GIMP Quickreference

File

- Ctrl N — New image
- Ctrl O — Open image
- Shift Ctrl V — Create From Clipboard
- Ctrl Alt O — Open image as layers
- 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 the XCF image
- Shift Ctrl S — Save as…: Save image with a different name
- Ctrl E — Export
- Shift Ctrl E — Export As…: export image to various file formats
- Ctrl P — Print…
- Ctrl Alt F — Show the image in file manager
- Ctrl W — Close Window
- Shift Ctrl W — Close All
- Ctrl Q — Quit

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.

- Shift Ctrl C — Copy visible
- Ctrl X — Cut selection

This works the same as "Copy" the selection followed by "Clear" the selection.

- Ctrl V — Paste clipboard

This places the clipboard objects as a floating selection

- Ctrl Alt V — Paste in place
- Shift Ctrl V — Paste as new image

Fill

- Del — Clear
- Ctrl , — Fill with FG Color
- Ctrl . — Fill with BG Color
- Ctrl ; — Fill with Pattern

Select

- 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

View

Window

Menus can also be activated by Alt with the letter underscored in the menu name.

- F10 — Main Menu
- Shift F10, — Drop-down Menu
- F11 — Toggle fullscreen
- Tab — Toggle the visibility of toolbox and dialogs docks
- Shift Q — Toggle quick mask
- Ctrl W — Close document window
- Shift J — Center image in window
- Shift Ctrl J — Fit image in window

Zoom

- + — Zoom In
- - — Zoom Out
- 1 — Zoom 1:1
- ` — Revert zoom
- Ctrl J — Shrink wrap

This fits the window to the image size.

- Ctrl — Zoom

Flip and Rotate (0°)

- ! — Reset Flip and Rotate

Scrolling (panning)

- Scroll canvas

Scrolling by keys is accelerated, i.e. it speeds up when you press Shift+arrows.

- Scroll canvas
- Scroll canvas vertically
- Shift — Scroll canvas horizontally

Rulers and Guides

- Drag off a ruler to create guide

Drag off the horizontal or vertical ruler to create a new guide line. Drag a guide line onto the ruler to delete it.

- Ctrl — Drag a sample point out of the rulers
- Shift Ctrl R — Toggle rulers
- Shift Ctrl T — Toggle guides

Image

- Ctrl D — Duplicate image
- Alt Return — Image properties

Layers

- Shift Ctrl N — New layer
- Shift Ctrl D — Duplicate layers
- PgUp — Select the layers above
- PgDn — Select the layers below
- Ctrl M — Merge visible layers
- Ctrl H — Anchor layer

Toolbox

Tools

- R — Rectangle Select
- E — Ellipse Select
- F — Free Select
- Z — Fuzzy Select
- Shift O — Select By Color
- I — Scissors Select
- Shift B — Bucket Fill
- G — Gradient
- N — Pencil
- P — Paintbrush
- Shift E — Eraser
- A — Airbrush
- K — Ink
- Y — MyPaint Brush
- C — Clone
- H — Heal
- Shift U — Blur/Sharpen
- S — Smudge
- Shift D — Dodge/Burn
- Q — Alignment
- M — Move
- Shift C — Crop
- Shift R — Rotate
- Shift S — Scale
- Shift H — Shear
- Shift P — Perspective
- Shift T — Unified Transform
- Shift L — Handle Transform
- Shift F — Flip
- Shift G — Cage Transform
- W — Warp Transform
- B — Paths
- T — Text
- O — Color Picker
- Shift M — Measure
- Z — Zoom

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

Context

- B — Toolbox
- D — Default Colors
- X — Swap Colors

Click on the colors to change the colors.

Filters

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

Windows

- Ctrl L — Layers
- Shift Ctrl B — Brushes
- Shift Ctrl P — Patterns
- Ctrl G — Gradients

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

Within a Dialog

- Enter — Set the new value

This accepts the new value you typed in a text field and returns focus to canvas.

- Space, Enter — Activate current button or list

Within a multi-tab dialog

- Ctrl Alt PgUp — Switch tabs up
- Ctrl Alt PgDn — Switch tabs down

Within a File Dialog

- Alt ↑ — Up-Folder
- Alt ↓ — Down-Folder
- Alt Home — Home-Folder
- Esc — Close Dialog

Help

- F1 — Help
- Shift F1 — Context Help
- / — Search and run a command

Zoom tool

- Zoom in
- Ctrl — Zoom out
- Zoom in inside the area
- Ctrl — Zoom out inside the area