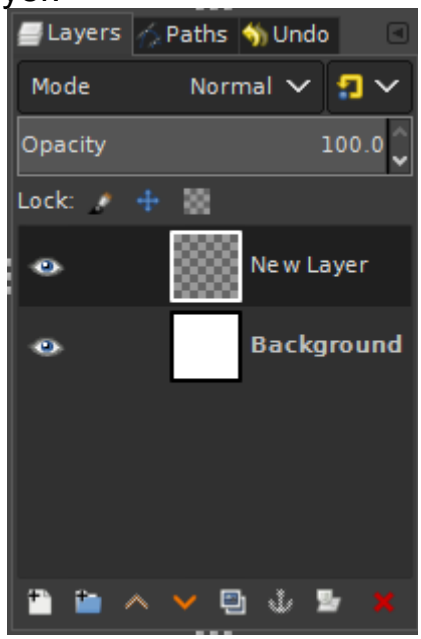
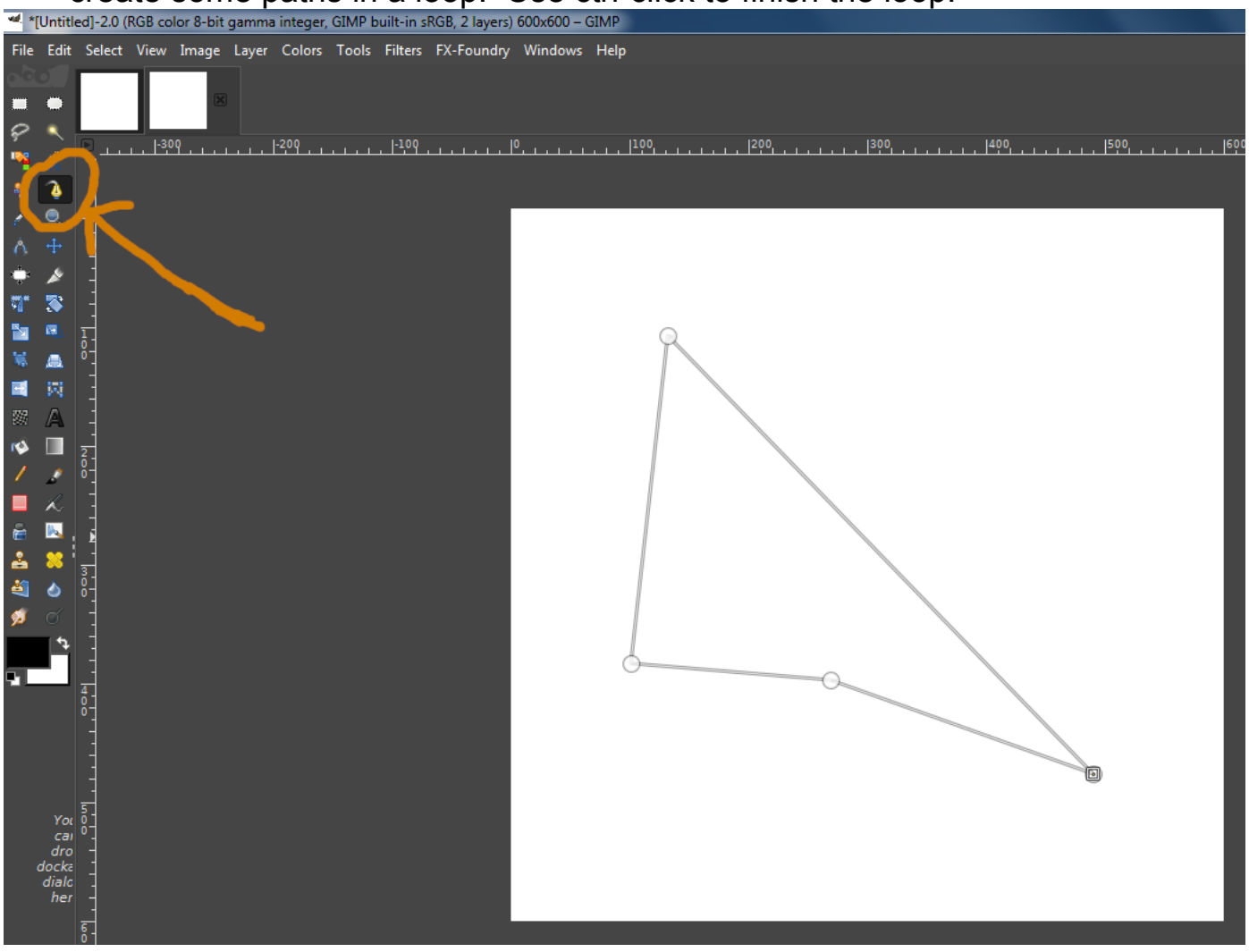
Creating temporary brushes for mandala painting

