GIMP® WEB 2.0 BUTTONS

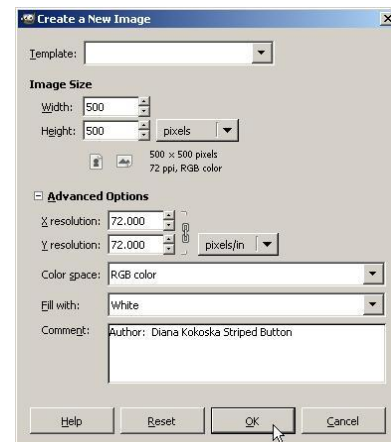**Web 2.0 Buttons: Oval button with a striped pattern**

WEB 2.0 BUTTONS: OVAL BUTTON WITH STRIPED PATTERN
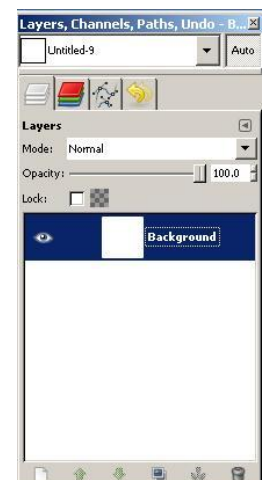
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Step 1: To begin a new GIMP® project, from the Menu Bar, select File | New… At the Create a New Image dialog box, select a size and background color for your new image. I selected 500 x 500 pixels with a white background.

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

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 Ellipse Select Tool . In the Ellipse Select options below the Toolbox, click the radio button to the left of the Expand from center option.

Step 5: Click in the image canvas where you want the center of the button. Draw an oval approximately 200 pixels x 70 pixels. The dimensions of the rectangle display in the Document Window status bar below the image.

Step 6: You will need to select a Foreground color In the

Toolbox, click the Foreground color icon and select a bright pink ; I selected f10ad3.

Step 7: From the Menu bar, select Edit | Fill with FG Color.

The oval is filled with bright pink.

Step 8: With the "Button" layer selected in the Layers palette, right click and select New Layer... At the New Layer dialog box type `Pattern` and click the OK button.

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

Step 9: From the Toolbox, click the Bucket Fill Tool and in the Bucket Fill options click the Pattern fill: radio button and click the Pattern icon and select the Warning! Pattern.
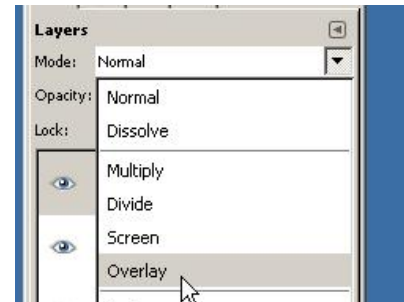
Click inside the oval image on the canvas. The image is filled with the Warning! pattern.

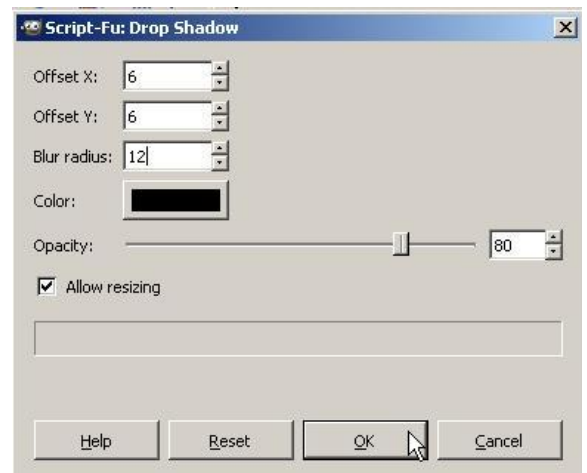From the Layers palette, click the Mode: down arrow and select

Overlay.

Note: If the stripes are not quite as dark as you want, change the Mode back to Normal and drag the Opacity slider to the left until you have the striped effect that you want.

Step 10: With the "Pattern" layer selected in the Layers palette, right click and select Merge Down to combine the "Pattern" layer and the "Button" layer.
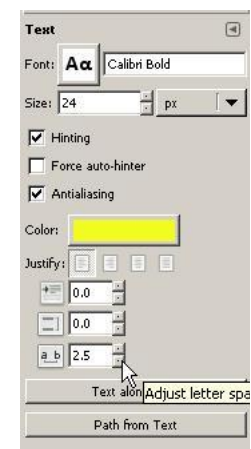
Step 11: From the Menu bar, select Filters | Light and Shadow | Drop Shadow and at the Script-Fu: Drop Shadow dialog box, select as shown at the right.

Step 12: With the "Button" layer selected in the Layers palette, click the Text Tool and select a font face, a font size, and a font color for the text on the button face. I selected a Calibri Bold, 24 px, yellow.

In the Text options, you can click the Letter Spacing arrow to add more space between the letters. Since the spacing changes in increments of 1, you may need to type 2.5 in
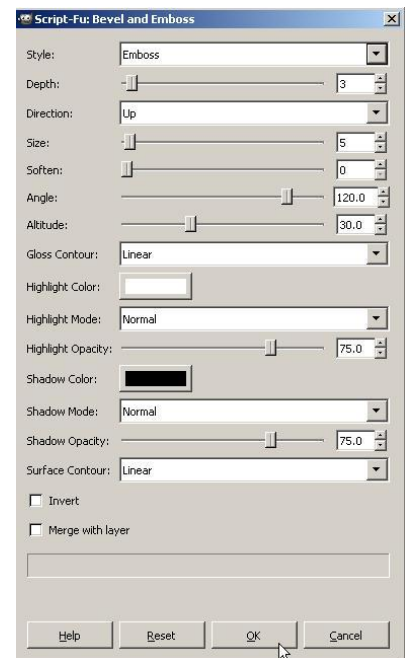
the Letter Spacing text box.

Click on the button image on the image canvas were you want you text to begin and at the GIMP Text Editor type `Sign Up Now!`

To position the text on the button, click on the text and drag to the desired location.

Click the Close button in the GIMP Text Editor dialog box.

Step 13: With the text layer "Sign Up Now!" selected in the Layers palette, right click and select Alpha to Selection to select just the letters.

Step 14: From the Menu bar, select Script-Fu | Layer Effects | Bevel and Emboss. At the Script-Fu dialog box select options as shown at the right, and click the OK button.

Press Ctrl+Shift+A to remove the *marching ants.*

Click the "Background" layer in the layers palette to deselect all tools.

Step 15: From the Toolbox, select the Crop tool and draw a rectangle shape around the completed button. To adjust the crop selection, place your cursor in a drag handle on any corner and change the size of the selection.

Step 16: Click on the button to remove the extra white background around the image.

Step 17: To save the image, from the Menu bar, click <u>F</u>ile | <u>S</u>ave and at the Save Image dialog box, in the <u>N</u>ame text box, type `buttons_pattern_mm_dd_yy`, replacing the mm, dd, and yy with today's month, day, and year .

From <u>P</u>laces, select `\PortableApps\GIMP\buttons\images\` as the location to save the image.

Click the + sign beside Select File <u>T</u>ype (By Extension). Select `GIMP XCF image` and click the <u>S</u>ave button.

Step 18: 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 19: <u>S</u>ave the image again in the `buttons\images` folder as a `.png` file with a name of `buttons_pattern_mm_dd_yy`. At the Export dialog box click the <u>E</u>xport button and then then the <u>S</u>ave button.

Step 20: From the Menu bar, select <u>F</u>ile | <u>C</u>lose to close the current project.

Step 21: Click the Close icon on the GIMP® Title Bar to close the GIMP® workspace.