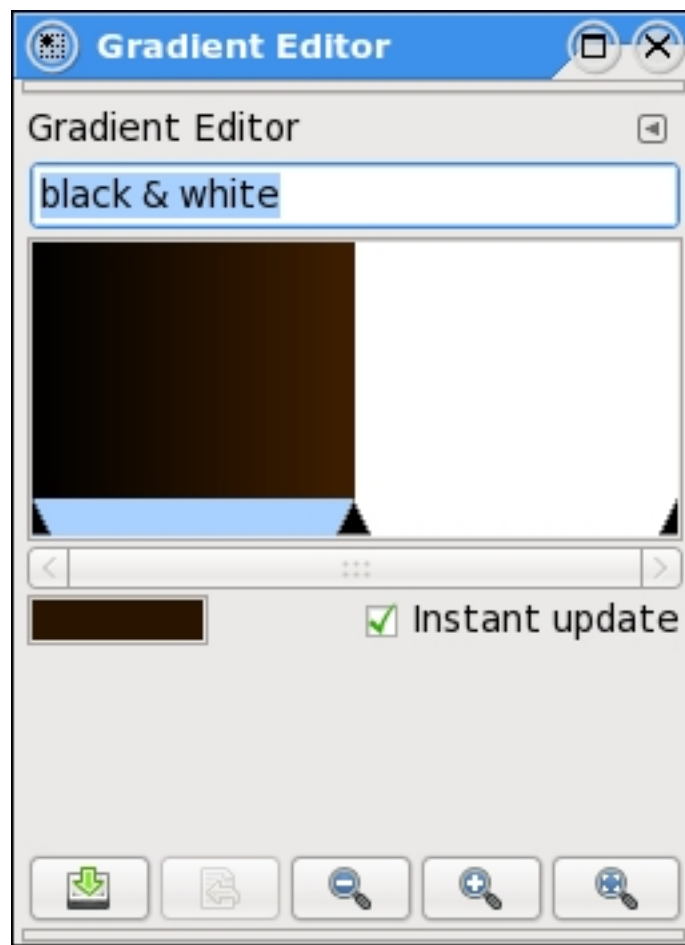


Swirled Text

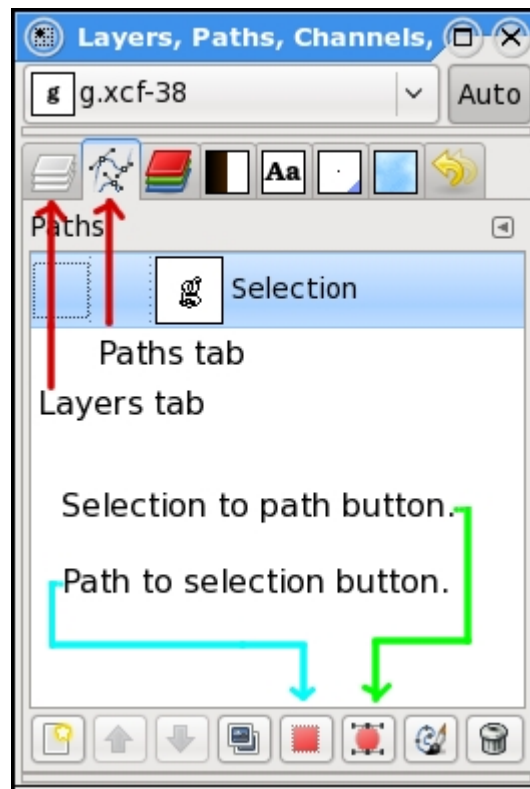


This is another tutorial that was <http://www.wingimp.org/tutorial/g/g.html> and the website is no longer accessible. I don't know the author's name so I can't give deserved credit for the tutorial. The tutorial was called, "g."

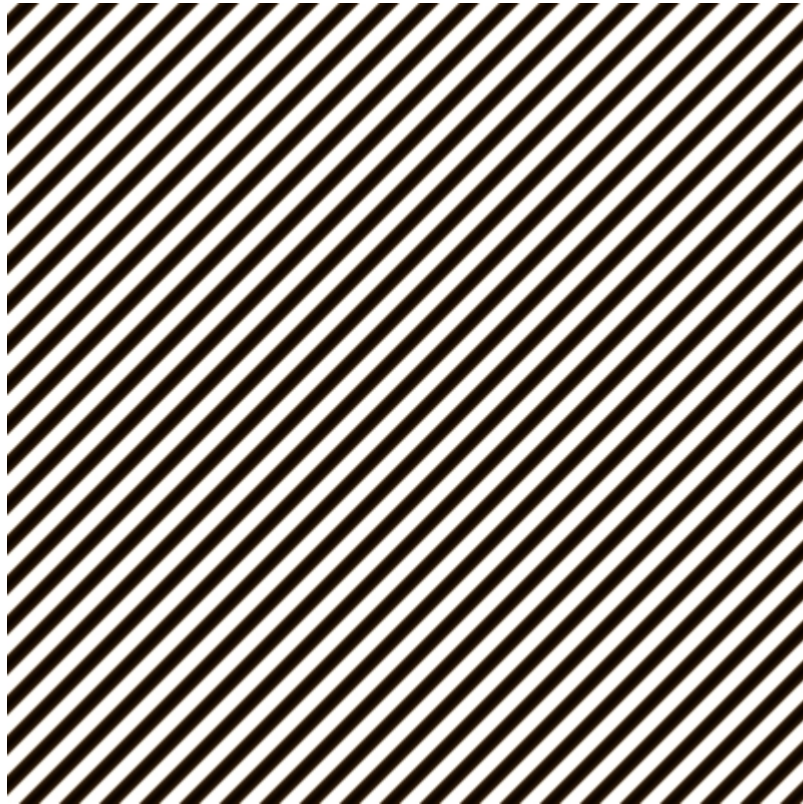
1. Create a gradient like this or browse to <http://gimpchat.com/viewtopic.php?f=10&p=181#p181> and download the gradient there.



