Customizing Buttons with GIMP

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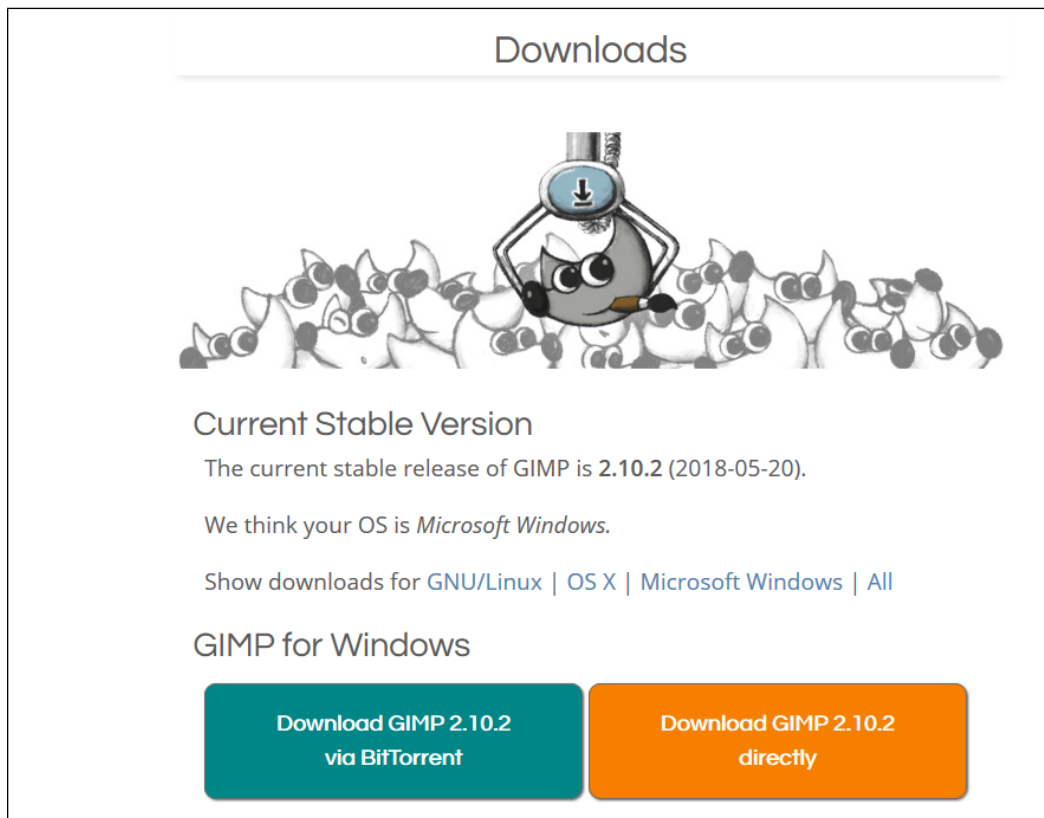
Overview

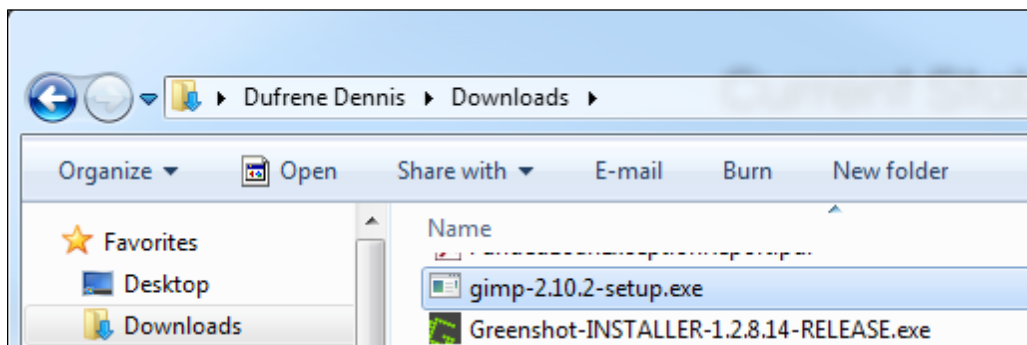When configuring a custom website for client, the standard buttons and progress must branded to reflect the client's branding. To expedite this process, these instructions walk you through the steps to create standard buttons that match your client's current colors and existing website. This process is completed using the **GNU Image Manipulation Program (GIMP)**.

Prerequisites: Installing GIMP

Customizing the standard buttons is done with the GIMP software. If you do not already have GIMP installed, you can download the program from https://www.gimp.org/downloads/. Make sure you download the correct installer for your operating system.

