

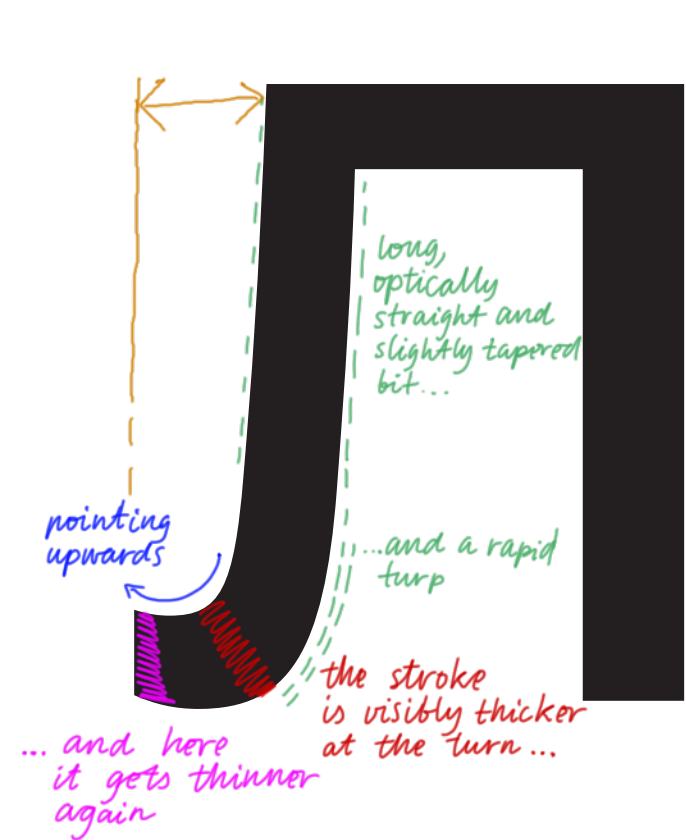
Noto Regular

Current л

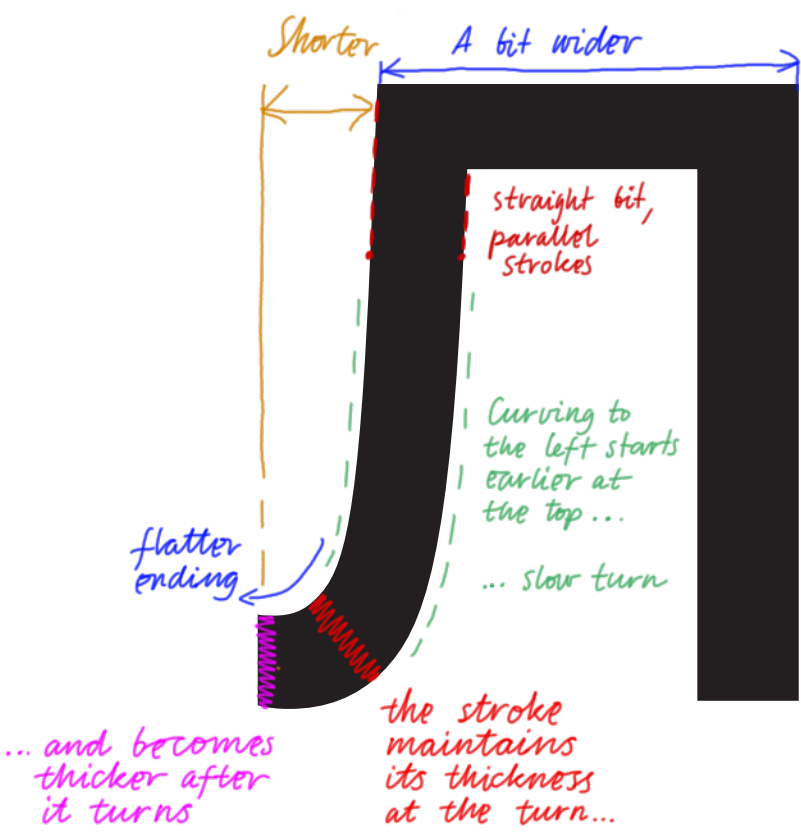
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My suggestion for л