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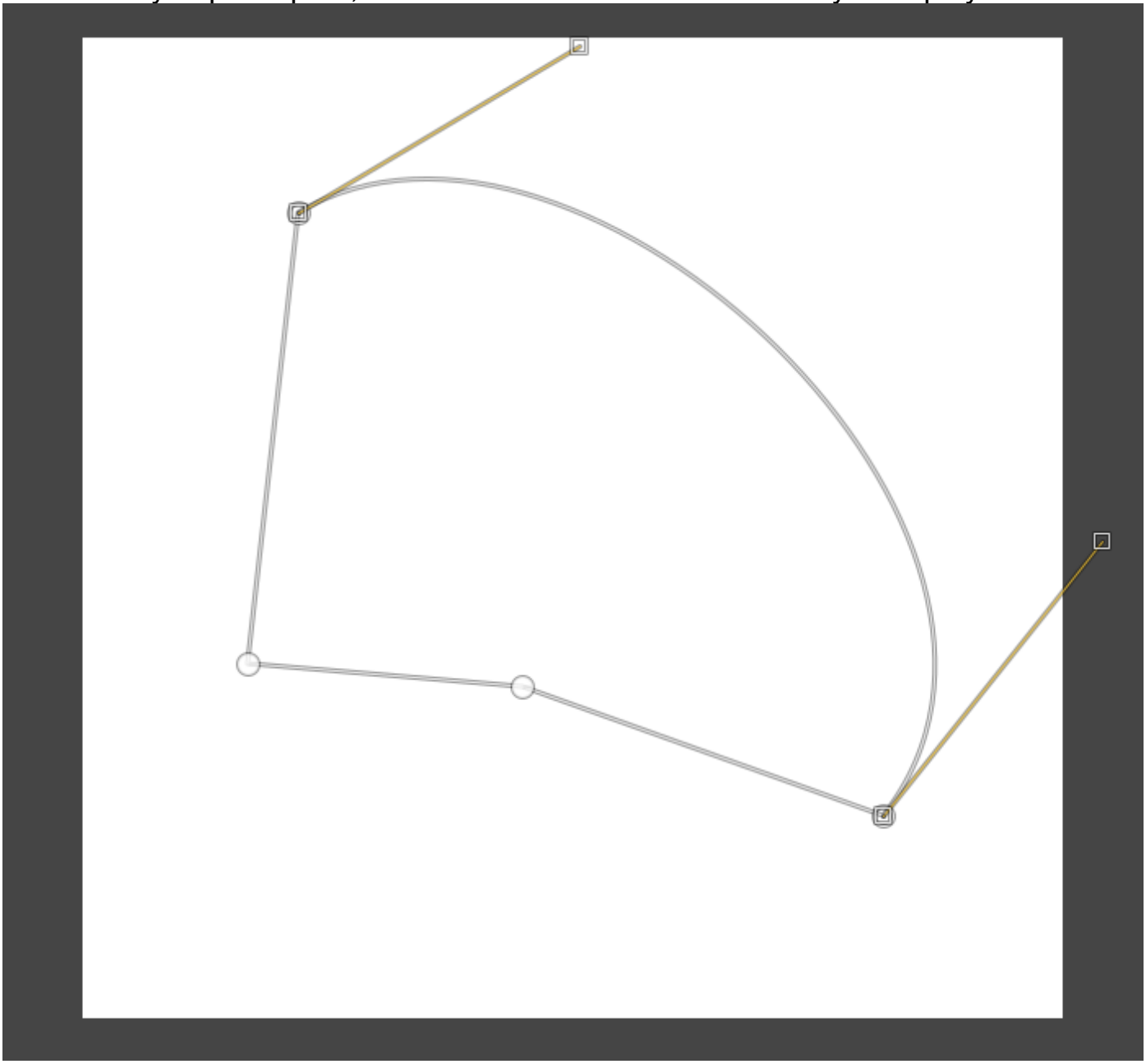
- Create a new square image whichever size you like and add a new transparent layer. I am using 2000x2000. Create another new square image 600x600 and add a new transparent layer.