Once you have downloaded the installer, go to the folder where it was saved and double-click the executable.
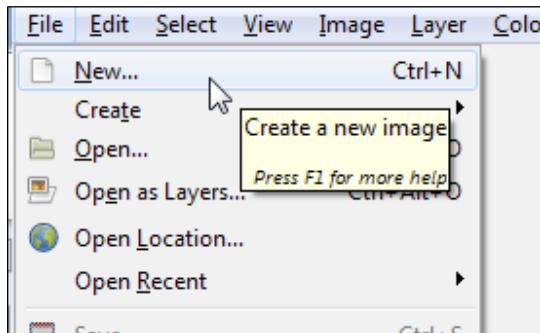

Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation process.
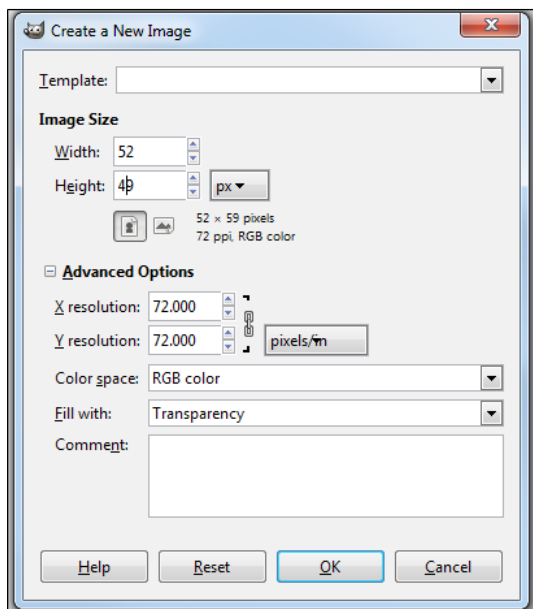
Creating Custom Buttons

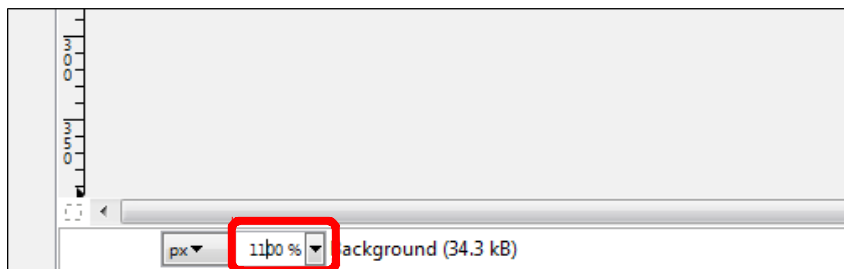Once you have installed GIMP, you can begin the process of creating custom buttons.

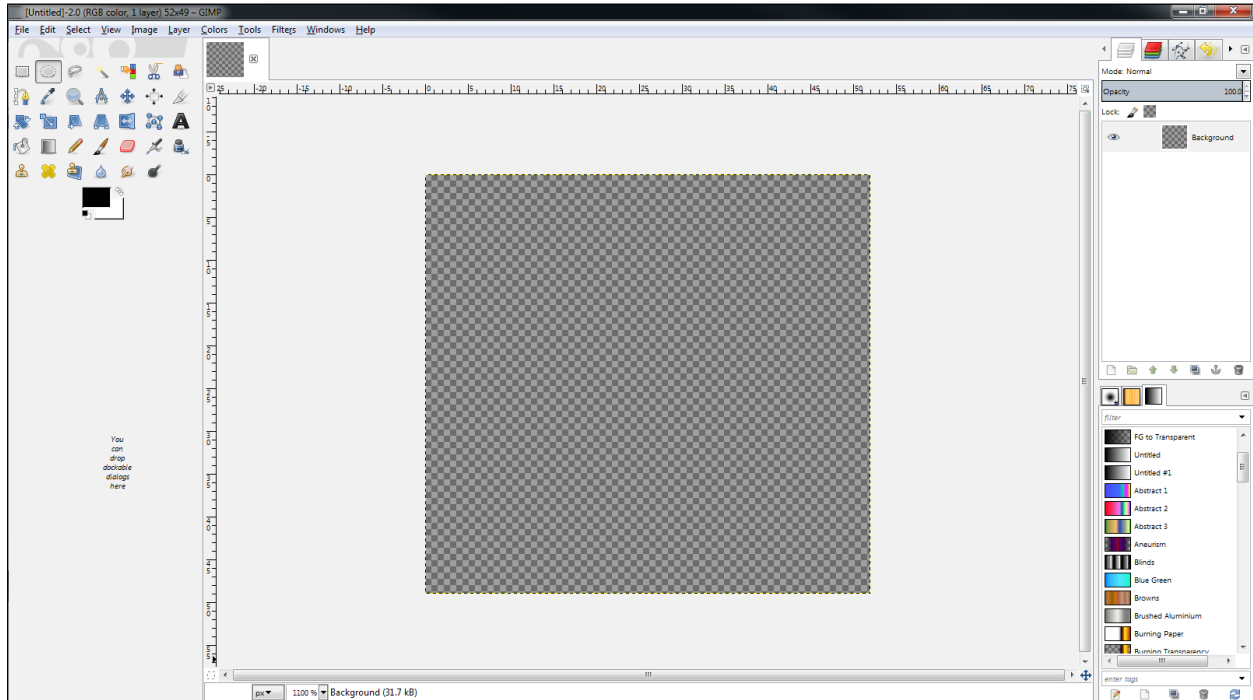1. Open a new instance of GIMP. In GIMP, create a new file. Go to **File** >> **New**.

