Don't be a wimp.

Weight Contrast heavy weights with light weights, not medium weights.

Structure

Look at how the letterforms are built-monoweight or thick/thin.



Caps versus lowercase is a contrast of form, as well as roman versus italic or script. Scripts and italics have similar forms-don't combine them.

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Think more in terms of horizontal type versus tall, narrow columns of type, rather than type on a slant.



Warm colors come forward: cool colors recede. Experiment with the "colors" of black text.