

# GIMP Quickreference



## Help

- F1** Help
- Shift F1** Context Help

## Toolbox

### Tools

- R** Rect Select
- E** Ellipse Select
- F** Free Select
- Z** Fuzzy Select
- Shift O** Select By Color
- I** Scissors
- B** Paths
- O** Color Picker
- M** Move
- Shift C** Crop and Resize
- Shift R** Rotate
- Shift T** Scale
- Shift S** Shear
- Shift P** Perspective
- Shift F** Flip
- T** Text
- Shift B** Bucket Fill
- L** Blend
- N** Pencil
- P** Paintbrush
- Shift E** Eraser
- A** Airbrush
- K** Ink
- C** Clone
- Shift U** Blur/Sharpen
- S** Smudge
- Shift D** Dodge/Burn

Double click on the tool buttons opens the Tool Options dialog.

### Context

- X** Swap Colors
- D** Default Colors

Click on the colors to change the colors.

## File

- Ctrl N** New image
- Ctrl O** Open image
- Ctrl Alt O** Open image as new layer
- Ctrl D** Duplicate image
- Ctrl 1** Open recent image 01
- Ctrl 2** Open recent image 02
- Ctrl 3** Open recent image 03
- Ctrl 4** Open recent image 04
- Ctrl 5** Open recent image 05
- Ctrl 6** Open recent image 06
- Ctrl 7** Open recent image 07
- Ctrl 8** Open recent image 08
- Ctrl 9** Open recent image 09
- Ctrl 0** Open recent image 10
- Ctrl S** Save image
- Shift Ctrl S** Save under a new name
- Ctrl E** Export to
- Shift Ctrl E** Export ...
- Ctrl Q** Quit

## Dialogs

- Ctrl L** Layers
- Shift Ctrl B** Brushes
- Shift Ctrl P** Patterns
- Ctrl G** Gradients
- Shift Ctrl T** Tool-Options
- Ctrl P** Palettes
- Shift Ctrl I** Info window
- Shift Ctrl N** Navigation window

These open a new dialog window if it wasn't open yet, otherwise they focus the window.

### Within a Dialog

- Alt F4**, **Ctrl W** Close the window
- Tab** Jump to next widget
- Shift Tab** Jump to previous widget
- Enter** Set the widget value

**Space** Focuses the next widget in a tab dialog, switch to the next tab in a multi-tab dialog, switch to the next dialog.

### Within a File Dialog

- Shift L** Open Location
- Alt ↑** Up-Folder
- Alt ↓** Down-Folder

## View

### Window

- Menus can also be activated by **Alt** with the letter underscored in the menu name.
- Shift F10**, **F10** Main Menu
- F10** Drop-down Menu
- F11** Toggle fullscreen
- Shift Q** Toggle quickmask
- Ctrl W** Close document window

### Zoom

- +** Zoom in
  - Zoom out
  - 1** Zoom 1:1
  - Ctrl E** Shrink wrap
- This fits the windows to the image size.
- Shift Ctrl E** Fit image in window
  - Shift Z** Zoom

### Scrolling (panning)

- Ctrl I** Scroll canvas

Scrolling by keys is accelerated, i.e. it speeds up when you press **Shift**+arrows, or jump to the center with **Ctrl**+arrows.

### Scroll canvas

- ↑** Scroll canvas vertically

- Ctrl ↓** Scroll canvas horizontally

### Rulers and Guides

- Ctrl R** Drag off a ruler to create guide
- Ctrl G** Drag a sample point out of the rulers
- Shift Ctrl R** Toggle rulers
- Shift Ctrl T** Toggle guides

## Edit

### Undo/redo

- Ctrl Z** Undo
- Ctrl Y** Redo

### Clipboard

- Ctrl C** Copy selection
- This places a copy of the selection to the GIMP clipboard.
- Ctrl X** Cut selection

This works the same as **Ctrl V** selection, followed by deleting the selection.

This places the clipboard objects as a floating selection.

- Ctrl V** Paste clipboard
- Ctrl K** Clears selection
- Shift Ctrl C** Named copy selection
- Shift Ctrl X** Named cut selection
- Shift Ctrl V** Named paste clipboard

### Fill

- Erase selection
- Ctrl D** Fill with FG Color
- Ctrl D** Fill with BG Color
- Ctrl D** Fill with Pattern

## Layers

- PgUp**, **Ctrl Tab** Select the layer above
- PgDn**, **Ctrl Tab** Select the layer below
- Home** Select the first layer
- End** Select the last layer
- Ctrl M** Merge visible layers
- Ctrl H** Anchor layer

## Selections

- Ctrl T** Toggle selections
- Ctrl A** Select all
- Shift Ctrl A** Select none
- Ctrl I** Invert selection
- Shift Ctrl L** Float selection
- Shift V** Path to selection

## Filters

- Ctrl F** Repeat last filter
- Shift Ctrl F** Reshow last filter

## Zoom tool

- Ctrl L** Zoom in
- Shift Ctrl L** Zoom out
- Ctrl A** Zoom into the area