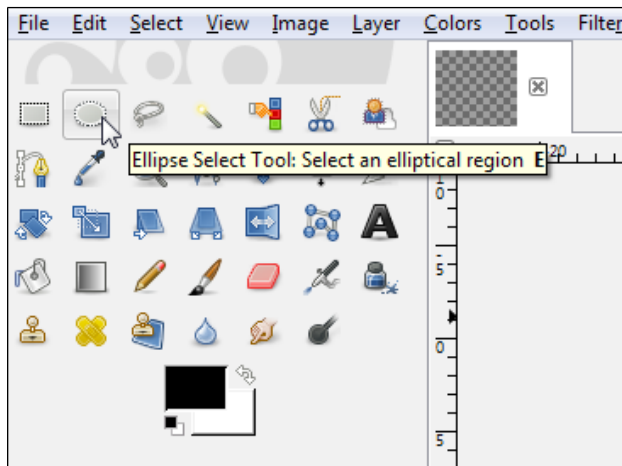2. In the **New Image** dialog box, create an image with the attributes depicted below.
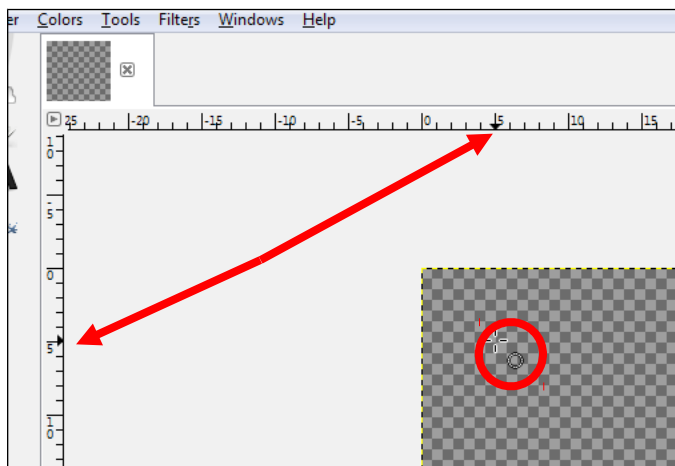

