

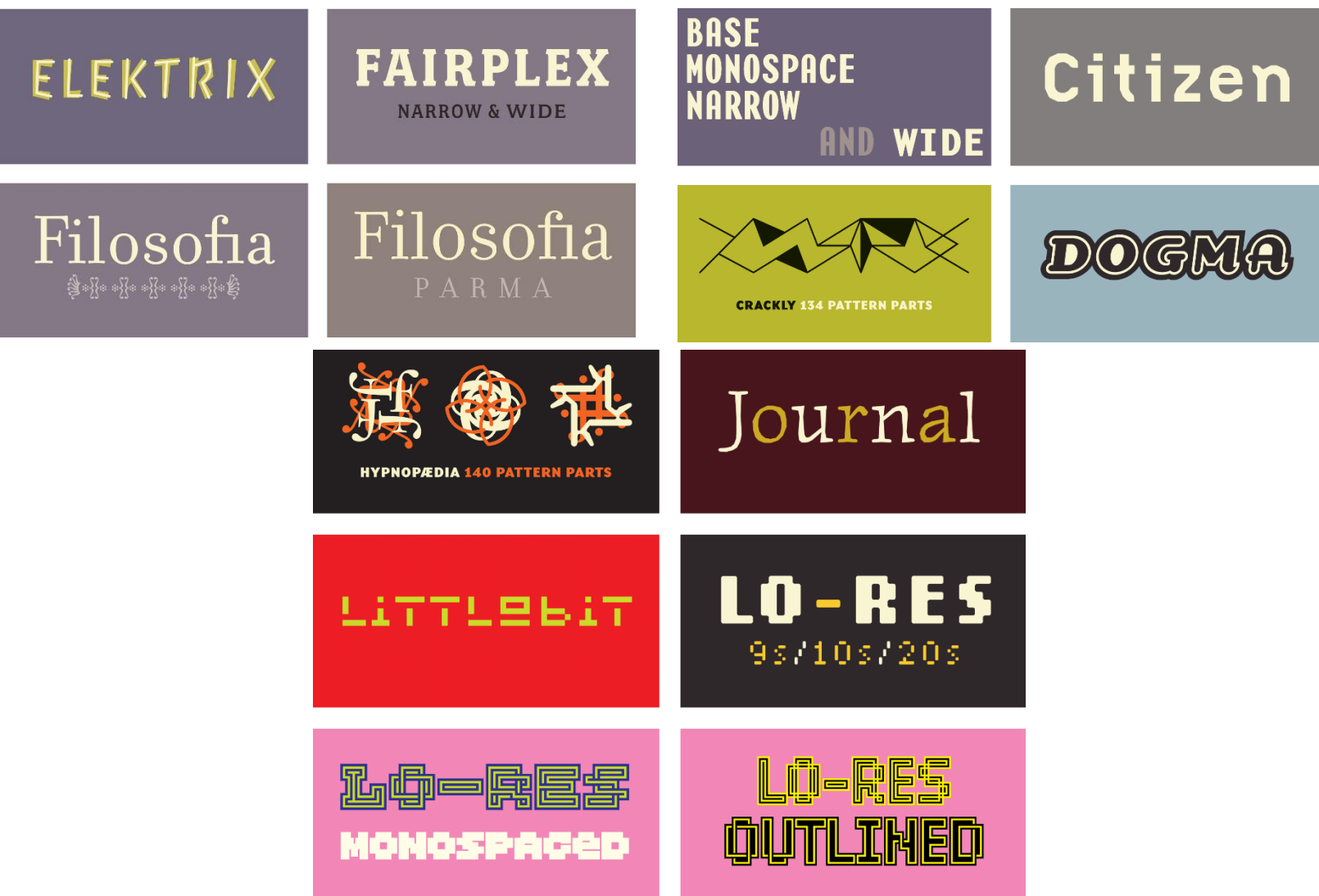
Zuzana Licko (Ličko)

Born: Bratislava, 1961 - present

Zuzana Licko is a Slovak born American type designer. At age 7, her and her family emigrated to America where she studied architecture and later switched to a visual studies program after discovering her love for graphic design and typography.

Technology was still starting to develop at the time and most graphic designers were quite vary of using these new machines for designs. But that wasn't the case for Zuzana and her Husband (Rudy VanderLands) when they launched a type face foundry that would be revolutionary – “Émigré Graphics”.

She first began her work on the very first version of a Mac. “When I started creating bitmap fonts for Macintosh in 1984, it was a purely experimental venture. I had no customers for these fonts, nor did I intend to develop a type foundry. It was Emigre magazine that opened up these possibilities for me.”



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