous system, but the coal of the Cretaceous system (Laramie series) is also very extensive. In the United States anthracite coal is sorted in certain sizes (except the largest, *steamboast*, consisting of large lumps) by sieves of different-sized mesh, as follows:

Name of size	Will pass through	Will not pass through
Broken . . . . .	4 1/2 in. round mesh.	3 7/16 in. round mesh.
Egg . . . . .	3 7/16 " " "	2 1/2 " " "
Stove . . . . .	2 1/2 " " "	1 9/16 " " "
Chestnut . . . . .	1 9/16 " " "	1 1/16 " " "
Pea . . . . .	1 1/16 " " "	1/2 " " "
Buckwheat 1 . . . . .	1/2 " " "	3/4 " " "
" 2 (Rice) . . . . .	3/4 " " "	3/16 " " "
" 3 (Barley) . . . . .	3/16 " " "	3/32-3/16 " " "

BITUMINOUS COAL

Lump . . . . .	— " " "	4 " " "
Egg . . . . .	4 " " "	1 1/2 " " "
Nut . . . . .	1 1/2 " " "	3/4 " " "
Slack . . . . .	3/4 " " "	— " " "

Finer sizes of anthracite known locally as *flaxseed*, *mustard seed*, etc., as also separated. **b.** *pl. Eng.* A quantity or pieces of the mineral broken up for burning; as, a ton of *coals*. **c.** A particular form of size of mineral coal.

**4.** The charred residue of distillation left in a retort.

☞ COMBINATIONS and PHRASES are:

**coalbag**      **coal drill**      **coal pulverizer**  
**coalbagger**    **coal dump**      **coal-pulverizing, adj.**  
**coal barge**    **coal-dumping, adj.**      **coal refiner**  
**coal barrow**    **coal dust**      **coal scoop**  
**coal basket**    **coal-elevating, adj.**      **coal screen**  
**coal-bearing, adj.**      **coal elevator**      **coal screener**  
**coalbin**      **coal-eyed**      **coal shaker**  
**coal-black, adj.**      **coal-faced**      **coal ship**

**Preguntas de astronomía**

CONTRARRESTADAS

¿Qué cuerpos son mas brillantes Del celeste firmamento? Sus nombres dame a saber Vos con tu conocimiento.

Deseo el tener historia Con el mas autorizado, Sobre lo que está elevado, De improviso i de memoria.

Para cantar la victoria Entre ls mas estudiosos, Pongo estos temas curiosos, I dígame mi contrario:

Del sistema planetario ¿Qué cuerpos son mas brillosos?

Suelo ser mui pregunton Cuando encuentro algún letrado; Pero aunque sea historiado No me sabrá dar razon.

Tambien soi gran reparon Con el que tiene talento. Si encumbras tu pensamiento A donde están los cometas, ¿Qué tantos son los planetas Del celeste firmamento?

De Vénus si te detallo Su espesor i gravedad, Con toda la moralidad Te pinto del sol un rayo.

Para poder dar el fallo Es necesario tener La ciencia de Leverrier I así no quedar de cómico. Con tu aparato astronómico Sus nombres dame a saber.

Astrea, Juno i Acuario, Saturno, el Can, conocidos, Digo que están divididos En primario i secundario; Tauro, Leo i Sajitario Pasan jiarndo violento En las ráfagas del viento Sin dejar huella ni rastro. Nómbrame astro por astro Vos con tu conocimiento.

**Al fin, yo te he preguntado, Contéstame vos ahora Sin tardanza i sin demora, Sobre lo que te he hablado. Al punto mas elevado Quisiera emprender el vuelo I recorrer sin recelo Yo todo para estudiar, Porque prometo llegar Hasta el sétimo cielo.**

Some *décimas* by Chilean poet Daniel Meneses.

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# Amster OpenType features

<i>Pancho Gálvez</i> SHORT SWASHES	<i>Pancho Gálvez</i> LONG SWASHES	AMSTER SMALL CAPS	AMSTER ALL SMALL CAPS	¿Ah? ¿AH? CASE SENSITIVE FORMS
fi ffi fi fi LIGATURES	Th gy & fij DISCRETIONARY LIGS.	LÂ Ū ij L <sup>a</sup> L <sup>o</sup> SPECIAL LIGATURES	f fi ff ft LONG S	ß ß SS UPPER GERMANDBLS
ą ć ć ł CE DIACRITICS	₪ ₪ ₪ ₪ ₪ EXTENDED CURRENCIES	₹ ₣ ₧ ₨ ₪ TABULAR CURRENCIES	gème ORDINALS	M <sup>3(a)</sup> 2 <sup>ax</sup> SUPERIORS
M <sub>2,b</sub> X <sub>7</sub> INFERIORS	M <sup>678</sup> NUMERATORS	M <sub>901</sub> DENOMINATORS	ø1 Ø1 ø1 SLASHED ZERO	1/5 5/6 7/8 94/23 EXTENDED FRACTIONS
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EN 320 TABULAR SMCP	RR g g Jf ALTERNATE GLYPHS	 SMART ORNAMENTS	 NICE DINGBATS	 MUCH LOVE

