

# GIMP: Free Alternative to Photoshop

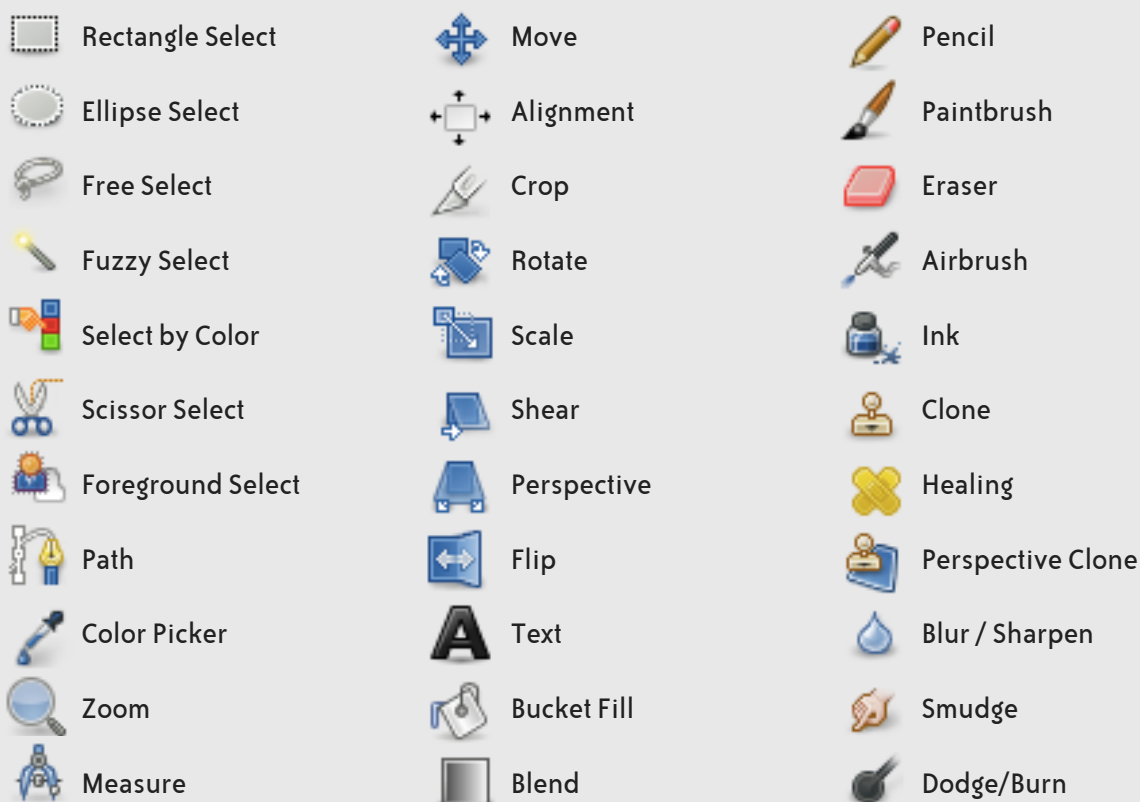
GIMP is an acronym for GNU Image Manipulation Program. The GIMP is suitable for a variety of image manipulation tasks, including photo retouching, image composition, and image construction. GIMP can be used as a simple paint program, an expert quality photo retouching program, an online batch processing system, a mass production image renderer, an image format converter, etc. GIMP can be downloaded for free for Macintosh and Windows at [gimp.org](http://gimp.org).



The wiki for today's workshop can be found at  
**[gimped.pbworks.com](http://gimped.pbworks.com)**.

The detailed user manual for GIMP is online at [tonyv.me/manual](http://tonyv.me/manual). The manual can also be accessed from GIMP's Help menu. You can find hundreds of tutorial and how-to videos by searching YouTube.

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GIMP project files use the extension .xcf. .xcf files contain the layers, channels, transparency, and path information for later editing. To use images in documents, web pages, slideshows, etc. you will need to choose Save As from GIMP's File menu. Next, click Select File Type, select JPEG image, and click Save.

