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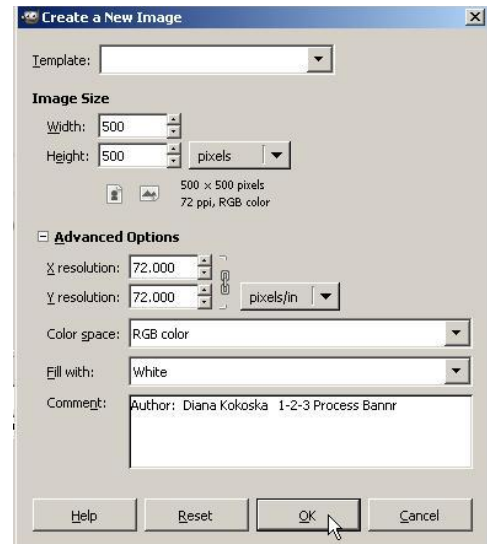
GIMP® is all about IT (Images and Text)

Before you begin this tutorial, you will need to download three images to represent download, install, and create! The choice of icons is up to you.

There are some interesting free icons at <http://www.bestfreeicons.com/>

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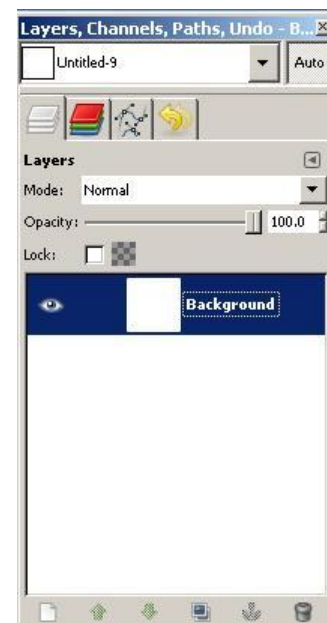
Step 1: To begin a new GIMP® project, from the Menu Bar, select File | New. At the Create a New Image dialog box, select a size and background color for your new image. I selected 500 x 500 with a white background.



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: From the Toolbox, change the Foreground color to brown (I selected 666148) and the Background color to white.

From the Menu Bar, select Edit | Fill with FG color.

Step 3: From the Layers palette, click the Create a new layer and add to image icon at the bottom of the Layers palette and at the New Layer dialog box, type `Rectangle1` and press Enter.

Step 4: With the “Rectangles” layer selected in the Layers palette, click the Rectangle Select Tool  from the Toolbox and draw a rectangle 150 x 175 pixels at the left edge of the screen and fill with the background color as shown below:



Step 5: With the “Rectangle” layer selected in the Layers palette, right click the layer and select Duplicate Layer two times.


Use the Move Tool from the Toolbox to drag the three layers and position as shown below:



Note: Be sure to leave enough space at the top for the title.

Rename the first duplicated layer `Rectangle2` and the second duplicated layer `Rectangle3`.


Step 6: With the “Rectangle1” layer selected in the Layers palette, right click and select New Layer... At the New Layer dialog box type Top Title in the Layer name: text box. Click the OK button.

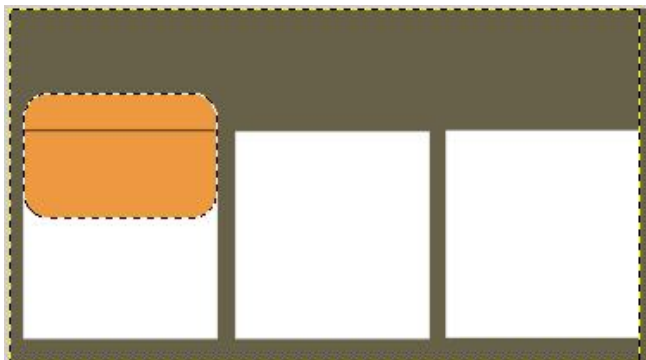
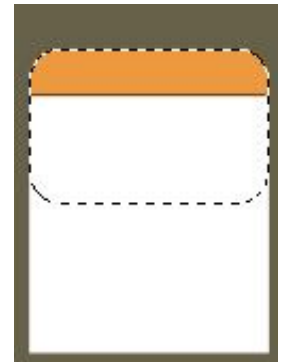
Click the Rectangle Select Tool in the Toolbox  and draw a rounded rectangle as shown below.


Note: Don't forget to select the rounded corners option in the Rectangle Select options and drag the opacity slider to create more rounded corners.

