

# Petit Frère



Petit Frère is a surprising duo, of both rivals and accomplices. It is the quiet sibling to some more outspoken designs from the Plain Form catalogue. Distilled from these sources, namely Grandmaster for the Narrow cuts and Nostra Sett for the Wide, Petit Frère proposes the two extremes of a centerless design space, two takes on the sans-serif genre meant to complement each other.

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**Design**

Lucas Descroix

**Styles**

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**Release date**

2022

**Glyph count**

ca. 620 glyphs

**Coverage**

Latin Extended

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Supported languages (216) → Abenaki, Afaan Oromo, Afar, Afrikaans, Albanian, Alsatian, Amis, Anuta, Aragonese, Aranese, Aromanian, Arrernte, Arvanitic, Asturian, Atayal, Aymara, Azerbaijani, Bashkir, Basque, Belarusian, Bemba, Bikol, Bislama, Bosnian, Breton, Bulgarian Romanization, Cape Verdean, Catalan, Cebuano, Chamorro, Chavacano, Chichewa, Chickasaw, Cimbrian, Cofan, Cornish, Corsican, Creek, Crimean Tatar, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dawan, Delaware, Dholuo, Drehu, Dutch, English, Esperanto, Estonian, Faroese, Fijian, Filipino, Finnish, Folkspraak, French, Frisian, Friulian, Gagauz, Galician, Ganda, Genoese, German, Gikuyu, Gooniyandi, Greenlandic, Greenlandic Old Orthography, Guadeloupean, Gwichin, Haitian Creole, Han, Hawaiian, Hiligaynon, Hopi, Hotcak, Hungarian, Icelandic, Ido, Ilocano, Indonesian, Interglossa, Interlingua, Irish, Istroromanian, Italian, Jamaican, Javanese, Jerriais, Kala Lagaw Ya, Kapampangan, Kaqchikel, Karakalpak, Karelian, Kashubian, Kikongo, Kinyarwanda, Kiribati, Kirundi, Klingon, Kurdish, Ladin, Latin, Latino Sine, Latvian, Lithuanian, Lojban, Lombard, Low Saxon, Luxembourgish, Maasai, Makhuwa, Malay, Maltese, Manx, Maori, Marquesan, Meglenoromanian, Meriam Mir, Mirandese, Mohawk, Moldovan, Montagnais, Montenegrin, Murrinhpatha, Nagamese Creole, Nahuatl, Ndebele, Neapolitan, Ngiyambaa, Niuean, Noongar, Norwegian, Novial, Occidental, Occitan, Oshiwambo, Ossetian, Palauan, Papiamentu, Piedmontese, Polish, Portuguese, Potawatomi, Qeqchi, Quechua, Rarotongan, Romanian, Romansh, Rotokas, Sami Inari, Sami Lule, Sami Northern, Sami Southern, Samoan, Sango, Saramaccan, Sardinian, Scottish Gaelic, Serbian, Seri, Seychellois, Shawnee, Shona, Sicilian, Silesian, Slovak, Slovenian, Slovio, Somali, Sorbian Lower, Sorbian Upper, Sotho Northern, Sotho Southern, Spanish, Sranan, Sundanese, Swahili, Swazi, Swedish, Tagalog, Tahitian, Tetum, Tok Pisin, Tokelauan, Tongan, Tshiluba, Tsonga, Tswana, Tumbuka, Turkish, Turkmen, Tuvaluan, Tzotzil, Ukrainian, Uzbek, Venetian, Vepsian, Volapuk, Voro, Wallisian, Walloon, Waraywaray, Warlpiri, Wayuu, Welsh, Wikmungkan, Wiradjuri, Wolof, Xavante, Xhosa, Yapese, Yindjibarndi, Zapotec, Zazaki, Zulu, Zuni

**Petit Frère Narrow Black**

***Petit Frère Narrow Black Italic***

**Petit Frère Narrow Extrabold**

***Petit Frère Narrow Extrabold Italic***

**Petit Frère Narrow Bold**

***Petit Frère Narrow Bold Italic***

Petit Frère Narrow Medium

*Petit Frère Narrow Medium Italic*

Petit Frère Narrow Regular

*Petit Frère Narrow Regular Italic*

Petit Frère Narrow Light

*Petit Frère Narrow Light Italic*

Petit Frère Narrow Extralight

*Petit Frère Narrow Extralight Italic*

**Petit Frère Wide Black**

***Petit Frère Wide Black Italic***

**Petit Frère Wide Extrabold**

***Petit Frère Wide Extrabold Italic***

**Petit Frère Wide Bold**

***Petit Frère Wide Bold Italic***

Petit Frère Wide Medium

*Petit Frère Wide Medium Italic*

Petit Frère Wide Regular

*Petit Frère Wide Regular Italic*

Petit Frère Wide Light

*Petit Frère Wide Light Italic*

Petit Frère Wide Extralight

*Petit Frère Wide Extralight Italic*

**[ Rewritten ]**  
**4 VENDETTA**

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***Bad Sequels!***  
***Cloud\_atlas***

