

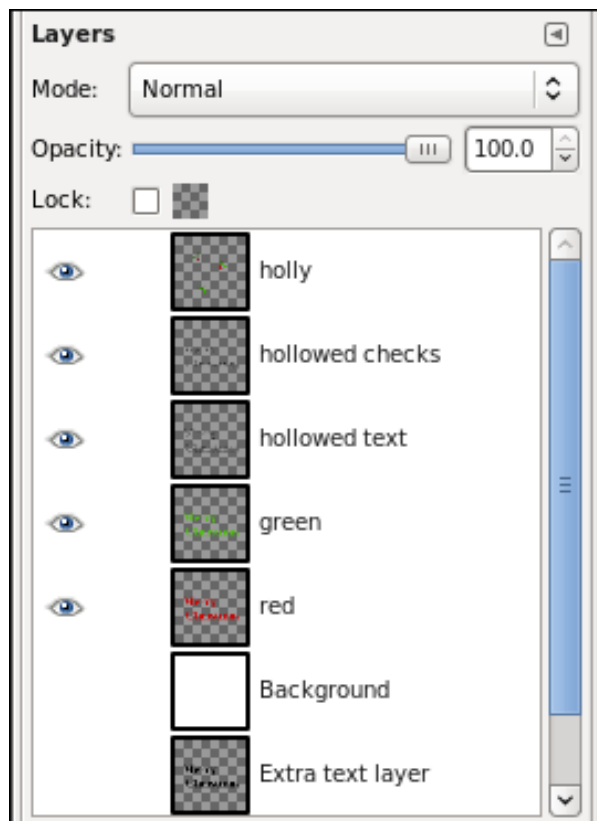
## Checkered Text Tutorial

Keep in mind my colors, sizes, etc., are not carved in stone. I used Times New Roman Bold font because almost everyone has it. A prettier, fancier font would look nice. This is simply how I did mine and you may want to get more creative.



1. Make a new image, 550 x 550 and fill with white.
2. Foreground color Black. Times New Roman Bold text, size 95. Write your text. Center it in the image, right-click the text layer and do Layer to image size. Duplicate the text layer and move the duplicate down below the white Background layer. (It's a spare for just in case). Right-click the top text layer and do alpha to selection. Select > To path.
3. For now, click the eye next to the black text to turn it off.
4. Activate the white background layer by clicking it.
5. Make a new transparent layer and name it, red. Fill the selection with red (d90000).
6. With the red layer still activated, make another new transparent layer and name it, green. Fill the selection with green(48c700).
7. Click the top black text layer to activate it and turn on the eye to the left of it. Select > Shrink 1. Press Delete. Rename the layer, hollowed text. You will see the green layer in the hollowed text. Keep the selection.
8. Now is a good time to save your image. File > Save As. Name it checkered text and browse to where you want to save it. Ctrl + D to duplicate the image and close checkeredtext.xcf. If you make a mistake you will still have your main text layers and paths intact for another try at it.

9. Make a new transparent layer and name it, hollowed checks.
10. Make the Foreground color Black and the Background color White. Render > Pattern > Checkerboard > Size 6px. OK
11. The text is black and white checks. Select > None.
12. Colors > Color to Alpha. The color box should be White (ffffff). OK. You will see black and green checked text.
13. Right-click the hollowed checks layer > Layer to Selection. Select > Shrink 1. OK
14. Press the Delete key..
15. Activate the green layer, and press the Delete key. Select > None Now you will see green and red checks within the black checks borders.
16. Turn off the eyes next to the white Background layer and the extra text layer at the bottom.
17. The layer below shows the layer positions.



18. Turn off the eyes next to the white Background layer and the extra text layer at the bottom.
19. Right click any one of the layers > Merge Visible Layers.
20. Turn the eye back on next to the white Background layer.
21. Click the top (checkered text) layer and make a new, transparent layer and name it, holly.
22. Decorate with the Holly4 brush or any other brush. I've attached my animated holly4.gih brush below.

23. Merge the holly down to the text. Add a drop shadow. Filters > Light & Shadow > Drop Shadow.

Offsets X & Y = 4

Blur Radius = 8

Opacity = 50

Finished. I hope you liked my tutorial.

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