- On your 600x600 image, on the transparent layer, select the paths tool and create some paths in a loop. Use ctrl-click to finish the loop.



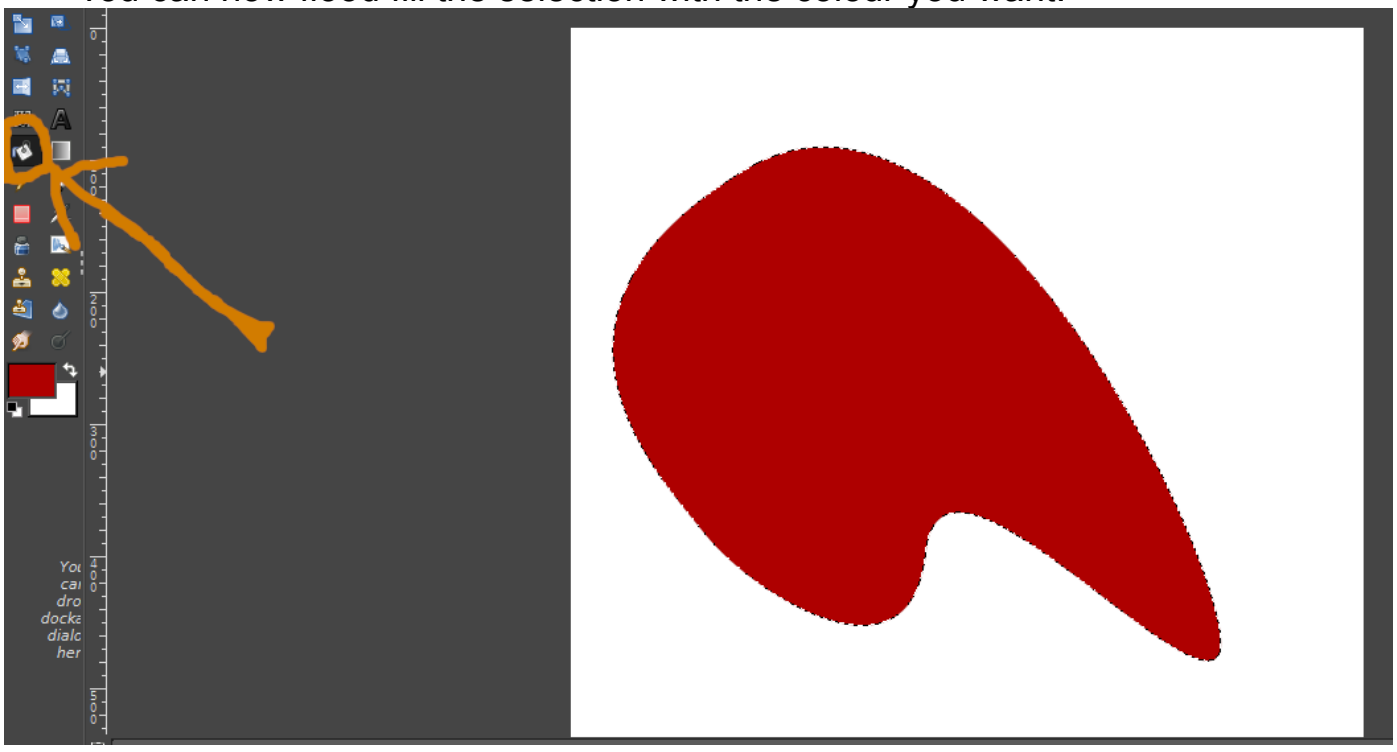
- When you pull a path, it will bend and create handles for you to play with.



