

Gimp Tutorial – Photo and Text Merge

Learn how to have part of your photo as a word or text.

Open your Gimp program and bring in the photo you want to use, duplicate it (always a good idea)

Turn off the lower layer by clicking on the eye next to it on the left. Right click on the top layer and click Add Alpha Channel.

Now you are going to add text, click on the A in your toolbox and pick a fat bold font, I picked Popular Ltd Bold. Now hold your left mouse button down and drag a rectangle where you want your text to appear.

Type your word or text in your Gimp Text Editor box.

Click Close and right click on your layer,

Click on Discard Text Information to turn your text layer into a normal layer.

Click again on your layer this time click Alpha To Selection.

Now go to your Toolbox and click on the Scale Tool.

Set your setting under Scale – Transform to Layer by clicking on the little red square.

Hold your left mouse button and drag your text so it covers the rectangle. Click Scale.

Turn off your layer and activate your Background Copy Layer by clicking on it.

Click now on your Rectangle Select Tool in your Toolbox, make sure the settings are set to Add to

current Selection: Rectangle -Select – then second from left (see below) and while holding your left

mouse button down , drag, starting in the left upper corner down to where you meet the selected text.

Now you go Edit/ Copy Visible.

Then again Edit/ but this time Paste As/ New Layer.

Turn your background cope layer off and there you have it!

Now go Select/ None to dismiss the selection.

Save your photo as it is now ready to use in one or more of your scrapbooking projects. To save your

photo go to File/ Save As, browse for the folder you want to save it in, click on the little cross next to

Select File Type (by Extension) at the bottom and pick the PNG extension to preserve the transparency .

I hope you enjoyed this tutorial.