All of these letters are drawn by hand, imitating particular illuminated capitals of the Isabella Breviary. I create the black-and-white outline in FontForge, then export it as SVG and color it in with Inkscape.

Both versions of the letter are present in the font, so we get backward compatibility with browsers that don’t yet support SVG fonts.

Coloring the fonts takes a lot of work, and there are some finicky details of compatibility among the three engines that support it.

Despite that, I find it worthwhile; I think it could add a lot to the
experience of using my Isabella font.

every capital is taken from the Isabella Breviary, except the ones that just aren't there: J, V, W, Y, and Z. Those, I'm going to have to improvise.

or the F, I wasn't able to find a large example, so the small example I found was too simple, so I drew the vines ab initio, trying to match the complexity of the C.

etting harder to come up with text for all of these paragraphs. I think I'm going to stop insisting on being relevant to the font.

elp! I'm trapped in a paragraph factory! Please send copies of the Riverside Shakespeare. With luck, the sight of vast amounts of
plot without paragraphs will blow the owners’ minds.

Interactive fonts would be even more interesting. SVG can contain JavaScript, after all. Maybe you wouldn’t give it access to mouse events and what-not (what would that mean when printed?), but the glyphs could know their neighbors and the background colors; you could have fonts where the glyphs adapted themselves to their context. FutureChaiko had a demo video that showed them doing that, but the actual font doesn’t.

abberwocF, JabberwocF, go so slow!
JabberwocF, JabberwocF, go so fast!
JabberwocF, JabberwocF, step on the gas!

nights of the Round Table:
Lancelot, Galahad, Tristan,
Bedivere, Gawain, Faw
Percival—Arthur, of course.

My favorite part is adding the color. The initial black-and-white is pickier. Close, it requires a steadier hand and is difficult to interrupt, which means I can't really do it on the train. So I build the black-and-white outlines on the weekends at home with an external monitor and a trackball and then color them on my commute.

or flesh, not fowl, nor good red herring—I've never seen a red herring; I've only ever had pickled herring, which is grey or silver or
something. I looked it up, and it turns out herring turns red when you smoke it.

In King Cole was a merry old soul—it sounds like it refers to some old pre-Norman King, but "he called for his pipe" seems to suggest the rhyme is post-Columbus. Or maybe King Cole really enjoyed plumbing.

Planet X, the last known source of illium phosphate, the shaving cream atom! Just beyond Planet W, Planet V, Planet U...a clear demonstration of the Well-ordering Theorem.

Quick, come up with something to say for this paragraph! No, it has to be longer than that; it has to descend below the Q. There, that should do it.

ow, row, row descartes gently
down the stream! He will explain to you that the song is so wrong: life is not a dream.

Superman comes from a planet with a completely different environment (red sun, much stronger gravity), and yet it evolved a species so much like humans that he can be attracted to a human woman. This is staggeringly unlikely; he should be completely different. Even if he were superficially humanish, he shouldn't be able to pass as human; he should have thicker bones, huge muscles (huger than he has, I mean), and bigger joints to provide leverage where the tendons attach.

O thine own self be true, and it must follow as night the day; thou canst not then be false to any man. — Shakespeare

Upon the shell of Great A'Tuin stand the four elephants; and upon
their backs turn the Discworld. World and mirror of worlds.

virtue is not left to stand alone. He who practices it will have neighbors. — Confucius

when tired we are attacked by ideas we long ago conquered. — Nietzsche
(not someone I normally look to, but this one rings true)

erox used to be a verb, and they were really annoyed about it. Now everybody's forgotten about them; instead of "xeroxing", we just say "copying". Somehow I doubt they consider this an improvement.