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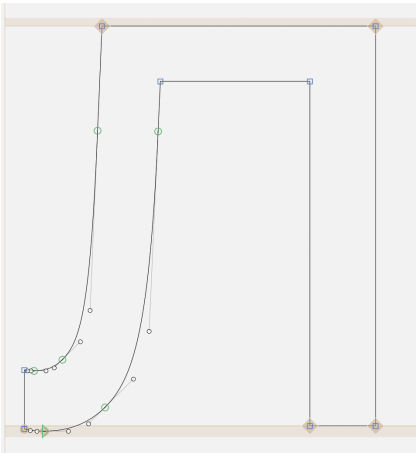
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The shape I’m most doubtful about in Noto Cyrillic is Лл, and its derivatives. It’s probably matter of a different school of thought and convention, but the left leg in the current Лл appears to me as forced and too eccentric for the rather neutral character of the typeface.

I sketched a leg that would be more conventional in my opinion in the default /el-cy in the Regular master of NotoSans_AS.glyphspackage

My idea of a “neutral” Лл requires the curving to start higher up in the left leg, and to proceed slower, without such a pronounced fling upwards at end of the stroke. Also, I would maintain the optical stroke thickness at the turn. Please see the details described on the image to the left.

That might be even more subjective, but I’d also prefer a slightly different point structure of the left leg. In my experience it is easier to control the weight of the curve at the turn, if there is a 45° point there. And I would add an actually straight, not curved bit at the top of the leg. For what it’s worth!



Please note: I changed the point structure in the Regular master, it’s currently not compatible with the rest of the masters.

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Current д

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The Дд are related to Лл, so there I would also suggest some adjustments.

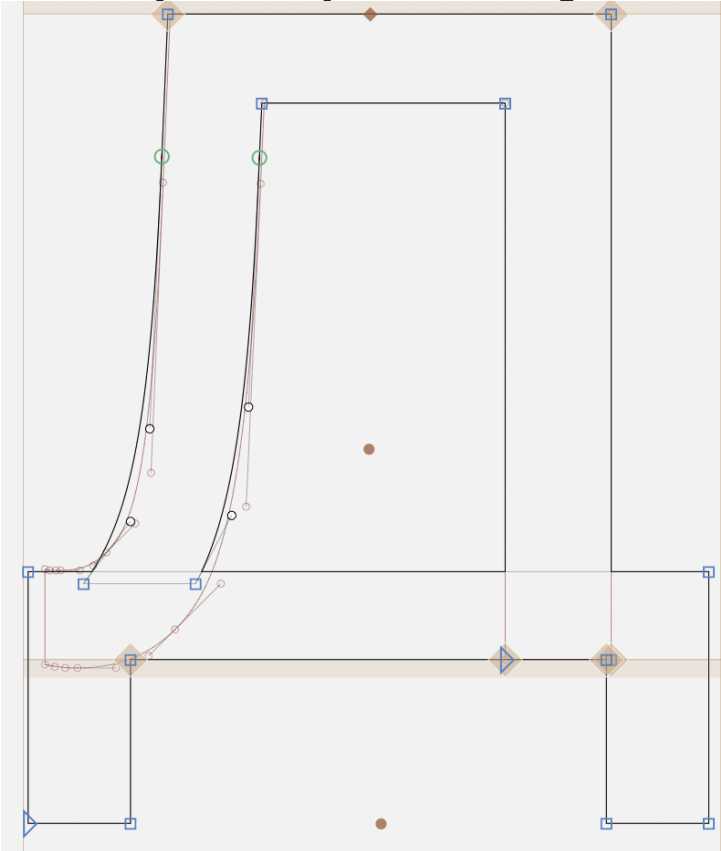
I sometimes make the top part of the Дд somewhat wider than in Лл, to compensate for the fact that Дд has a closed counter, and I think Noto is the case where such a compensation is appropriate.

I’d also make the left stroke in Дд start curving to the left even earlier than in Лл, also in order of making the counter bigger.