- Holding the shift key while you do this will ensure a smooth curve between paths. Continue until you are happy with the shape, then click enter to create a selection.

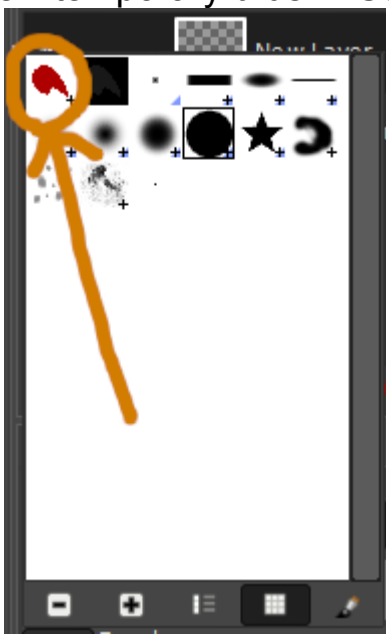


- You can now flood fill the selection with the colour you want.

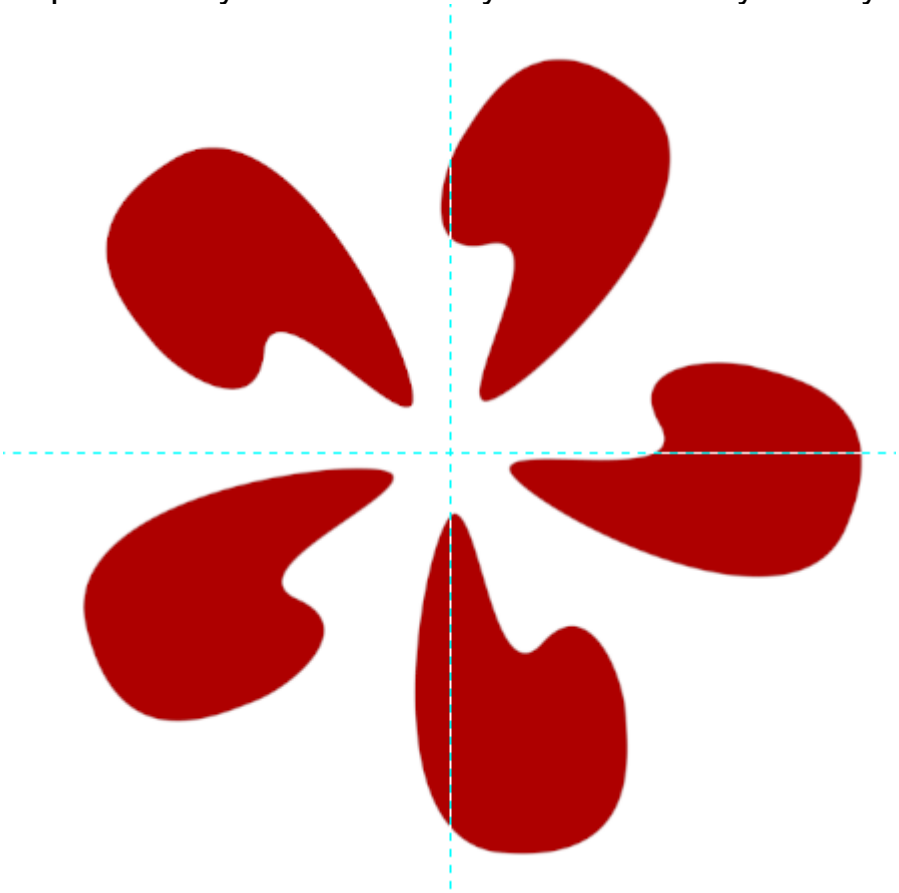