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**TWO HOURS**  
**R. Corman**

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**Collectively known as the Wachowskis, the sisters have worked as a writing and directing team through most of their careers. They made their directing debut in 1996 with *Bound*, and achieved fame with their second film *The Matrix* (1999), a major box office success for which they won the Saturn Award for Best Director. Since the series finale of *Sense8*, the Wachowskis have been working separately on different projects: Lilly directed, wrote, and executive-produced several episodes of *Showtime's Work in Progress* (2019) with creators Abby McEnany and Tim Mason, while Lana filmed *The Matrix Resurrections*, written with Mitchell and Aleksandar Hemon, which was**

**Piedmont CA  
HEADHUNTS**

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***TV SHORTS 2  
(Traveler's)***

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**Bottomless?  
SOCK OPERA**

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**The series Gravity Falls follows the adventures of Dipper Pines and his twin sister Mabel who are sent to spend the summer with their great-uncle (or "Grunkle") Stan in a mysterious town full of paranormal incidents and supernatural creatures. The kids help Stan run The Mystery Shack, the tourist trap that he owns, while also investigating the local mysteries.**

***With Wendy Corduroy, Mystery Shack cashier; Soos Ramirez, a friend of Dipper and Mabel and handyman to Grunkle Stan; plus an assortment of other characters, Dipper and Mabel always have an intriguing day to look forward to. Gravity Falls has attracted a broad and passionate fandom and has been considered to be an influence***

**Pioneer & All  
THREE-AXIS**

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***Early Planes\****  
***Self-t@ught***

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**BIKE RETAIL**  
**Growing field**

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**On December 17, 1903, brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright became the first people to successfully fly an airplane just outside of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Previously, the brothers spent years in their shop where they worked on machinery like printing presses, bicycles, and motors. That experience brought them together to change history.**

***Their work with bicycles, in particular, influenced their belief that an unstable vehicle such as a flying machine could be controlled and balanced with practice. This was a trend, as many other aviation pioneers were also dedicated cyclists and involved in the bicycle business in various ways. From 1900 until their first powered flights***

Major Title (4)  
Clay & Grass

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*RANKED 28th*  
*Palm Beach*

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Tournaments  
SEMI-FINALS

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**Williams has also won 14 major women's doubles titles, all with her sister Venus, and the pair are unbeaten in Grand Slam doubles finals. This includes a Grand Slam between the 2009 Wimbledon Championships and the 2010 French Open, which granted the sisters the doubles world No. 1 ranking. They have won three Olympic gold medals in women's doubles.**

*They are the most recent women to simultaneously hold all four major singles titles (2002–03 and 2014–15), and the most recent women to win the Surface Slam (major titles on hard, clay and grass courts in the same calendar year), doing so in 2015. She is also, with Venus, the most recent player to have simultaneously held all four major*

Holy TERRORS  
The Dreamer

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*A Love Letter*  
*[1929 – 1930]*

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→ THE GAME  
Poisoned Gift

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The story concerns the siblings Paul and Elisabeth, who start the story without a father and with a bed-ridden mother, whom Elisabeth looks after. Paul is obsessed with the stud-looking Dargelos, while Paul's friend Gerard is enthralled by the siblings. Paul becomes ill when Dargelos throws a snowball with a stone inside at him and Elisabeth cares for both him and their mother.

*Elisabeth is the first member of the group to get married. She weds a wealthy young man who dies on his way to a business meeting before the married couple can even enjoy their honeymoon. As a result of his death, the siblings inherit a large house, into which they move. Paul soon finds himself in love with Agathe. He writes a letter declaring*

Controversies  
(M) Witnesses

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*The 'Letter XII'  
Original–Equal*

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STEPPING OUT  
As it is (1838)

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Among the first American women to act publicly in social reform movements, Sarah Moore Grimké (1792–1873) and Angelina Emily Grimké (1805–1879), known as the Grimké sisters, were ridiculed for their abolitionist activity. They became early activists in the women's rights movement. They were speakers, writers, and educators. They also founded a private school.

*Sarah wanted to become a lawyer and follow in her father's footsteps. She studied the books in her father's library constantly, teaching herself geography, history, and mathematics, but her father would not allow her to learn Latin, or go to college with her brother Thomas, who was at Yale Law School. She became a role model to her younger sibling, and the two*

QLF Sneakers  
Cloud & Music

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*(The Lion King)*  
*EFFORTLESS\**

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GT ONIZUKA  
Zero Interview

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Nabil and Tarik Andrieu grew up in the difficult neighbourhood of Les Tarterêts, Corbeil-Essonnes, Île-de-France. Tarik was born on December 26, 1986, and Nabil on April 25, 1989. While comparing their early solo works to PNL, 'Abcdr du Son' editor-in-chief Mehdi Maizi said: "What impressed me was their metamorphosis. It's as if they had passed through a rap laboratory and came out better".