# Amster *two styles of Swashes (short & long)*

## AMSTER ITALIC

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

## AMSTER ITALIC SWASH (SHORT)

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

## AMSTER ITALIC SWASH + STYLISTIC SET 01 (LONG)

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**





## *Amster Versal Iuminada*

An illuminated alphabet that captures personages  
*from natural & supranatural stories: animals & farmers,*  
priests & devils, citizen & drunks, victims & criminals,  
*all dance together in this wondrous bestiary of letters*  
ideal for creating poetic atmospheres.





*Amster Versal Iluminada*. A font of carefully illuminated capitals, inspired in the *Lira Popular*, printed news sheets that circulated in the streets of Chile by the end of 19<sup>th</sup> century.

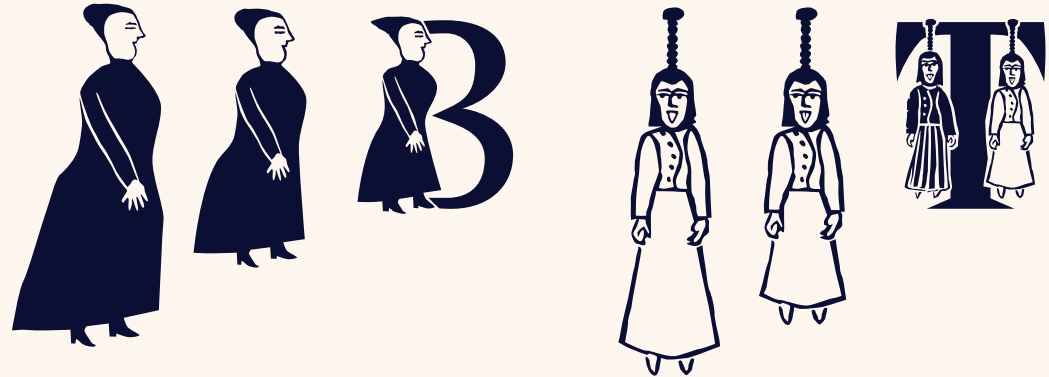
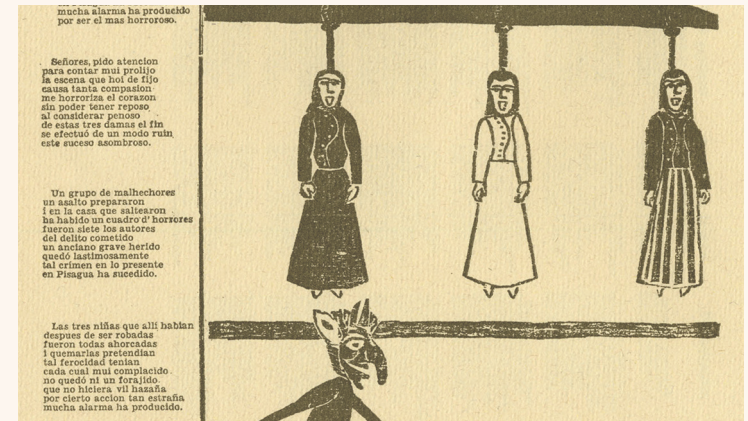
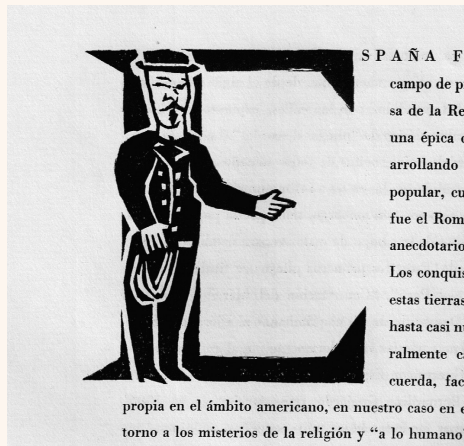
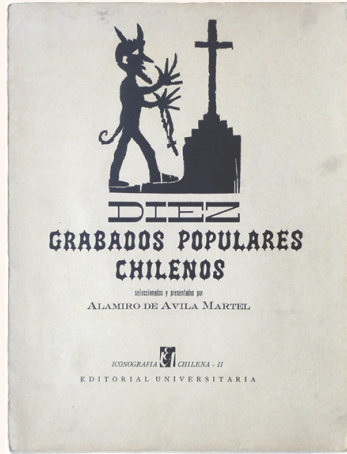


# Initials inspired by the engravings of the *Lira Popular*

Cover of the book *Ten Chilean popular prints* designed in 1973 by typographer Mauricio Amster.

