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

Alternate text along path

- Create selection, for example a circle, then select *Selection to path*.
- *Invert* the selection if the text needs to follow /\ instead of \/. 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.

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.

Tutorials

- Text along path
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