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Before you begin this tutorial, complete the following instructions to download and save a bulletin board pattern to the GIMP® patterns.

❶ In a browser, type http://www.morguefile.com . In the Search text box type `cork` and click the Search button.

❷ Save the image in the `\PortableApps\GIMP\banners\images` **folder as** `bulletin_board.jpg`.

❸ Open GIMP® and drag the `bulletin_board.jpg` image onto the image canvas.

❹ Click the Crop Tool from the Toolbox and draw a selection 150 x 150 px and accept the crop.
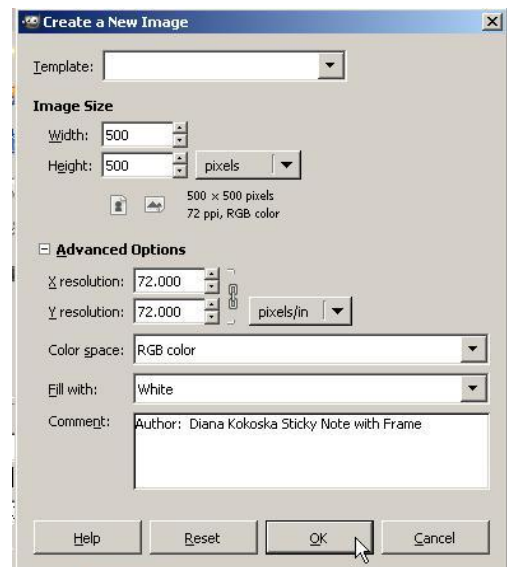
❺ Save the image in the

 folder as a

GIMP pattern with a .pat extension. At the Save as Pattern dialog box, type `BulletinBoard` as the Description:

❻Close the image window and the GIMP® application.

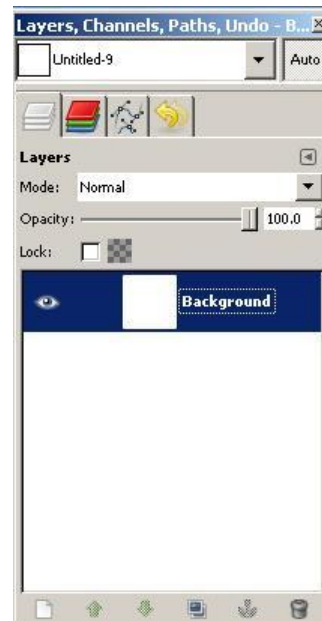The BulletinBoard pattern will be available the **next time** you open GIMP®.

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: Drag the `sticky_note_mm_dd_yy.png` file from the \PortableApps\GIMP\icons\images folder onto the image canvas.

A new layer named "sticky_note_mm_dd_yy.png" displays above the "Background" layer in the Layers palette and the sticky note displays on the image canvas.

Double click the "sticky_note_mm_dd_yy" layer name in the Layers palette, and type `Sticky Pad` and press the Enter key.
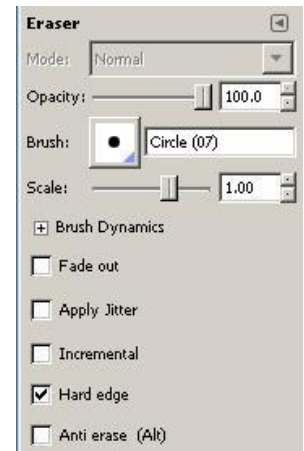
Step 3: With the "Sticky Pad" layer selected in the Layers palette, click the Create new layer and add to image icon and type `Tape` as the name of the new layer and click the <u>O</u>K button. The "Tape" layer displays above the "Sticky Pad" layer in the Layers palette.

Step 4: To create the transparent tape effect, click the Rectangle Select tool in the Toolbox and draw a rectangle approximately 200 pixels by 60 pixels. It doesn't matter where you position this for now.

In the Toolbox, change the FG color to a light gray (I selected dadad8).

From the Menu bar, select <u>E</u>dit | Fill with <u>F</u>G Color to fill the

rectangle with light gray .

Step 5: To create the jagged or torn effect on the edges of the tape, from the Toolbox select the

Eraser tool and in the Eraser options, click the Brush icon and select Circle (07) and click the checkbox to the left of Hard edge.

Change the FG color to the white.

Drag the cursor along the left and right sides of the rectangle using a "z" stroke (jagged).
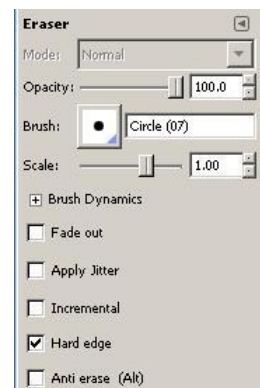
The left and right edges of the tape are jagged.

Step 6: Now add some highlights. From the

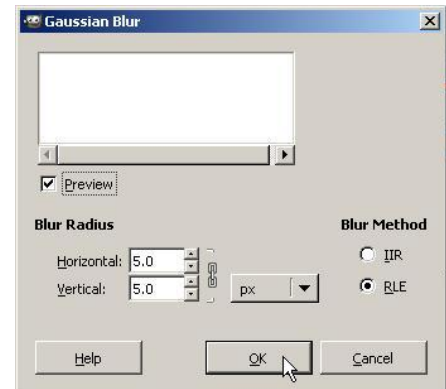Toolbox, select the Airbush tool . Click the Brush: icon and select a Circle Fuzzy (13).

Drag diagonally from top to bottom, randomly

adding small brush dots to achieve the effect below.

Step 7: Right click on the "Tape" layer in the Layers palette and select Duplicate Layer. A new "Tape copy Layer" displays above the "Tape" layer.
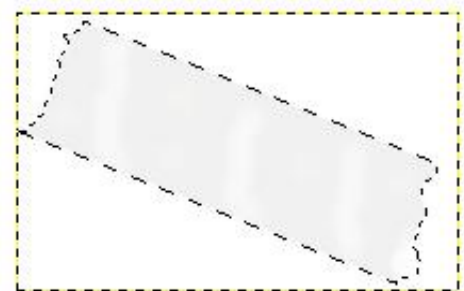
Click the "Tape copy" layer and from the Menu bar, select Filters | Blur | Gaussian Blur. From the Gaussian Blur dialog box, select a Blur radius of 3 and click the OK button.

Click the "Tape copy" layer and right click and select Merge Down. The two tape layers become one.

Step 8: With the "Tape" layer selected, drag the Opacity slider in the Layers palette to approximately 35 to lighten the tape and give it a transparent effect.

With the "Tape" layer selected in the Layers palette, from the Toolbox, click the Rotate Tool and click on the tape and drag to a diagonal angle and click the OK button.

A new layer "Floating Selection (Transformation)" displays above the Tape layer in the Layers palette. With the new layer selected, click the Create a new layer and add to image icon at the bottom of the Layers palette to convert the floating layer to a normal layer.

Step 9: Right click on the "Transformation" layer and select Merge Do<u>w</u>n to combine the "Transformation" and "Tape" layers.

Right click the "Tape" layer and select Al<u>p</u>ha to Selection to select the tape.

From the Menu Bar, select <u>L</u>ayer | Autocrop Lay<u>e</u>r. This is an important step because when you position the tape in the next step, you will have a smaller layer to move.

Step 10: Click the Move Tool in the Toolbox and at the Move options, select the Move the active layer option.

Drag the "Tape" layer and position the tape on the upper right corner of the sticky pad.

The sticky pad appears as shown below:

Note: If the tape appears too dark, you may need to click the "Tape" layer in the Layers palette and drag the Opacity: slider to the left until the tape is semi-transparent.

Step 11: To add text to the sticky pad, select the "Sticky Pad" layer in the Layers palette and click on the Text tool ![A] in the Toolbox. In the Text options, select a font face, size, and color. (I selected Dadhand, 36 px, Black). You may want to download and install some free handwriting fonts.

Click on the sticky pad on the image canvas and type `web 2.0.` Click the Rotate Tool in the Toolbox and drag the text layer to give it the proper slant.

Select the "Sticky Pad" layer in the Layers palette and repeat the steps above typing
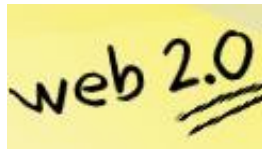
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Use the Rotate Tool to provide the proper slant.

Step 12: To underline the '0' in 'web 2.0', click the "web 2.0" layer in the Layers palette.

Click the Paintbrush tool in the Toolbox and in the Paintbrush options, click the Brush icon and select Calligraphic Brush #2. Drag the Scale slide to .24 to make the stroke narrower. Click and drag two lines under the "0".

Step 13: Select the Crop Tool from the Toolbox and draw a rectangle around the completed image. (Don't forget to include the tape in the rectangular selection) After adjusting the crop boundaries, click in the center of the selection to accept the crop. The tape will be more obvious when you change the BG fill color to the BulletinBoard pattern fill that you downloaded earlier.

Step 14: Select the "Background" layer in the Layers palette, and in the Toolbox, select the Bucket Fill Tool . In the Bucket Fill options, select the Pattern Fill option under Fill Type and select

BulletinBoard (150 x 150) and click on the white background of the image to fill it with the pattern.

Step 15: With the "Background" layer selected in the Layers palette, from the Menu Bar select Filters | Décor | Add Border… At the Add Border dialog box, select an X of 12, a Y of 12 (the width of the border) and a color of light gray (c9c9ce) and click the OK button.

The image is outlined by a 12-pixel metallic gray border.

Step 16: From the Menu Bar, select File | Save and at the Save Image dialog box, save the image in the `\PortableApps\GIMP\banners\images` folder as `bulletin_board_mm_dd_yy.xcf` (replacing the mm_dd_yy with the current month, day and year).

Step 17: Save the graphic again in the same folder with the same name with a .png extension.