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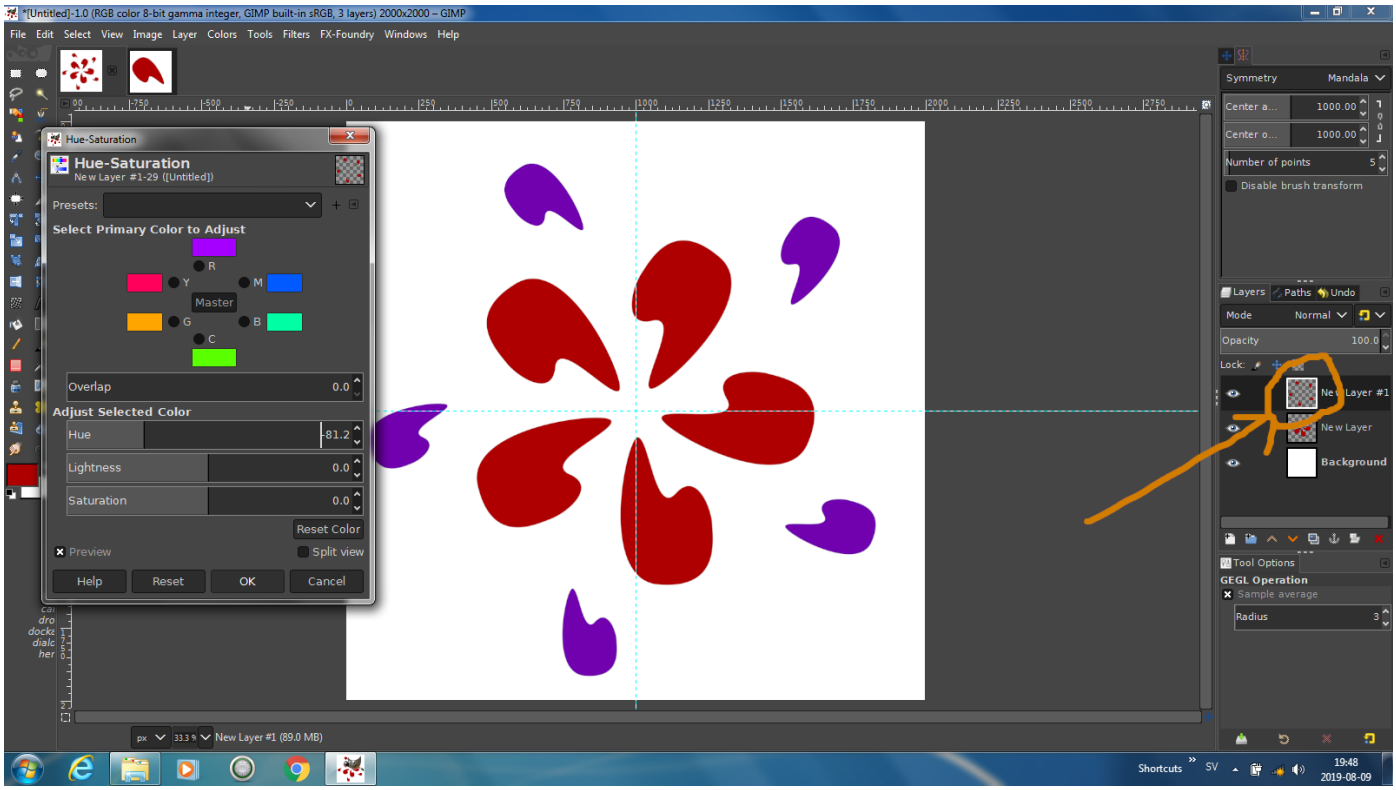
- Press ctrl+C to copy the brush to the clipboard. Now switch to your first image and select the paintbrush tool. Open the brush selector and in the top left hand corner you will see your new temporary brush. Select it.



