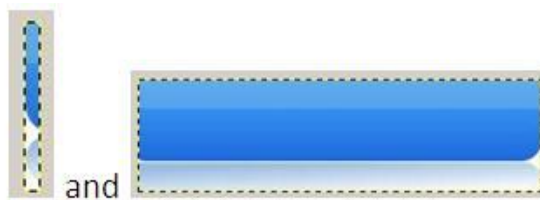


GIMP® WEB 2.0 BUTTONS



Web 2.0 Navigation: Hover Gloss Buttons

WEB 2.0 NAVIGATION: GLOSSY HOVER COLORS

This button navigation will be designed using four images and will be displayed using html and css:

- The menu image
- The rounded corner menu image
- The hover image
- The rounded corner hover image

Although one of the images you will create will be a complete background image, the saved image will only be one pixel wide and the desired height.

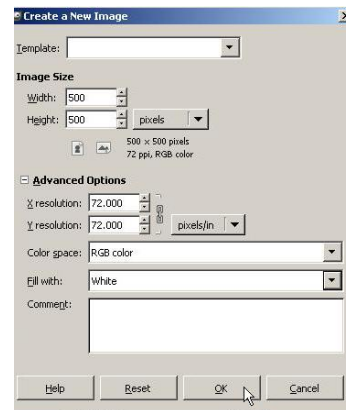
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BACKGROUND IMAGE



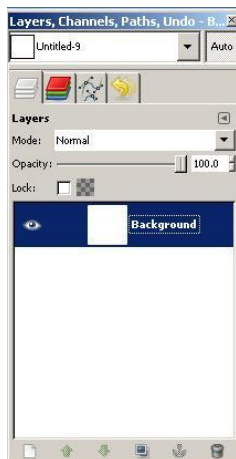
OPEN GIMP®


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: At the bottom of the Layers palette, click the Create New Layer and add to image icon  and at the New Layer dialog box, name the layer `Button`. Click the Ok button.

A new layer displays above the Background layer in the Layers palette.

Step 3: From the Toolbox, select the Rectangle Select Tool . In the Rectangle Select options, click the checkbox beside Rounded corners and drag the Radius: slider to 15.0 to round the corners of the rectangle. Move the cursor on the image canvas and draw rectangle 300 x 66 pixels. Notice that the pixel dimensions display below the image canvas.



Step 4: From the Toolbox, select the Blend tool  and in the Blend options and click the Gradient tool and Black Gloss 1




Drag from the top center of the rectangle to the bottom center of the rectangle to create a gray/black gradient fill.



Step 5: At the bottom of the Layers palette, click the Create New Layer and add to image icon  and at the New Layer dialog box, name the layer Gray Shadow. Click the OK button.


A new layer displays above the “Button” Layer in the Layers palette.

Step 6: With the “Gray Shadow” Layer selected in the Layers palette, from the Toolbox, select the Rectangle Select tool  and draw another rectangle 300 x 25 pixels directly below the gradient rectangle.

Step 7: From the Toolbox, change the FG color to light gray (I selected b5b6b7).


Click the Blend tool in the Toolbox and in the Blend options, click the Gradient icon and select Foreground to Transparent (gray to see see through)

Drag from the top center of the new rectangle to the bottom center.

Step 8: Click the Move tool  in the Toolbox and select the Move active layer option. On the image canvas, drag the gray shadow layer below the Button layer, leaving about a pixel between the button and the shadow.



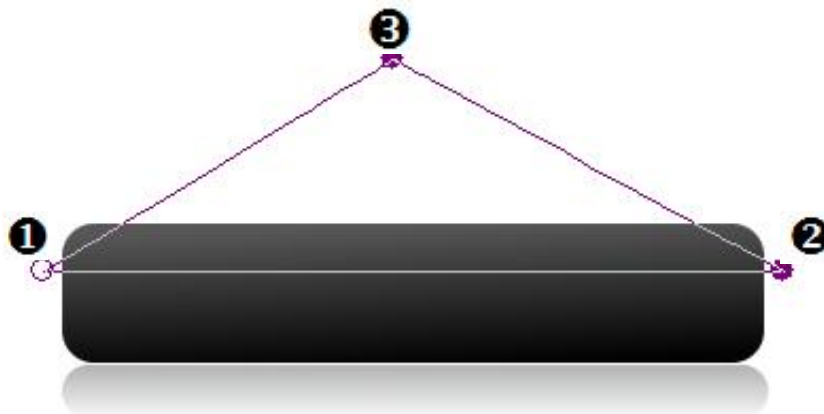
Step 9: From the Menu Bar click Select | None to remove the *marching ants*.