The sole drop cap designed by Mauricio Amster for the text that tells the evolution of poetry in ten verses or *décimas* (*Lira Popular*).

The characters were digitized, and rearranged or redesigned to fit in the letters.



To see the engravings of *Lira Popular*, visit: <http://www.memoriachilena.cl/602/w3-article-94171.html> <http://www.memoriachilena.cl/602/w3-article-94102.html>

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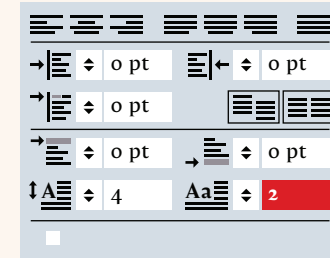
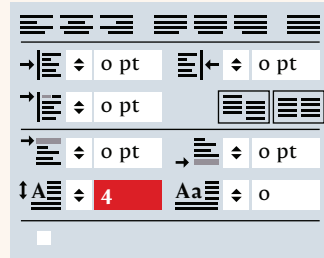
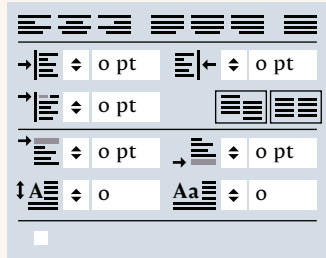


Some proofs made by Gálvez during the design process. The resulting alphabet is full of vernacular personages and hidden links to the epoqe of the *Lira Popular*. This can still be perceived in the local spiciness of the language.

# How to activate the drop caps in *Amster Versal Iluminada*

Kevin venía regularmente por la tarde entre las cinco y las seis para atender a la marquesa. Anticipando cada una de sus visitas un gran pájaro negro se posaba en la base de la ventana y miraba ávidamente hacia el interior de la habitación como buscando una señal.

## Paragraph palette InDesign



KKK Kevin venía regularmente por la tarde entre las cinco y las seis para atender a la marquesa. Anticipando cada una de sus visitas un gran pájaro negro se posaba en la base de la ventana y por horas miraba ávidamente hacia el interior de la habitación como buscando una señal, algo que la

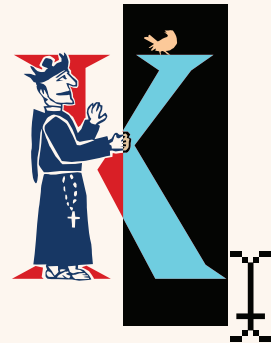
Enter two times the letter you want as Drop Cap.

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Select *Amster Versal Iluminada* and paint each letter.

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Activate the *Discretionary Ligatures*, and voilà!



You can also colorize by selecting the left or right half of the letter.



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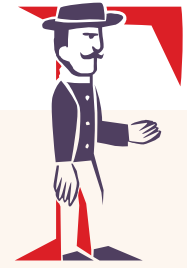
F F



dd



ss



ff

**P**onieważ chcesz tego, abym ci w szczeroci powiedział, co sądzę o tobie, mój kochany siostrzeńcu, iako wuy, nie mam przyczyny, abym cię oszukiwał. Szkoda tych pieniędzy, które rodzice twoi łożyli na to, aby ci przewrócono głowę. I bardzo żałuję straty lat twoich młodych, które na co innego trzeba było obrócić. Staraleś się usilnie o to, abyś był nieużytecznym w kraiu. Jesteś cudzoziemcem w Polsce i w osobie twojej przywoleś nam Rzymianina do Warszawy. Wiesz, co się działo w Troi, a nie wiesz tego, co się ściąga do naszej oyczyzny. Gadasz po łacinie, a nie umiesz oyczystego języka. Nie ganię ia tego, żeś się po łacinie uczył, ale zbyteczna troskliwość i strata czasu w nabywaniu łaciny iest zawsze z krzywdą dla Polaka.