Change the Foreground color to orange (I selected `ec9940`) and fill the rounded rectangle with orange.

With the “Top Title” layer selected click the Paths

Tool  from the Toolbox and create an anchor point at the left and an anchor point at the right. Change the foreground color to brown. From the Menu Bar select Edit | Stroke Path and select a 1px line width and click the Stroke button.

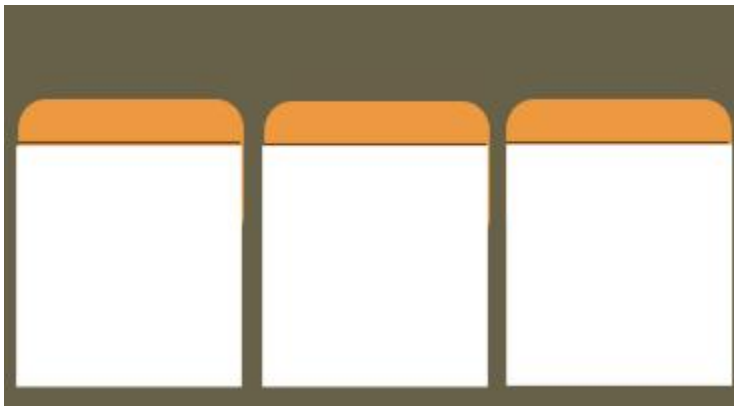



Select the Move Tool  from the Toolbox and drag the “Top Title” layer below the “Rectangle” layer in the Layers palette.

Step 7: Right click the “Top Title” layer in the Layers palette and select Duplicate Layer two times and drag one copied layer below the “Rectangle2” layer and one copied layer below the “Rectangle3” layer.

With the Move Tool selected in the Toolbox, click the “Top Title copy” layer in the Layers palette and in the image window drag the layer to the second rectangle and position.

Repeat for “Top Title copy #1” layer.

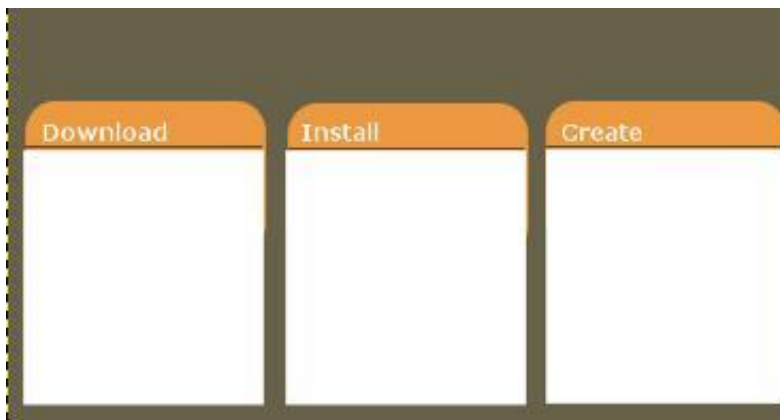


Step 9: With the “Top Title” layer selected in the Layers palette, click the Text Tool  in the Toolbox and in the Text options select a font type, a font size, and a font color. (I selected Segoe UI Bold 16px white). Click in the orange title and at the Gimp Text Editor, type Download and drag to position the text.

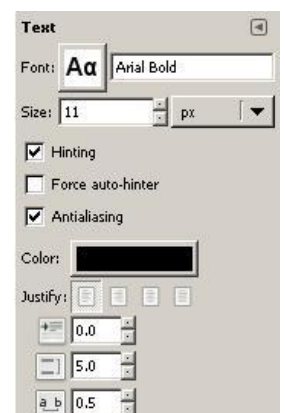
With the “Download” layer selected in the Layers palette, right click and select Duplicate Layer two times and drag the first copy layer above the “Rectangle 2” layer and the second copy layer above the “Rectangle3” layer.

With the Move Tool selected in the Layers palette, drag the copied layers and position.

In the Layers palette, double click the first copied text layer to open the GIMP Text Editor. Change the text to `Install`. Repeat for the second copied layer and change the text to `Create`.



Step 9: To add the main text, click in the “Rectangle1” layer in the Layers palette and click the Text Tool in the Toolbox. Select a font type, font size, and font color. (I selected Arial Bold 11px black) and in the Text options, change the line spacing to 5 and the character spacing to .5.



Click in the white rectangle on the image canvas and type



and click the Close button.

