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Before you begin this tutorial, you will need to download the CSS3 logo at http://7428.net/2013/10/html5-css3-logo-vector.html and save as HTML5-CSS3-Logo-Vector.jpg

Open the image in GIMP and save only the CSS3 logo as a png with a transparent background. Remember to use the Crop tool to select the CSS logo and the Fuzzy Select Tool to make it transparent. Save the image as CSS3_Logo.png.

This header will contain 5 colors.   For colors, I used the following rgbs:

Black: 000

Turquoise: 39 169 224

Orange: 241 101 4

Blue: 34 81 131

Gray: 237 237 237

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The instructions in this header banner project will be abbreviated.

Step 1: Open GIMP® and change the foreground color to gray.

Step 2: Create a new GIMP® project and select a size and background color for your new image.

The size should be close to the width of the content area of your Web page. I used a width of 930px and a height of 300px with the foreground color as the background!

Step 3: Create a new layer named bars with a transparent background and use the rectangle tool to draw a bar approximately 930px by 50 pixels near the top of the image.

Step 4: Duplicate the layer and move the bar near the bottom of the image.

Step 5: Drag the CSS3_Logo.png image onto the canvas and use the Move Tool to position. The logo seemed a little large, so I used the Layer | Scale layer option to scale the image to 80% of its original size.

Step 6: Add a new transparent layer named CSS Text and use the rectangle tool draw the gray rectangle in the Top Bar.

Step 7: Change the foreground color to turquoise (39, 169, 224) and use the Text tool to enter the text "CSS". I used a font face of Rockwell Extra Bold, Ultra_Bold and a size of 50. Position the text in the Gray rectangle.

Step 8: Change the Foreground color to blue (34, 81, 131) and use the Text tool to write "For". Position the text on the banner.
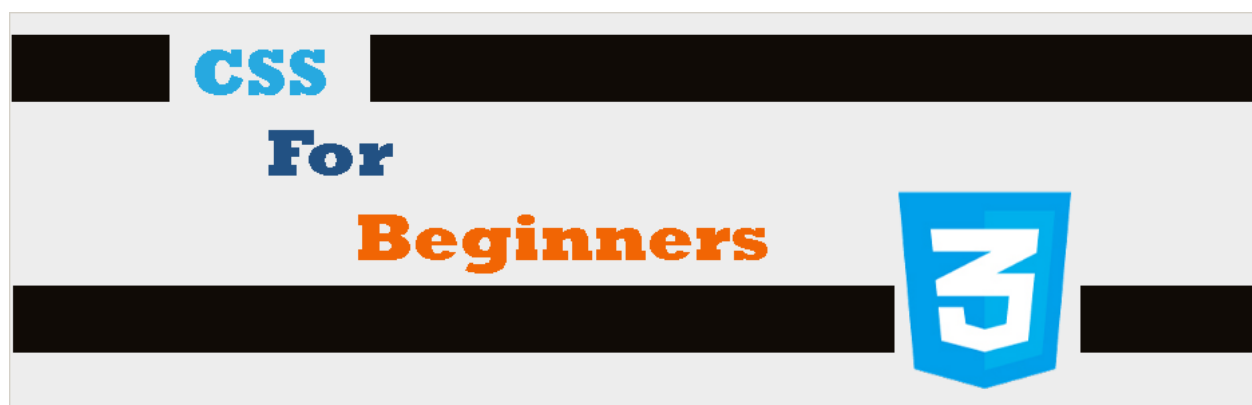

Step 9: Change the Foreground color to orange (241, 101, 4) and use the Text tool to write "Beginners". Position the text.

Feel free to move any of the text layers for better positioning.

Step 10: You may have noticed some ragged blue/white edges around the CSS3 Logo. The simplest way to take care of that is to click on the Bottom Bar layer and use the Rectangle tool to add a small rectangle and fill it with gray.

Step 11: Save as a GIMP image in the `\PortableApps\GIMP/banners/images` folder as `CSS_banner_mm_dd_yy` (replacing the mm_dd_yy with the current month, day, and year.

Step 12: Save again in the same folder as a `.png` image.

You will be adding a dynamic navigation menu at the Menus tab.