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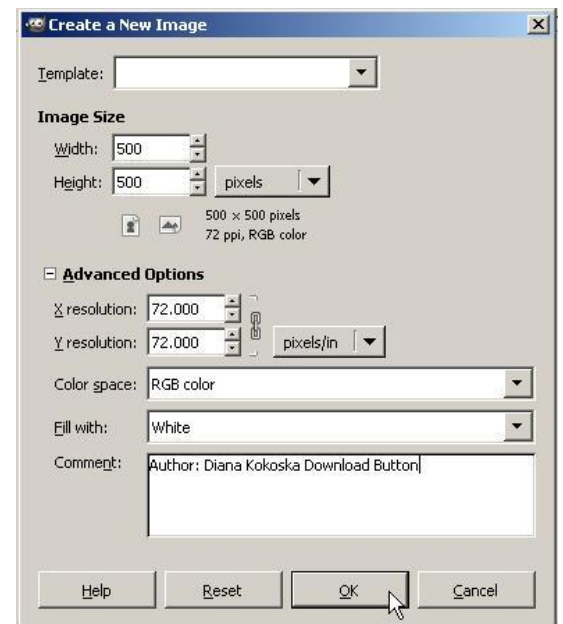
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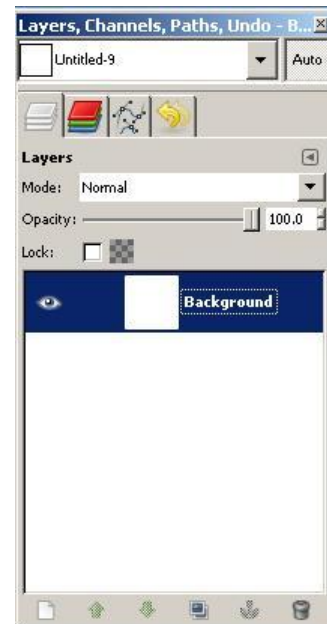
Step 1: To begin a new GIMP® project, from the Menu Bar, select File | New. At the Create a New Image dialog box, select a size and background color for your new image. I selected 500 x 500 pixels with a white background.

You will need to click the + sign beside Advanced Options to expand the menu. Click the Fill with: down arrow and selected white.

Click the OK button.



A new canvas displays in the GIMP document window, information about the new image displays in the Title Bar, and a layer named "Background" displays in the Layers palette.




Step 2: With the "Background" layer selected in the Layers palette, click the Create a new layer icon at the bottom of the

Layers palette. A close-up screenshot of the bottom of the GIMP Layers palette. A mouse cursor is hovering over the "Create a new layer" icon, which is a small white square with a plus sign. A tooltip is visible, containing the text "Create a new layer and add it to the image" and "Shift Create a new layer with last used values".


Step 3: At the New Layer dialog box, type Button in the Layer name: text box, and click the OK button.

A new layer named "Button" displays above the background layer in the Layers palette.

Step 4: From the Toolbox, select the Rectangle Select Tool . In the Rectangle Select options below the Toolbox, click the Rounded corners checkbox and drag the Radius: thumb indicator to approximately 10 to give the rectangle rounded corners.

Step 5: Click in the image canvas and draw a rectangle approximately 300 pixels x 75 pixels. The size of the rectangle displays in the Document Window status bar below the image.

Step 6: You will need to select a foreground color (I selected 5a7311) and a background color (I chose c5cc70).

Step 7: From the Toolbox, select the Blend Tool . At the blend options click the Gradient icon and select FG to BG (RGB) and click the Reverse check box.



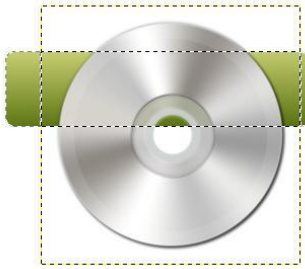
Click and drag from the top center of the rectangle to the bottom center to display a light green/dark green gradient effect.