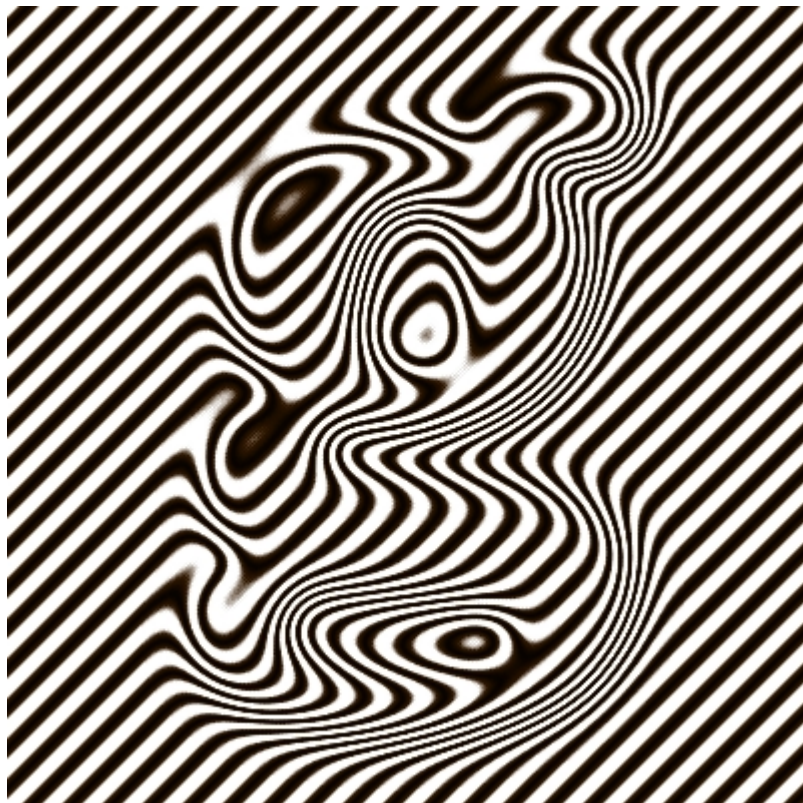
2. Create a new image, 400x400px, fill with white and rename the layer **blur**.
3. Make a new layer and put some text on it.
4. Use the **Move Tool** to manually center the text as best you can. It doesn't have to be perfect. Just make sure there is space around all of it.
5. Right-click the text layer and select, **Alpha to Selection**.
6. **Ctrl + I** to **Invert** the selection.
7. Click the **Paths** tab in the Layers palette and click the **Selection to Path** button at the bottom of the dialog.
8. Click the **Layers** tab in the Layers palette.



9. **Ctrl + Shift + A** to unselect.
Right-click the text layer and merge it down to the blur layer.
10. Filters > blur > Gaussian Blur. Make both of the settings **30**.
11. Create a new layer and name it **stripes**.
12. Select the **Blend (gradient) Tool** and select the **black & white** gradient you downloaded.
13. Use these settings in the gradient dialog:
 - **Shape:** Bi-linear
 - **Repeat:** Triangular Wave
 - Check **Adaptive supersampling** and use the default settings.
14. Fill the stripes layer with a diagonal gradient. Press the Ctrl key and check the size at the bottom of the image. 4, 4 to 6, 6 make nice sized stripes.

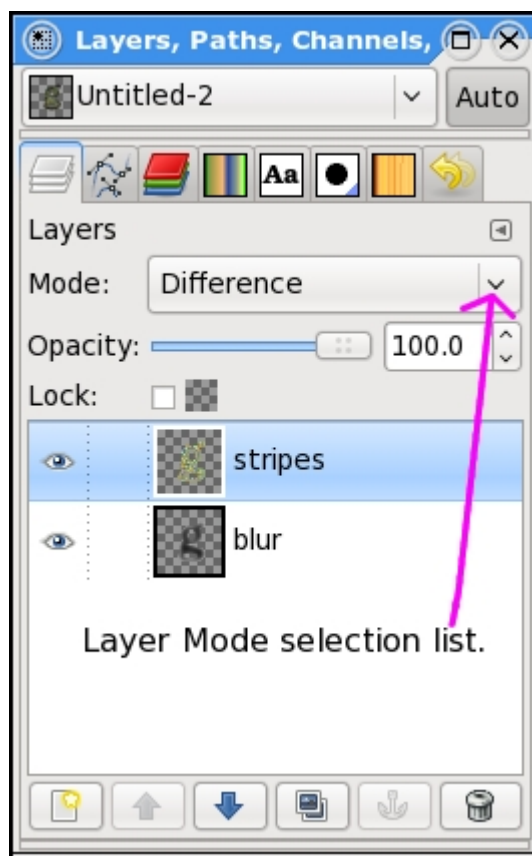


15. Filters > Map > Displace. Use the default settings and choose the **blur** layer in both dropdown lists.



16. Click the **Paths** tab in the Layers palette and click the **Path to Selection** button.
17. Click the **Layers** tab. Select the **blur** layer and press the Delete key.
18. Select the stripes layer and press the Delete key.

19. Change the layer **Mode** of the **stripes** layer to **Difference**.



20. Merge the stripes layer down to the blur layer. You're finished.

This looks nice done in other color gradients too.



Note: In Step 20 experiment with the various layer modes when using multicolored gradients. [b]Grain Merge[/b] makes the text much brighter.

