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Aliyah Marr profiles four professional designers who spend their "off hours" on creative projects that end up informing their design work in unexpected ways.

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FontShop releases SangBleu BP, Projecturf online [project management](#) service launched for designers, and free Filter Forge metal texture plugin for Mac.

FontShop Releases SangBleu BP

These typefaces were created by Ian Party for his partner Max Buechi's publication of culture and photography, [SangBleu](#). Stripping his Romain BP down to its bare essentials, Party created a family in the tradition of fashion magazine typography: thin, graceful, classic and modern. SangBleu comes in sans and serif varieties, the sans taking on an almost inscriptional quality. The Hairline weights are especially delicate—the Serif is probably the lightest of its class—best used only at very large sizes. SangBleu can be purchased in a nine-font set for 100 euros on [the FontShop site](#).

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Projecturf Online Project Management Service Launched for Designers

Projecturf is a new web-based project management tool with unlimited storage space that is [browser](#), platform and database independent. It was specifically designed to support the project management needs of small to medium-sized graphic design firms and freelancers. The task tracking software is said to allow design firms to cost-effectively define initiatives and projects, automate processes and distribute data through a secure online environment, with users able to be up and running in a matter of minutes. All three Projecturf plans allow unlimited users and include all features, as well as a 30 day [free trial](#). In addition to unlimited storage, the service provides a customizable interface; a workflow with three levels of [system](#) permissions: Administrator, Project Manager(s), User(s); the ability to manage project milestones and tasks with Project Completion Reports and dynamic Gantt charts; and permission-based [file sharing](#). Projecturf's Start-Up Plan is \$29.99 per month, making it possible to manage up to 15 projects. The Business Plan is \$59.99 per month (40 projects), while the Enterprise Plan is priced at \$159.99 per month (unlimited projects). More information is available on [the Projecturf site](#).

Free Filter Forge Metal Texture Plugin for Mac

What sets Filter Forge apart from other plugins is that it allows users to create new filters for the generation of seamless textures, visual effects, distortions, patterns, backgrounds and frames. Filter effects are adjustable and editable, seamlessly tiled, resolution-independent and support real-world HDRI lighting. They can also generate diffuse, specular, bump and normal maps, essential for the creation of realistic textures. Users include graphics pros, game studios, design agencies, photographers, and even the US military, which apparently used Filter Forge to design camouflage patterns. Filter Forge for Mac and Windows can be purchased on the Filter Forge site, with a trial download also available.



Freepacks are free plugins based on the [technology](#) used in Filter Forge and are capable of generating seamlessly-tiled textures with professional-grade anti-aliasing. The Metals freepack provides seven filters for generating realistic metal textures and effects, including Alien Metal, Brushed Metal, Foil, Diamond Plate, Metal Panels, Metalizer and Rust, which renders patches of corrosion over the darker areas of the source image. Originally available for Windows, a Mac version has now been released. It's available for free download on [the Filter Forge site](#).

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