GIMP® WILBER'S WEB IMAGES

MAKE AN IMAGE TRANSPARENT

Original   **Transparent with Fuzzy Tool**   **Fuzzy Tool displayed on Web**   **Select by Color displayed on Web**

Wilber's Web Images : Make an Image Transparent Completed Project

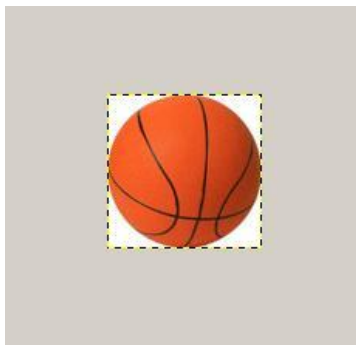Find a basketball with a white background and save in the `common_tasks` folder as `basketball.jpg`.

Sometime when you place an image on a Web page, the background color of the image displays around the image. For example, look at this basketball displayed on a red background.

Instead, you want the background color of Web page to show through the white area. In order to do this, you must make the white area transparent.

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Step 1: Drag `baseketball.jpg` to the GIMP® Document Window.

The image canvas displays the image and a Background layer displays in the Layers palette to at the right of the Document window.

Step 2: In the Layers palette, right click the "Background" layer and select Add Alpha Channel to add a transparent layer to the background layer.

Step 3: From the Toolbox, select the Fuzzy Select tool and click in the White area of the image. *Marching Ants* display around one corner of the white.

Note: Sometimes when you have an image that is not rectangular, you may find that the Select by Color Tool does not work very well.

Step 4: From the Menu bar, select Edit | Clear. That area displays with a dark gray/light gray

checkerboard, which means that area is transparent.

Continue to use the Fuzzy select tool to make all four white areas transparent.

Step 5: You will now to save the image as a `basketball.gif` or `basketball.png` (.jpg files do not support transparency).

You may notice when you display the basketball.gif image on a Web page that it is not perfect; there is a white ring around the basketball.

Step 6: You can make this transparent as well. You may want to click the Zoom down arrow and zoom to 400%. From the Toolbox, select the Select by Color tool and click in any area of the image that is not the color the basketball. Then select Edit | Clear from the Menu bar. Continue to do this until the ring is removed.

Change the Zoom level back to 100% and save the image again with the same name.

It now displays as shown below: