

# GIMP 2.10

## How tos

### Apply transparent background in GIMP

1. Select Layer → Transparency → Add Alpha Channel
2. Select the background using the Fuzzy Selection Tool (Magic Wand) and press the Del key.

GIF will allow you single-color transparency, while PNG has full alpha channel support.

See also [GIMP Watermark removal](#)

### Text along path

1. Select a path with the *Fuzzy Select Tool*
2. Select menu **Select → To Path**
3. Select the *Flip Tool*
4. Select *Affect: Path* and *Flip Type: Vertical*
5. Click into the layer with the selection to flip the path
6. Select the *Text Tool* and type the text
7. Right click into the text box and select *Text along Path*
8. Select menu **Layer → New Layer**
9. Select *Path to Selection* in window *Paths - Brushes / Open the paths dialog*
10. Select the *Pencil Tool* and paint the text
11. Select menu **Layer → Transform → Arbitrary Rotation**, set the center point, and rotate the text
12. Right click on the temporary layer *Floating Selection* in window *Layers - Brushes* and select *To new Layer*
13. Delete any layers not needed anymore

This is for text along a circle in the bottom of the circle. For the text on top of the circle, omit steps 3-5.

### Links

- [Text along Path](#)
- [Text Along Path - GIMP 2.8 Tutorial For Beginners](#)

## Remove background

1. Right-click on the layer, select *Layers -> Add Alpha Channel*
2. Right-click on the layer, select *Layers -> Duplicate Layer* (not necessary, just to be save to have a backup)
3. Make copy visible only, then *Select All*, then select the *Fuzzy Select Tool* and click into the

background area

4. Select *Selection to path*, and again *Path to selection*, and make the path visible
5. Right-click on the layer, select *Add Layer Mask...*, choose *Selection* and click *Add*
6. Go to *Image -> Fit Canvas to Selection*, and save

- [How to Erase and Replace Any Image Background in GIMP 2.10](#)
- [GIMP 2.10 Basics: Using the Foreground Select Tool](#)
- [Fix dark photos the right way](#)

## Plugins

### Resynthesizer

Resynthesizer allows you to remove watermarks and similar from an image. Download it from the [GIMP Plugin Registry](#) or [my wiki](#). Move all files to `GIMPPortable\Data\gimp\plug-ins\`.

For an example, see [GIMP Watermark removal](#)

## Change color of text within selection

- Select layer with color area to be changed, *Select -> All*, select this color area with the *Fuzzy Select Tool*, *Select -> Invert*.
- Select layer with text and click text within color area, this should result in selection around text within color area. Make layer with color area invisible.
- Click *Select -> Selection Editor*, set *Opacity* to 100, *Threshold* to 80 (normal font weight) or 120 (bold), *Fill by* to Alpha, and enable *Antialiasing*. Shrink the selection by 1px in *Select -> Shrink*.
- Select *Bucket Fill Tool*, choose foreground color, and click on each letter within the color area.

## Text along path

- Create selection, for example a circle, then select *Selection to path*.
- *Invert* the selection if the text needs to follow  $\wedge$  instead of  $\vee$ . Select *Invert* and click next to the path.
- Write the text and select *Text along path*.
- Create new layer and select *Path to selection*. Hide other layers and fill the selection with color.

## Tutorials

- [Text along path](#)
- [Pool League icons](#)

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