Step 10: With the text layer selected in the Layers palette, right click and select Duplicate Layer twice. Drag the first copied layer above the “Rectangle2” layer and the second copied layer above the “Rectangle3” layer in the Layers palette.

With the Move Tool selected in the Toolbox, drag the text layer to Rectangles 2 and 3.

In the Layers palette, double click the icon layer to open the GIMP Text Editor. Modify the text as shown below:



Step 11: With the “Rectangle” layer selected in the Layers palette and the Text Tool selected in the Toolbox, change the Line spacing and Character spacing back to 0, click the Color icon and select brown (666148), change the font face to Bookman Old Style Light and the size to 24px, and click in the first white rectangle and type step.

Duplicate the “step” layer twice and drag above the text layer of each rectangle and drag the text layer to the 2nd and 3rd rectangles.

Step 12: With the “Rectangle1” layer selected in the Layers palette, change the font size to 42 and the font face to Tahoma. Click in Rectangle 1 and type 1 in the GIMP Text Editor, position the text, and click the Close button.

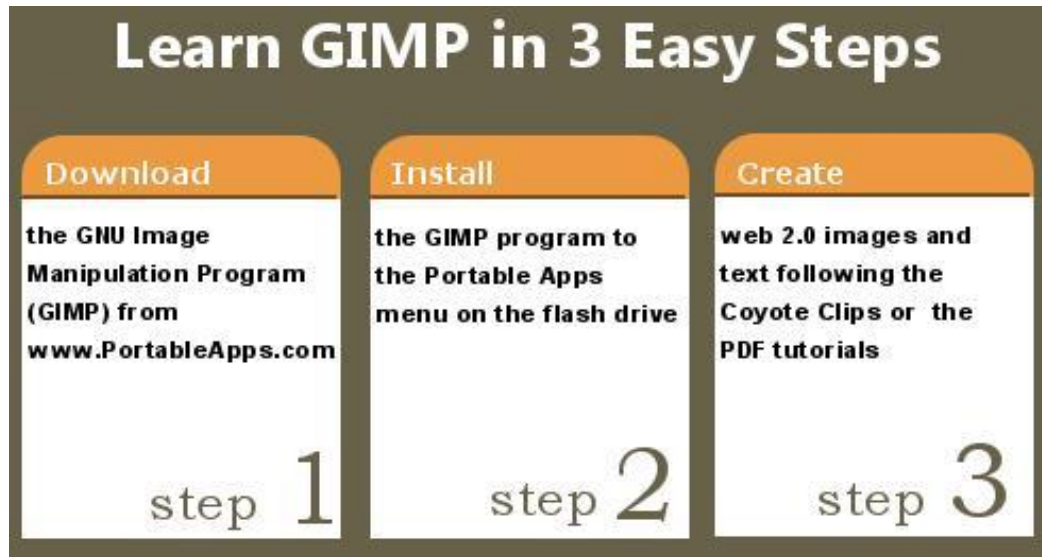
Repeat for the “Rectangle2” layer and the “Rectangle3” layer, replacing the 1 with a 2 and a 3.



Step 13: With the “Background” layer selected in the Layers palette and the Text Tool selected in the Toolbox, change the font

face to Segoe UI Bold, the size to 30px, and the color to white. Click in the Background on the image canvas and type Learn GIMP in 3 Easy Steps, drag to position, and click the Close button.

Note: If you want the registered trademark, type it in Microsoft Word and past the text into the GIMP Text Editor.




Step 14: Open the folder that contains the three images and drag an image onto the canvas. Click Layer | Scale Layer and size the layer to fit on the image – you may need to experiment.

Note: Remember that if you want to change the Width: without changing the Height: or vice-versa, you will need to

break the chain lock  to disable to lock aspect ratio.

Use the Move Tool to position the image and the Rotate Tool if you want to rotate the image.




Step 15: Click the Crop Tool  in the Toolbox and draw a rectangle around the completed image. Click in the center to accept the crop.

Step 16: Save the image in the `\PortableApps\GIMP\banners\images` folder as `1-2-3_download_mm_dd_yy.xcf`.

Step 17: From the Menu Bar, select Image | Scale Image... and at the Scale Image dialog box, click the measurement down arrow and select Percent. Type 75 in the Width: text box and press the Enter key.

Click the Scale button.

Step 18: Save the image again in the same folder with the same name as a .png file.

Note: You can also click the Visibility icon  to the left of the "Background" layer to turn on transparency and save the image as a .png file with another name if you want to place the image on another color background.