Michał Dymitr Krajewski  
Woyciech Zdarzyński, życie i przypadki swoje opisujący

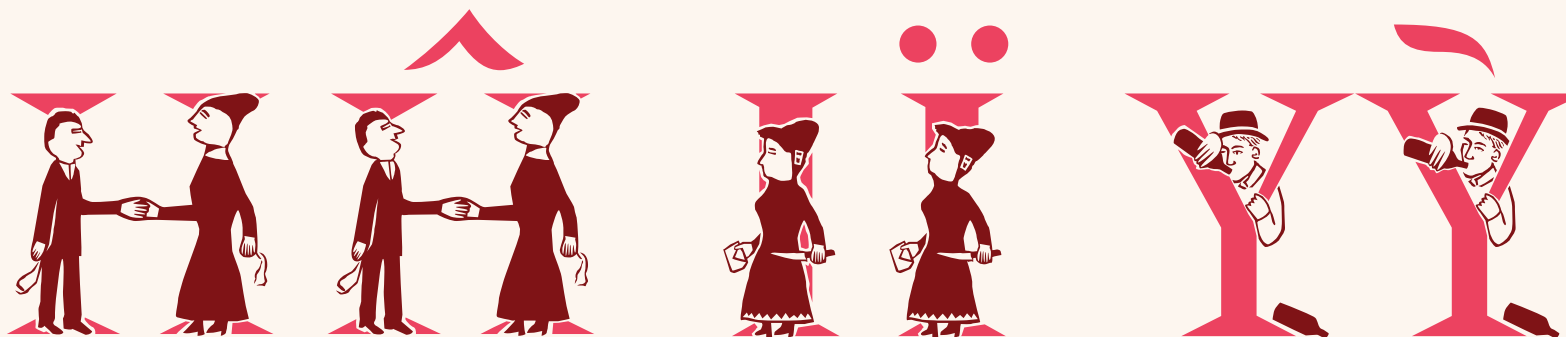


n vous dira: « Comment jouer *mi* si on ne connaît pas le nom des notes ? Répondez avec respect: « Je vous demande pardon. Une note est distinguée d'une autre par sa forme et par la place qu'elle occupe, or tout cela se voit. L'oeil juge de ces circonstances différentes et si le doigt sait où se placer en pareil cas, il n'en faut pas davantage. » Il n'y a personne qui ne puisse jouer *ut* de la main gauche et en même temps *mi* de la main droite. Il voit ce qui est écrit et il entend le piano qui le prononce, quoiqu'il ne puisse dire le nom des sons qu'il vient d'entendre. Le fait est vrai (...).

Jean-Joseph Jacotot  
Enseignement universel, Musique



From glyph to glyph things may happen in *Amster Versal Iluminada*.



Letters can change their appearance when wearing accents.



## The dance of the ‘Copihues’



**Amster** includes two sets of *copihues* to create patterns, borders, frames, and the like. The *copihue* is an endemic flower in Chile. In February 24<sup>th</sup> 1977 it was established as a national symbol.

These flowers are inspired by the work that Bram de Does published in his book *Kaba Ornament Deel I · Vorm* (from his private press *Spectatorpers* in the village of Orvelte, The Netherlands). The possible combinations are naturally unlimited, we just show here some constructions.

The first set consists of 8 positions of the flower plus a white space (located in number zero) and a central dot (located in number nine). The second set has only 4 positions of the flower (as it is designed at 45 degrees) and it also uses the white space and the central dot as in the first set.

The first set is located in the stylistic set #02 of the OpenType features, with eight positions:



The second set of *copihues* is located in the stylistic set #03 with four positions:



For appropriate results the leading value should be always equal to the body size.





# Set #1: Diagonals, units, super-units

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 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0



 40  60  60  40  
 01 07 01 07



 12  12  12  12  12  12  12  
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 03  05  03  05  
 20 80 80 20

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 34 43 56 65 78 87



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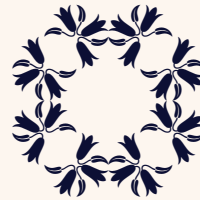
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 56 65 78 87



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 027 015 027 036






 045630  56  56  56  
 401203 65 78 87  
 810027  
 630045  65  65  
 203401  78  87  
 027810



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 544 155 488 277

 78  
 87



 0780  0430  0430  0340  0120  
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 8007 3004 4003 4003 6005  
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 7512 2266 2726 2181 8847 3006  
 5486 7733 7363 4543 6155 7002  
 0340 0730 0730 0780 0120 3636



 4315  5671  6553  1188  5615  6523  
 5637 3453 4371 1848 3847 7841  
 6278 2812 4621 5154 2152 4156  
 8421 4678 2887 5544 4678 2387

To explore! 



# Set #1: Borders & corners



**A**

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**A**

3 4 3 4

**B**

**A**

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**A**

1 2 1 2 0 2

**B**

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0 0 1 2 0 2

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2 1 2 1 2 1

0 0 0 0 0 3

2 1 2 1 0 1

4 3 4 3 0 3

0 0 2 1 0 1

0 0 4 3 0 3

**B**

3 4 3 4 3 4

0 0 0 0 0 2

**B**

3 4 3 4 0 4

**A**

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**G**

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**H**

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**G**

2 3 4 1 0 1

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0 7 0 0 8 1

5 6 7 8 5 0

2 3 4 1 9 3

0 0 0 0 6 2

0 5 0 0 7 4

4 9 1 0 5 1

0 8 0 0 8 2



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