A practical guide to

GIMPSHOP

version2.8

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# 1.Introduction

Gimpshop is a FREE, downloadable photo and image editing software program, used by people to creatively manipulate and enhance images to create something new.

# 2.Usage

Available for most operating systems, including Windows, Mac OS X, Linux and Solaris, **Gimpshop,** today is being used by designers, graphic artists, students, photographers and web professionals worldwide to:

* design leaflets, banners and hoardings
* book and CD covers
* enhance photographs
* product ads
* digital illustrations
* Web banners or website interface designs.

# 3.Download and Installation

You can download Gimpshop2.8 from its official website https://www.gimpshop.com

Click on the green button(as shown below) in the homepage

Get Gimpshop - It's Free!

The installation is hassle free and will require a few minutes

# 4. Working with Gimpshop

## 4.1 Insert Images and Add Text onto your Document

1. Go to File Menu> Select **New** or press **CTRL +N** in your keyboard.
2. The new document window will pop up. Set the dimensions as per your requirement. Click OK. Your new document will be visible.

## 4.1.1 Apply Foreground Color

1. In your Tools Palette, click on the Foreground color box. Select the colour of your choice and click OK.
2. Go to Edit menu>Select **Fill with Foreground Color** option   
    OR

Press CTRL and comma(,) together in your keyboard

## 4.1.2 Apply Background Color

1. In your Tools Palette, click on the Background color box. Select the colour of your choice and click OK.
2. Go to Edit menu>Select **Fill with Background Color** option   
    OR

Press CTRL and fullstop(.) together in your keyboard

## 4.1.3 Insert image/ images

1. Go to File Menu > Select option **Open as Layer**
2. Browse your computer and select the image that you wish to insert. Click OK.
3. Now select the scale tool > click on your newly inserted image.   
   The Scale menu will pop up.
4. Pressing the CTRL key in your keyboard, scale the image to your desired size. When satisfied, click on the Scale button in the menu

**OR**

In the Layers Palette, Right click on the newly inserted image thumbnail and select option **Layer to image size**.

5. Use the Move Tool to align and place your image in correct position.

## 4.1.4 Add Text

1. Click on the Text Tool
2. Drag on the document area, then click with your mouse within the new area to enable the text cursor.
3. Now type in your text.
4. Select the newly typed-in text and Click on the text box options to **change font(text**), **font size, font color, adjust line settings and letter settings** to achieve the desired look of your text.

## 4.1.5 Cut/extract an image and place it in a separate background with Path Tool

1. Select Image,
2. In the Layers Palette, right click on the image thumbnail> Add Alpha Channel
3. Select the Path tool,
4. Make an outline of your selection Go to path tab. Right Click> Choose Path to Selection
5. Go to Select Menu>Select Invert. This will select the unselected areas of your image.
6. Now go to Edit> Select Clear

## 4.1.6 Save File

To Save your file in workable gimpshop format,

1. Go To File > Select Save
2. Type in a proper name of your file.
3. Press Save to save file in your machine.

To Save file in another format

1. Go To File > Select Export As
2. Type in a proper name of your file.
3. Select the desire file extension. Eg **.jpeg, png** etc
4. Press Export to save file in your machine.