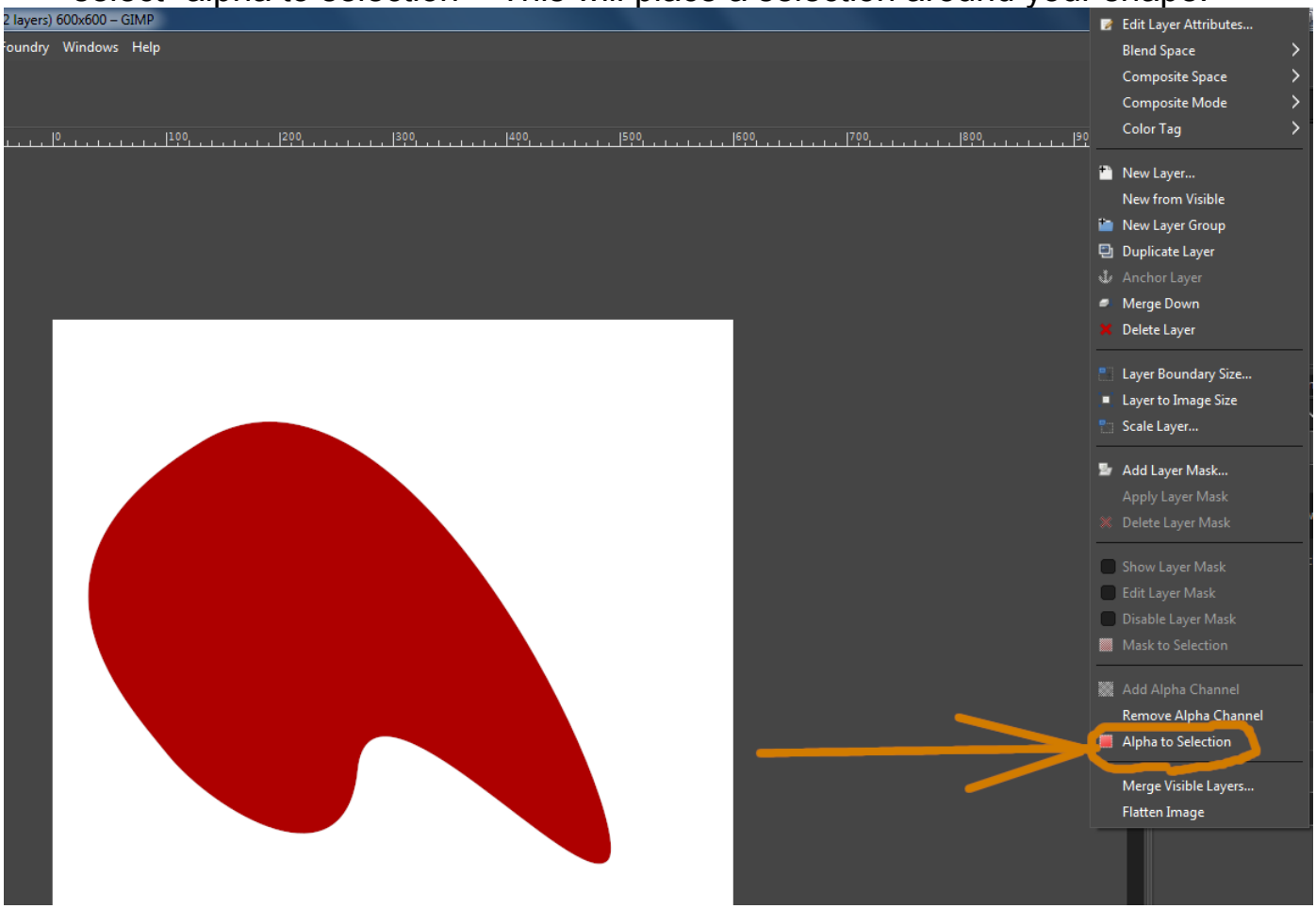
- You can now paint with your brush with your mandala symmetry settings on.