Step 8: From <http://www.veryicon.com/icons/media/>, select the Media Icons category and then Metallic CD. Scroll to the Light Silver CD Icon and click the “Browse png files” link to open a new page with an enlarged CD image. Right click on the image and select Save Picture As... and save the icon in the \PortableApps\GIMP\buttons\images folder as SilverCD.png


Close the browser window.

Step 9: Drag the file named Silver CD onto the image canvas. A New layer with the Filename of the image displays above the “Button” layer in Layers palette. Double click the name of the new layer and type CD and press the Enter key. The new layer is renamed “CD”. The CD image display on top of the button.



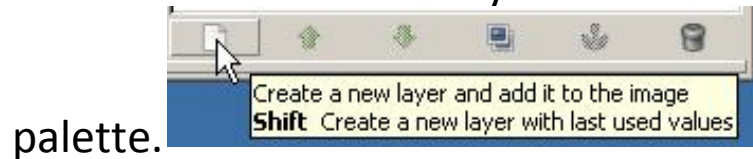
Step 10: Right click on the “CD” in the Layers palette and select Scale Layer. Click the measurement down arrow and select Percent. Type 25 in the Width: text box and press the Enter key. Since the Lock Aspect Ratio icon is locked, the Height: will also change to 25%. Press the Scale button.

The CD image is scaled to 25% of its original size.

Step 11: With the “CD” layer selected in the Layers palette, from the Toolbox, select the Move tool . In the Move tool options, click the radio button to the left of “Move the active layer.” Drag the CD to position the image as shown below:



Step 12: With the “Button” layer selected in the Layers palette, click the Create a new layer icon at the bottom of the Layers




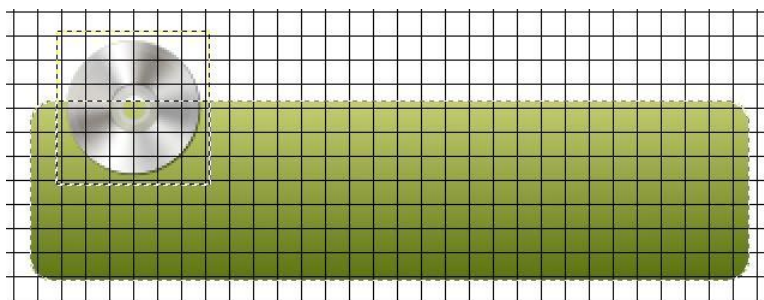
Step 13: At the New Layer dialog box, type `Arrow` in the Layer name text box, and click the OK button.


A new layer named "Arrow" displays above the “Button” layer in the Layers palette.

Step 14: From the Menu bar, select View | Show Grid to display small squares over the canvas. At the bottom of the image canvas, click the Zoom down arrow and select 200% to enlarge the view. (If you prefer, you can go even larger – 400%).

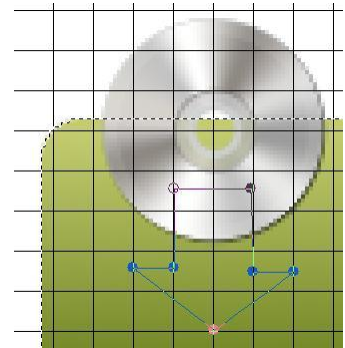
Step 15: Click the “CD” layer in the Layers palette and then

click the Move tool  in the Toolbox and reposition the CD so the center of hole of the CD is positioned where four grids come together.





Step 16: In the Layers palette, click the “Button” layer. From the Tool box, click the Paths Tool  and using the gridlines as

a guide, create anchor points to make a down-pointing arrow. Hold the Ctrl key to connect to the first anchor point.



Step 17: From the Menu bar, click Select | From Path to display *marching ants* around your selection.

Step 18: In the Toolbox, change the Foreground color to orange (I selected f6c20e). You do not need to select a background color because your Blend gradient will be FG to Transparent.