Step 10: With the "Button" layer selected in the Layers palette, from the Toolbox, select the Paths Tool  . Move your cursor to the left edge of the rectangle just below the beginning of the

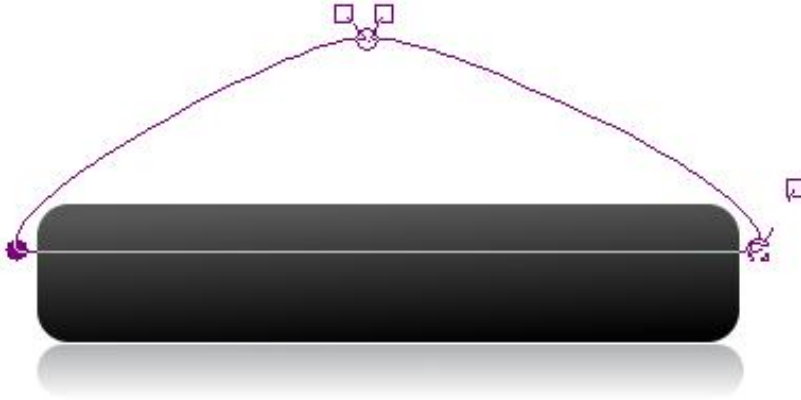


rounded corner as shown.

Click another anchor at the same location on the right. Click a third anchor in the center above the rectangle and hold down the Ctrl key and click in the first anchor to create a path.




Step 11: Click on each of the side lines and drag until the entire gray rectangle is inside the path.



Step 12: From the Menu bar click Select | From Path to make selection from the anchors.

Step 13: With the “Button” layer selected in the Layers palette, from the Menu bar select Edit | Clear to remove the selection.


Step 14: From the Toolbox, select the Crop Tool  and draw a rectangle selection 300 x 80 pixels around the completed button image.

Click inside the selection to accept the crop.

Step 15: First you will save the graphic in the `\PortableApps\GIMP\buttons\images\buttons_gloss\images` folder as `menu_background_mm_dd_yy.xcf`.

You will now make two images from this one image:

- The menu image
- The rounded corner menu image

Step 16: From the Toolbox, select the Crop Tool  and drag a rectangle that is 291 x 80 pixels that includes all but the 9 pixels on the left edge of the rectangle.



Click in the selection to accept the crop.

Step 17: Save the image in the `images` folder as `menu_right.png`.

Step 18: From the Menu Bar, select Edit | Undo Crop Image to restore the complete image.

Step 19: Using the crop tool draw an image 9 x 80 pixels capturing the left of the rectangle.



Click in the selection to crop.

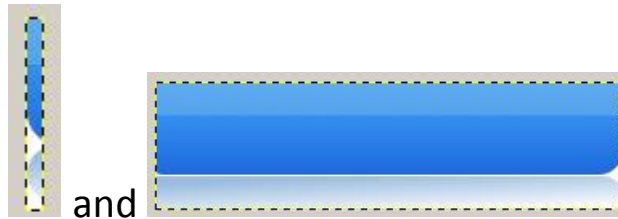
Step 20: Save the image in the same folder as `menu_left.png`.



Step 21: Select File | Close to close the image canvas.

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

HOVER BUTTONS



Create the same two images using a gradient of Blue Gloss 3 and a light blue shadow color. Name the larger image `menu_hover_right.png` and the smaller image `menu_hover_left.png`.

WEB 2.0 NAVIGATION: GLOSSY HOVER COLORS

Create the `menu_hover` images in various web 2.0 colors that can be used for additional menus. The Gradients contain a Gloss blend in a variety of web 2.0 colors.