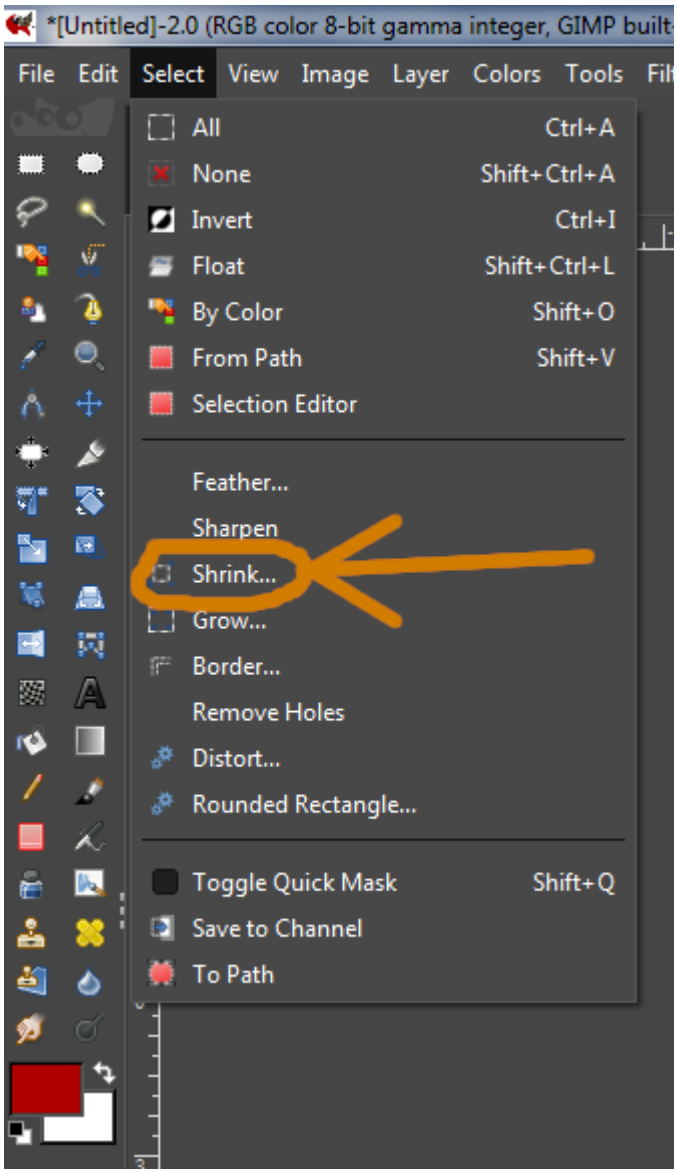
- You can resize the brush, paint on new transparent layers and use filters to change the colour.



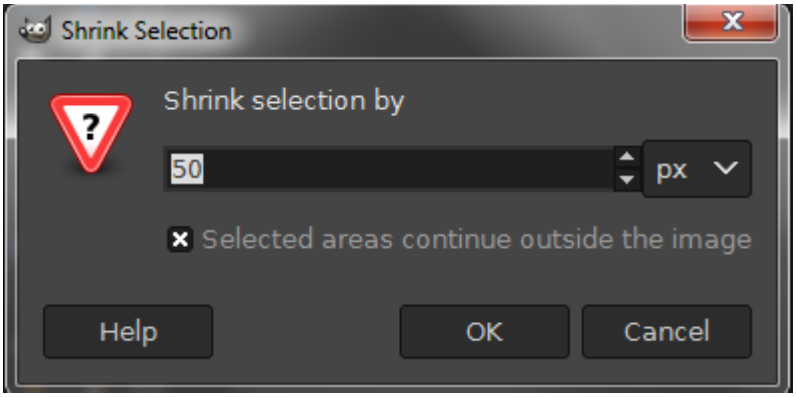
- Switch back to your 600x600 image, right click the transparent layer icon and select ”alpha to selection” This will place a selection around your shape.



- Now use ”Select/Shrink” to shrink the selection.



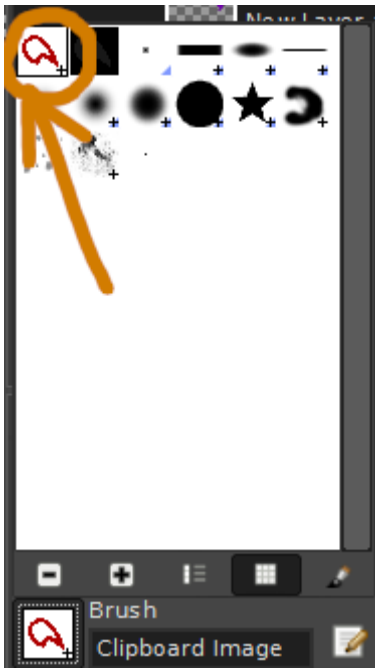
- I used 50 pixels.