*Formed in 2014, PNL released their debut studio album, Le Monde Chico the next year. In 2016, the duo released their second album Dans la légende, which peaked on the French Albums chart and sold over a million copies worldwide. PNL's third album, Deux frères (2019), supported by the number one singles "À l'ammoniaque", "91's" and "Au DD" has also topped the*

**Currer?**  
**3THREE**

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***E. BELL***  
***Wildfe11***

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**Schools**  
**REVEAL**

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**Charlotte's *Jane Eyre*, Emily's *Wuthering Heights* and Anne's *Agnes Grey* almost didn't find a publisher. The manuscripts were sent back and Charlotte would simply write a new address; she did this a dozen times. Charlotte envisaged a joint publication by the three sisters. Anne was easily won over to the project, and the work was shared, compared, and edited. Once the poems had been chosen, nineteen for Charlotte and twenty**

**Falling  
(Alright)**

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**2.1962  
GOSPEL**

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**SOULS  
Intense!**

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**The Kelly Brothers were a 1960s Chicago gospel quartet, which also sang R&B as the King Pins. The group comprised brothers Curtis, Robert and Andrew Kelly with the fourth part sung by Charles Lee or Offe Reece.**

***The group gave King Records their only Chicago success in the soul idiom as the King Pins with It Won't Be This Way (Always), in 1963, which reached number twelve on Billboard's R&B chart. In 1966, the Kelly Brothers reached #39 on***

Red.Blue  
Mission

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*#Dreams*  
*REBOOT*

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Heritage  
Rescued

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**One of the main themes of *Spy Kids* is the unity of family. A lesson is that keeping secrets from family members can have a negative effect on relationships. The first film also deals extensively with sibling rivalry.**

***The plot follows adventures of Carmen and Juni Cortez, two children who become involved in their parents' espionage organization. As agents of the OSS, Carmen and Juni try to save the daughter of the President***

RIGHTS  
Heroism.

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*Sweater*  
*Dentists*

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NIECES!  
Quarter

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The two Podgórski sisters, Stefania and Helena, lived in Przemyśl alone in an apartment rented by Stefania, who was 17 at the time. She got a job in town as a machine-tool operator. Their father had died in 1938 after an illness.

*In order to host the fugitives, the sisters soon rented a detached cottage with two rooms, a kitchen, and an attic on Tatarska Street. After a few weeks, they were completely without money. Stefania started to knit sweaters*

ANGST  
& Rebels

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*Of—Age*  
*Baseball*

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CRUMBY  
Fencing

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Holden heads home to see his sister Phoebe. He sneaks into his parents' place and wakes up Phoebe — the only person with whom he is able to communicate his true feelings. She is happy to see him, but senses that something is wrong. *When his parents return home, Holden slips out and visits his much-admired English teacher, Mr. Antolini, who expresses concern that Holden is headed for "a terrible fall". Mr. Antolini advises him to begin applying himself*

Collects  
HOUSES

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*"Folksy"*  
RECORD

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Curious\*  
Treatise

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The Brothers Grimm (die Gebrüder Grimm), Jacob (1785–1863) and Wilhelm (1786–1859), were German academics, philologists, cultural researchers, lexicographers, and authors who together collected and published folklore.

*The rise of romanticism in the 19th century revived interest in traditional folk stories, which to the brothers represented a pure form of national literature and culture. With the goal of*

Animals  
WILDER

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*MOUNTS*  
*23 min.*

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(Dec. 77)  
Monarch

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The 26-episode Canadian-Japanese-American animated television series depicts the adventures of little teddy bear Bouba and his sister Frisquette, who are taken in by Moy (a little Native American boy) when their mother Amandine died.

*The cubs spark the greed of Bonamy, an unscrupulous trapper, who tries to seize them to sell them. He succeeds, after a series of schemes which will go as far as setting fire to Daklahoma's cabin, in selling Bouba*





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Ray+Gig

Ray+Gig

Serif/Serifless [Ijil] [ss02]

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Illico Island

Alternate G [ss03]

Gram Gone

Gram Gone

Alternate Q [ss04]

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Alternate R [ss05]

Rested RUN

Rested RUN

Alternate a [ss06]

east pants

east pants

Alternate g [ss07]

tragic igo

tragic igo

Alternate r [ss08]

sisters train

sisters train

Alternate y [ss09]

trying fry

trying fry

Alternate &amp; [ss10]

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IN&amp;OUT &amp;tc

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Slashed zero [zero]

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Case-sensitive [case]

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## **Plain Form**

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