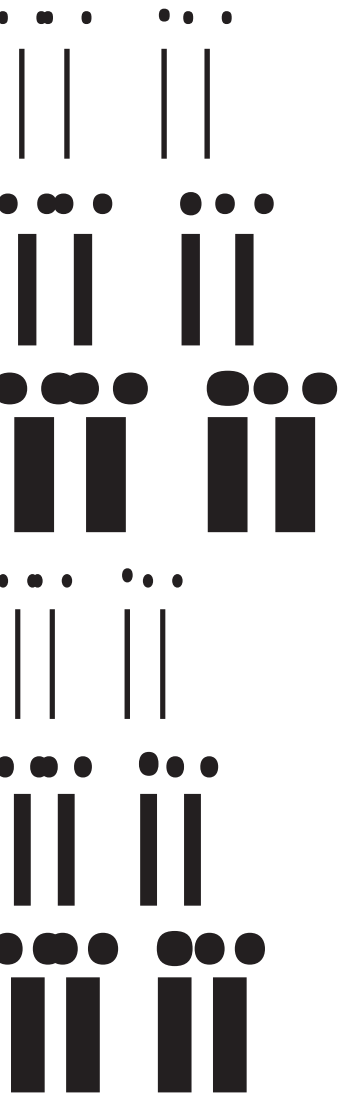
To my eyes the left shoulder in Regular is too wide.

(And if you decide to change the point structure in Лл, I’d do the same in Дд as well.)

Here is my д with my л in the background:



I guess a solution will be needed for a combination of ii̇ and ii̇̇:
it is an important combo in Ukrainian.
An contextual alternate maybe?



Regular

АБВГГГГДЕЁЁЄЭЭЅ
ИЙЙІІЈЖКККЛМНО
ПРСТУЎФХЦЦШЩЦЧ
ЫЫЬЛЬНННЮЯ

SEE PAGE 2

SEE PAGE 1

A bit taller bowl

Stick closer to the b

Try a bit longer?

Somewhat too wide

I'd make the uppercase Ч's bowl more symmetric horizontally

A bit taller bowl

A bit taller bowl

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

Bold

а б в г г г д е ё ё є э э з с
й й ѝ ѝ ј ж к ќ л м н о п
р с т у у ф х ч ц ш щ ц
ь ы ъ ъ ѣ ѣ ю я

A touch thicker diagonal?

see Regular

A bit wider

see Regular

Comparing to the uppercase M, and the Regular, this joint looks too massive

A touch narrower?

looks too dense, I'd compensate

I wouldn't make it wider than it is (right now it is)

bigger head

Taller bowl

Maybe just a bit bigger counter, so that it's not cramped

а 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

Bold

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It looks a bit overcompensated in widths to me

A bit narrower

SEE lc Regular

narrower

narrower

A bit narrower?

bigger head

I'd make the bowl quite a bit bigger

I think the whole letter could be narrower, also I always want to see a notion of that straight bit straight under the forking. Otherwise Y leaves a somewhat neckless impression

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

Light

а б в г ѓ г̈́ д е ѐ ё́ є э Э S

Tiny bit narrower?

и й й̈́ ї ї̈́ ж к ќ л м н о п

See Regular

р с т у ӱ́ ф х ч ц ш щ ц

Tiny bit narrower

And derivatives

ь ы ъ љ њ ѣ ю я

4 fit taller but narrower bowl?

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

Light

А Б В Г Ѓ Г̈́ Д Е È Ë € Э 3 S
И Й Й́ Й̈́ І І́ Ї́ Ј Ж К Ќ Л М Н О
P P R C T U У Ф Х Ч Ц Ш Щ Щ
Ь Ъ Ь́ Ь̈́ Ъ́ Ъ̈́ Ю Я
taller and slightly wider bowl

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

Condensed

А Б В Г Ѓ Г̀ Д Е È Ё Ъ € Э Ѕ

И Й Й́ Й̀ І І́ І̀ Ј Ж К Ќ Л М Н О

П Р С Т У Ў Ф Х Ч Ц Ш Щ Ъ

Ы Ь Ъ́ Ъ̀ Ь́ Ь̀ Ъ́ Ъ̀ Ю Я

⊕ bowl

А В С D E F G H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

I didn't have time to comment specifically on Bold Condensed and Light Condensed styles, but the comments from the Regular widths and Regular Condensed are applicable to the rest of the Condensed styles as well