- Press either delete or ctrl+x to remove the center.
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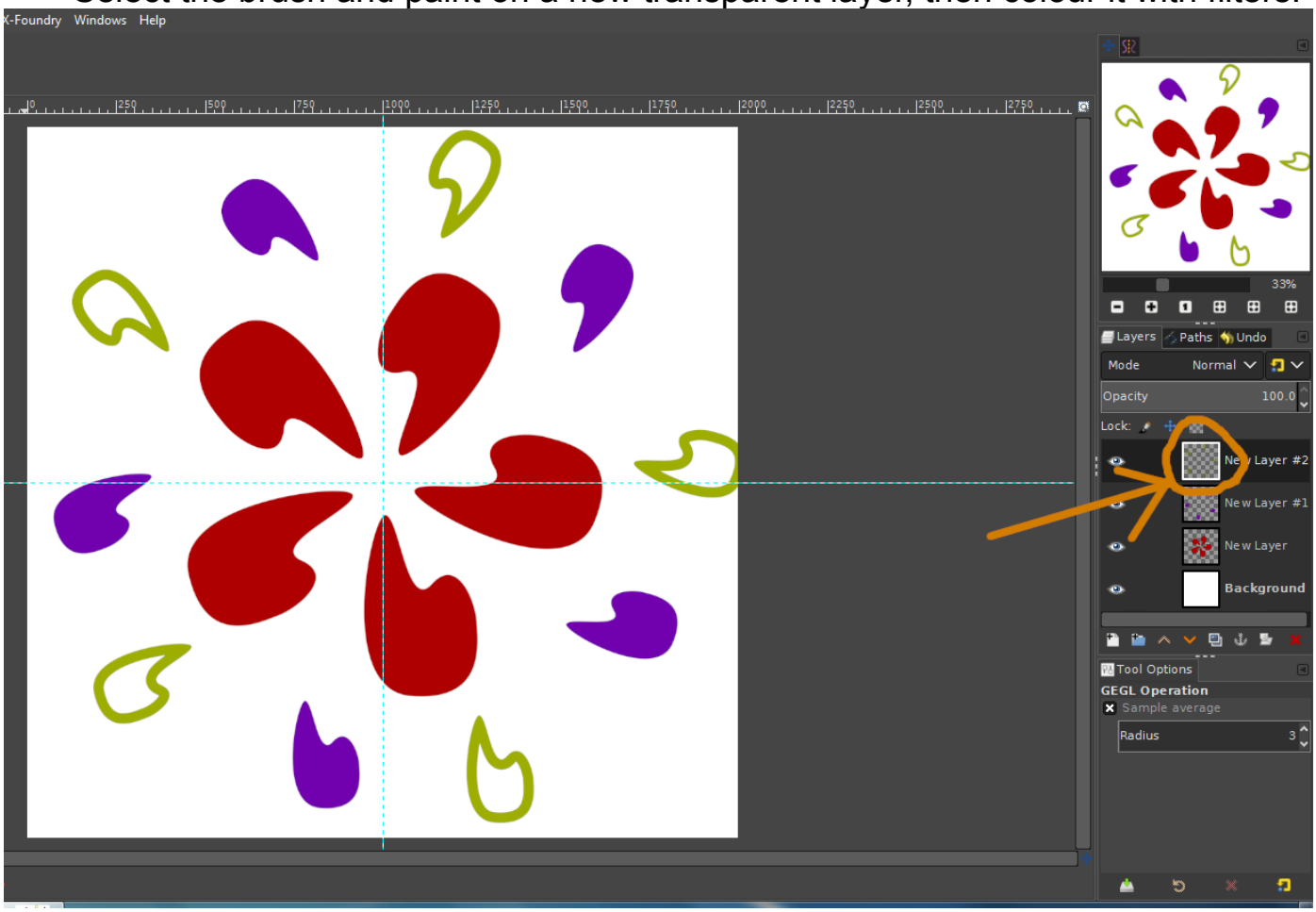


- Go back to your mandala image and open the brush selector. You will see your new brush in the top left hand corner.



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- Select the brush and paint on a new transparent layer, then colour it with filters.



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