



# Gimp Quick Reference Card v.1.0

## File Management

**Ctrl+N** Create new image  
**Ctrl+O** Open existing image  
**Ctrl+S** Save current image  
**Ctrl+W** Close current image

## Image Editing

**Ctrl+Z** Undo last change  
**Ctrl+R** Redo last change  
**Ctrl+X** Cut current image/selection  
**Ctrl+C** Copy current image/selection  
**Ctrl+V** Paste current image/selection  
**Shift+Ctrl+X** Cut current image/selection into named buffer  
**Shift+Ctrl+C** Copy current image/selection into named buffer  
**Shift+Ctrl+V** Paste current image/selection from named buffer  
**Ctrl+K** Clear image/selection with current background color  
**Ctrl+, (comma)** Fill current image/selection with current background color  
**Ctrl+. (dot)** Fill current image/selection with current foreground color

## Image Selection

**Ctrl+I** Invert current selection  
**Ctrl+A** Select all image  
**Shift+Ctrl+A** Remove all selections  
**Shift+Ctrl+L** Create floating selection  
**Shift+Ctrl+F** Feather selection  
**Shift+Ctrl+H** Sharpen selection

## Image Viewing

= (equal) Zoom in image  
- (minus) Zoom out Image  
1 Zoom 1:1 scale  
**Shift+Ctrl+I** Open info window  
**Shift+Ctrl+N** Open zoom navigation window  
**Ctrl+T** Toggle selection on/off  
**Shift+Ctrl+R** Toggle rulers on/off  
**Shift+Ctrl+S** Toggle status bar on/off  
**Shift+Ctrl+T** Toggles  
**Ctrl+E** Shrink wrap window to image size

## Image Manipulation

**Alt+R** Switch image to RGB mode  
**Alt+G** Switch image to grayscale mode  
**Alt+I** Switch image to indexed (GIF) mode  
**Shift+Ctrl+O** Offset image  
**Ctrl+D** Duplicate image

## Layers Manipulation

**Ctrl+H** Anchor layer  
**Ctrl+M** Merge visible layers

## Tools

**D** Default colors  
**X** Swap colors  
**O** Color picker  
**T** Text tool  
**R** Select Rectangle tool  
**E** Select Ellipse tool  
**F** Select Freehand tool  
**Z** Select Magic Wand (Fuzzy) tool  
**B** Select Bezier tool  
**I** Select Intelligent Scissors tool

### Selection

**M** Select Move tool  
**Shift+M** Select Magnify tool

**Shift+C** Select Crop & Resize tool  
**Shift+T** Select Transform tool  
**Shift+F** Select Flip tool

### Painting

**Shift+B** Bucket Fill tool  
**L** Blending tool  
**Shift+P** Pencil tool

**P** Paintbrush tool  
**Shift+E** Eraser tool  
**A** Airbrush tool

**C** Clone tool  
**V** Convolve tool  
**I** Ink tool

**Shift+D** Dodge/Burn tool  
**Shift+S** Smudge tool

## Tools + Mouse Manipulation

*Keyboard keys pressed before Mouse button with Rectangular, Ellipse, Freehand and Magic Wand Selection tools*

**Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Subtract selection  
**Shift+Left Mouse Button** Add selection  
**Shift+Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Intersect selection

*Keyboard keys pressed after Mouse key*

## Rectangular Selection Tools

**Shift+Left Mouse Button** Square selection  
**Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Rectangle selection with beginning in the middle of the rectangle  
**Shift+Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Square selection with beginning in the middle of the square

## Ellipse Selection Tools

**Shift+Left Mouse Button** Circle selection  
**Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Ellipse selection with beginning in the middle of the ellipse  
**Shift+Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Circle selection with beginning in the middle of the circle

## Zoom In/Out Tool

**Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Toggle zoom in/out

## Flip Tool

**Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Toggle flip horizontally/vertically

## Bucket Tool

**Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Toggle fill foreground/background colors

## Pencil, Brush, Airbrush Tool

**Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Pick colors from the image

**Shift+Left Mouse Button** Draw a line

## Erase Tool

**Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Anti erase image  
**Shift+Left Mouse Button** Erase a line

## Cloning Tool

**Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Sets the source point in the image

**Left Mouse Button** Sets the destination point, hold to draw with clone

## Convolve Tool

**Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Toggle blur/sharpen image

**Shift+Left Mouse Button** Blur/Sharpen in line

## Dodge/Burn Tool

**Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Toggle dodge/burn image

**Shift+Left Mouse Button** Dodge/Burn in line

## Smudge Tool

**Shift+Left Mouse Button** Smudge in line

## Measurement Tool

## Ctrl+Left Mouse Button

**Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Horizontal distance  
**Ctrl+Left Mouse Button** Double click add guide

## Dialogs

**Ctrl+L** Open Layers, Channels & Path Dialog  
**Shift+Ctrl+B** Open Brushes Dialog  
**Shift+Ctrl+P** Open Patterns Dialog  
**Ctrl+G** Open Gradients Dialog  
**Ctrl+P** Open Palette Dialog

## Help

**F1** Help  
**Shift+F1** Context help

*Add a key as a shortcut to the menu item Open menu, place cursor over item, press desired shortcut key*

## Useful Links

<http://www.gimp.org/> Main gimp web site  
<http://manual.gimp.org/> Gimp manual  
<http://gimp-savvy.com/BOOK> Grokking the Gimp book  
<http://registry.gimp.org/> Gimp plugin registry