

# JACOBINS

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Dumpling  
Endive Flaxseed  
Garbanzo Hijiki  
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Marjoram  
Nectarine Oxtail  
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# Balance of classical proportion and modern restraint



Jörg Drees

Jacobins is a modern serif typeface in renaissance style that merges historical grace with contemporary precision. Drawing inspiration from the philosophical spirit of Søren Kierkegaard (1813–1855), this type family celebrates the creative potential born from constraint — echoing Kierkegaard's insight that "The more one limits oneself, the more resourceful one becomes."

At its core, Kierkegaard embodies this principle through restraint and refinement. The design balances the organic flow of broad-nib calligraphy with the structural clarity of modern typography. Each letter-form is carefully modeled with subtly curved stems, allowing the font to convey warmth and humanity within a rational, typographic framework. The result is a typeface that feels both timeless and alive — rooted in the heritage of Renaissance serifs yet adaptable for contemporary design needs. From editorial layouts to branding, long-form text, and digital interfaces, Kierkegaard lends a thoughtful and intellectual tone without losing approachability.

Kierkegaard's anatomy reflects a dialogue between philosophy and form. The slightly curved stems interpret the motion of natural handwriting, suggesting the trace of a broad nib. This approach creates a dynamic rhythm across lines of text, offering an elegant reading experience. The complete family contains 20 members in five weights, each paired with a matching italic. Additional features include old-style figures, small capitals, and refined character detailing for professional typographic versatility.