Step 19: From the Toolbox, select the Blend tool  and in the Blend options, select FG to Transparent . 

Step 20: In the Layers palette, drag the “Arrow” layer above the “CD” layer so it is in front (on top of the CD layer).


Drag from the point of the arrow to the top. You may want to do this several times.

Step 21: Change the Zoom magnification back to 100%. From the Menu bar, select View | Show Grid to remove the gridlines from the image canvas.


Step 22: From the Menu bar, click Select | None or use the shortcut key combination Ctrl+Shift+A to

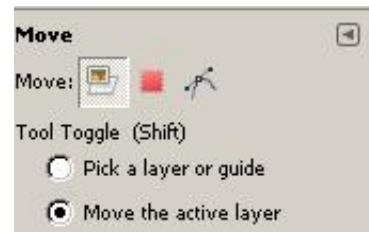


remove the *marching ants*. Click on any tool in the Toolbox to change the cursor from the Paths Tool.

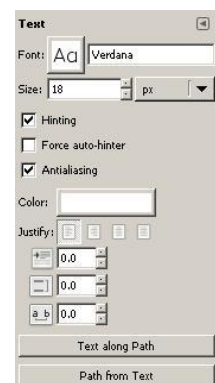
Step 23: With the “Button” Layer selected in the Layers palette, click the Text tool  and in the Text options, select a font face, font size, and font color. (I selected a Sans Bold 24 white).

Step 24: Click in the image and at the GIMP Text Editor, type DOWNLOAD, click the Use selected font option, and click the Close button.

Step 25: If the text is not positioned correctly, click the Move tool  from the Toolbox . In the Move options below the Toolbox, click the radio button for Move the active layer. Drag to position the text on the button.

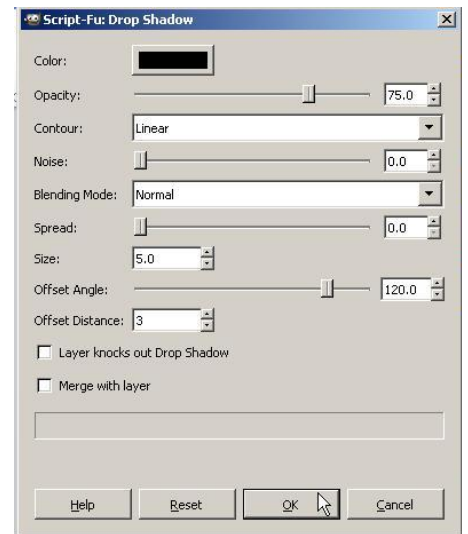



Step 26: Click the “Button” layer in the Layers palette, and use the Text tool to add the latest version. Change the font size to 18px. Position the text on the button by dragging the text layer.





Step 27: With the “Button” layer selected in the Layers palette, from the Menu bar, select Script-Fu | Layer Effects | Drop Shadow and select the options shown at the right.



Step 28: To remove the excess white background around the button image, from the Toolbox, select the Crop tool  and draw a rectangle shape around the completed button. If you are not satisfied with your selection, place your cursor in a drag handle on any corner and change the size of the selection.

Step 29: Click on the button to remove the unwanted white background.




Step 30: To save the image, from the Menu bar, click File | Save and at the Save Image dialog box, in the Name text box, type

buttons_download_mm_dd_yy (replacing the mm_dd_yy with the current month, day, and year).

From Places, select a location to save the image, select,
`\PortableApps\GIMP\buttons\images`

Click the + sign beside Select File Type (By Extension). Select
GIMP xcf image and click the Save button.

Step 31: Click the Visibility icon  on the "Background" layer in the Layers palette to hide the white background. The button is now transparent and can be saved as a transparent image and displayed on any color Web background.

Step 32: Save the image again with the same name in the same folder as .png file.

Step 33: Click File | Close to close the image window.

Click the Close button on the Title Bar of the GIMP® window to close the application.