

GIMP® TEXT EFFECTS



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Note: If you have not already downloaded a free public domain background image, you will want to go to <http://www.public-domain-image.com> link and save the image the autumn-maple-leaves_w725_h544.jpg images in the PortableApps/GIMP/text_effects/images folder on your flash drive.

Step 1: Drag the image autumn-maple-leaves_w725_h544.jpg from your downloaded images folder to the Document Window.

A new image canvas displays in GIMP® the size of your image. The Title Bar displays information about the image – name, dimensions, size, type, etc.



Note: In one of the getting_started tutorials, you learned that there are two ways to open an image.

1. Use the File | Open option from the Menu bar
2. Drag an image from its storage location onto the document window.


As discussed previously, the difference between the two options is that the File | Open option opens a new document window for the new image. When you drag an image onto the document window or the image canvas, it does NOT open a new window.

A “background” layer displays in the Layers palette with the image as the background.



Step 2: Click the Text Tool  in the Toolbox.

Text options display below the Toolbox.

Click the Font icon  and select Snap ITC.

Click in the Size text box and type 120. Press the Enter key. The default font measurement is pixels, which is a common Web page measurement.

Click in the Color: icon to display the Text Color box. Colors can be selected as R-G-B colors or as HTML notation (hexadecimal). For now, click in the HTML notation text box and type `ffffff` to select white as the text color. It will display in the

 text box. Click OK.



Step 3: Click near the left of the Image canvas. When the GIMP® Text Editor displays, type AUTUMN and select the Use selected font option. Click Close.

The text displays on top of the image background:



A new layer named “AUTUMN” displays in the Layers palette.



Step 4: Place your cursor, which is in the shape of an I-beam and a diamond with four squares, on the text and drag the text to any position on the image. Close the GIMP® text editor.

Note: It is important that you click on the text itself and not inside the selected area or you will move the entire layer rather than just the text.


Step 5: Click on the Text layer, “AUTUMN” in the Layers palette.

It will be highlighted in blue.



Step 6: From the Menu Bar, select Layer | Transparency | Alpha to Selection to select only the text.

The text will be surrounded by a roving border (called "Marching Ants").

Step 7: In the Layers palette, select the text layer, "AUTUMN". Click the Delete icon  at the bottom of the Layers palette to delete the text layer.

The text displays on the background image surrounded by marching ants and the image shows behind the text layer.




Step 8. To remove the text layer from the Background, from the Menu Bar, click Select | Float.

A new Floating Selection ("Floated Layer") displays above the "Background" layer in the Layers palette.



Step 9: Right click on the “Floating Selection” layer in the Layer's palette and select New Layer.

This makes the text a separate layer. It is currently not visible.

Step 10: Click on the Visibility icon  to the left of the “Background” layer to remove the background from the display.

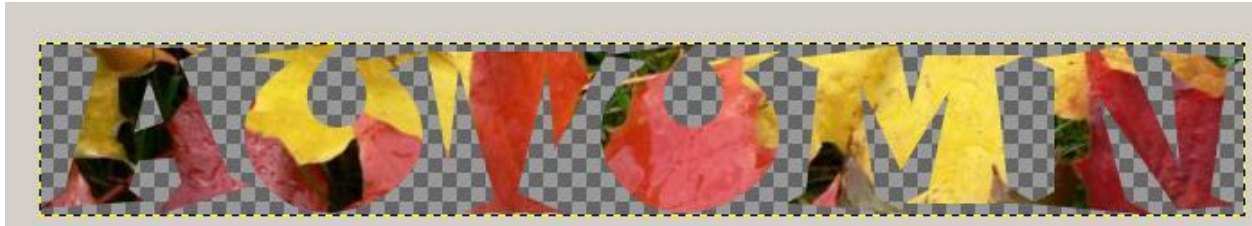


The text is filled with the image and the background displays as a light and dark gray checkerboard, which means that the background is transparent.

Because the original image was much larger than our current text image, you will want to crop (remove unwanted areas) from the image.

Step 10: Click on the “Floated Layer” in the Layer's palette and from the Menu Bar, select Image | Autocrop Image.

The checkerboard (transparent area) is adjusted to fit the image.



Step 11: From the Menu Bar, select File | **Save As**. At the Save Image dialog box , type `text_effects_image_fill_mm_yy` in the Name: text box.

Note: Notice that it is important to select the Save As option as the new image has the name of the image that was originally dragged onto the image canvas.

Click the Browse for other folders option and navigate to the `\PortableApps\GIMP\text_effects\images` folder .

Click the + sign to the left of Select File Type to expand the File Type choices. Click PNG Image and click the Save button.

At the Export File dialog box, click the Export button.


At the Save as PNG dialog box, click the Save button.

When the image is placed on a Web page with a colored background, the transparent areas of the image will display the background color.

The original image was a `.jpg` file, but a `.jpg` cannot save transparency so you must save the file as a `.gif` or a `.png`.

Note: You may also choose to save the image as a `.xcf` before saving it as a `.png`.

Step 12: From the Menu Bar, select File | Close to remove the completed project from the Document Window.

Step 13: Click the Close icon  on the document window to close the GIMP® application.