

Golden Photo Corners

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1. File > Open > Gold Corner Example.png (*Ctrl + O*).



When creating four corners to help add style to your image, you want to do all 4 corners at the same time. Creating a set with the same style of color and lighting to match each other. It is also a good idea to create your corners larger than you really need them, making it easier to add details and other things.

2. Next, duplicate opened layer (*Ctrl + Shift + D*) and rename to “Gold Corners”

3. Then, click the switch button for the visibility of the bottom layer to hide it, and keep the top layer selected to work with.

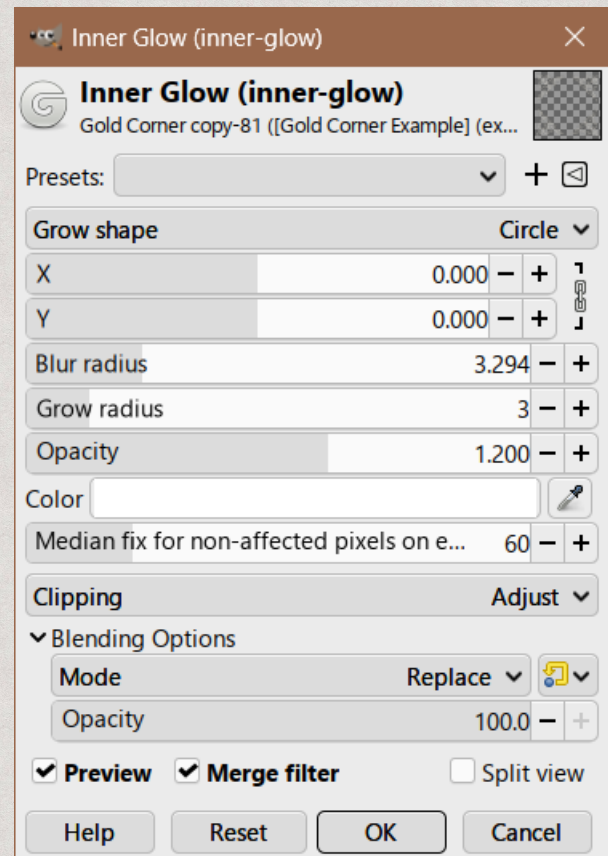
4. Now, duplicate top layer again (*Ctrl + Shift + D*).

5. Main Menu > Filter > Light and Shadow > Inner Glow and use the setting shown, and click OK.

6. Next, from the main menu > Layer > Merge Down.

7. Now go to Colors > Value Invert.

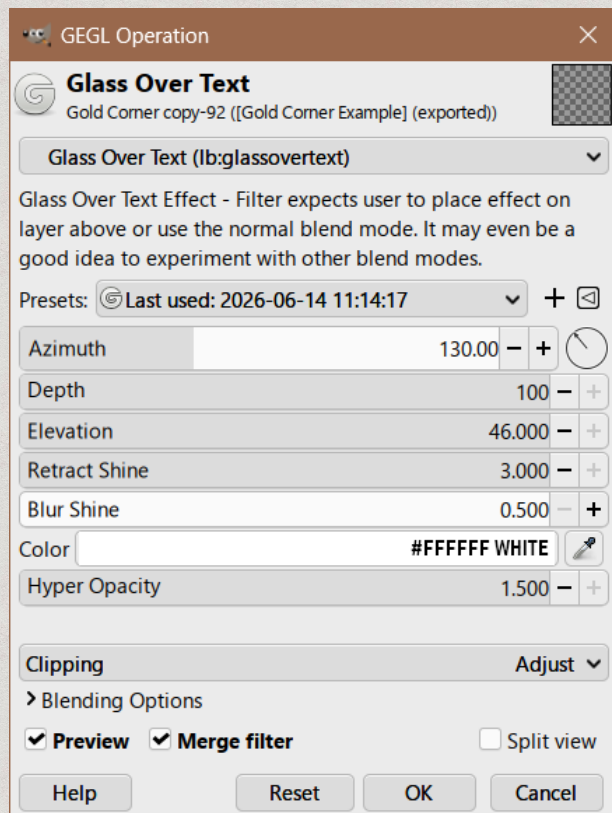
8. Next, Colors > Curves > Manage Presets > import current settings from file... > Gold > make sure Merge Filter is checked and click Ok.



Now your corners should have the Basic Gold colors needed to work with.

9. Now, duplicate top layer once more (*Ctrl + Shift + D*).

10. Next go to, Main menu > Tools > GEGL Operation > Glass Over Text.



Use the setting and color shown on the left and say OK.

What this will do is add a reflection to the corners indicated by the Azimuth angle of light. You should now have something like this so far.



11. Now, duplicate the top layer again (Ctrl + Shift + D), and Merge Down. (Main menu > Layer > Merge Down)

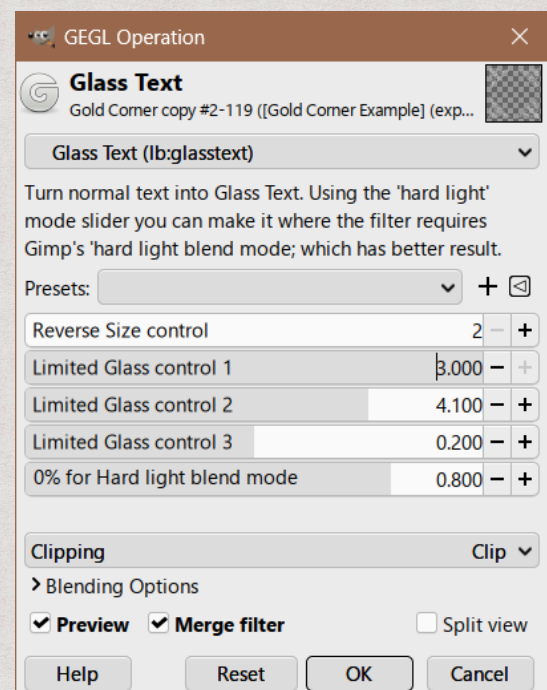
12. Next, duplicate top layer again (Ctrl + Shift + D), and Merge Down again.

13. Now, Select the “Gold Corners” Layer to work with and duplicate it. (Ctrl + Shift + D)

14. Next, move this layer to the top of the stack. Either by Layer > Stack > Raise Layers or (Shift + Up icon) at the bottom the layers palette.

15. Now go to, Main menu > Tools > GEGL Operation > Glass Text. Use setting shown on the right, and click OK.

16. Next right click the “Gold Corner Example” (bottom layer) and Alpha to Selection. Then the top layer to work with.



17. From the main menu > Select > Invert (Ctrl + I) and Delete (Ctrl + X)

18. Now deselect (Ctrl + Shift + A)

19. Next, Colors > Curves > Presets Drop Down> Last Used Setting. (Apply gold setting again.)

20. Chang top layer Blending mode to: Overlay 100% and then Merge visible.

21. Go to main menu > Color > Hue-Chroma > Adjust only the Chroma Silder: 0 — 14, for color.
Shown here with the Drop Shadow applied.



From here you can select Alpha to Selection again and shrink by 13 pixel, copy and paste as new layer and apply other effect and work with the blending mode to create effects and colors.