3. Zoom in on the canvas to **1100%**.
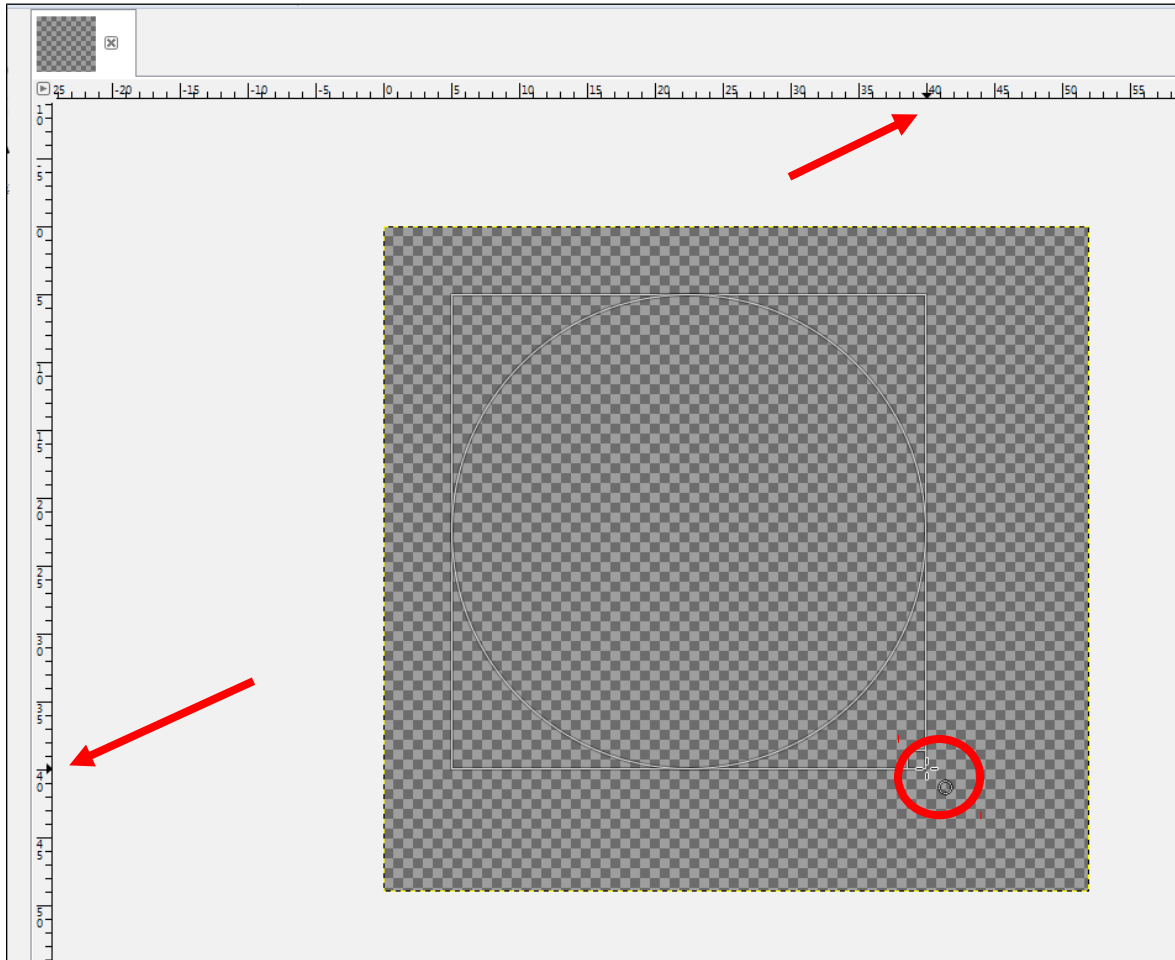
4. Your canvas will look like this:
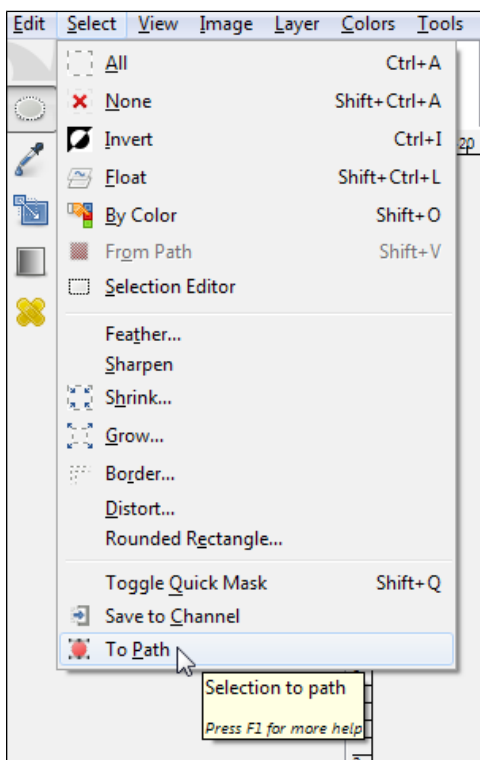

5. Select the **Ellipses Select Tool**.
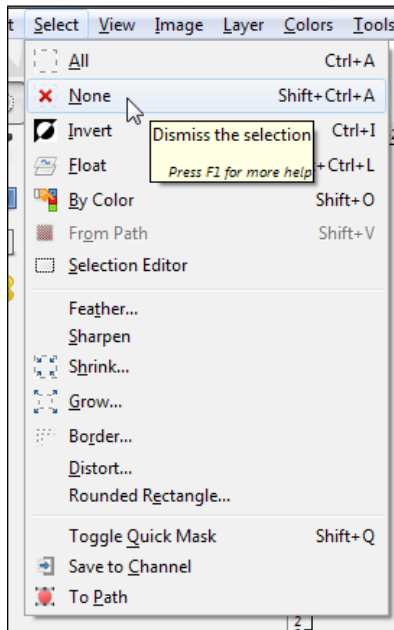

6. Place your cursor at **5,5**.

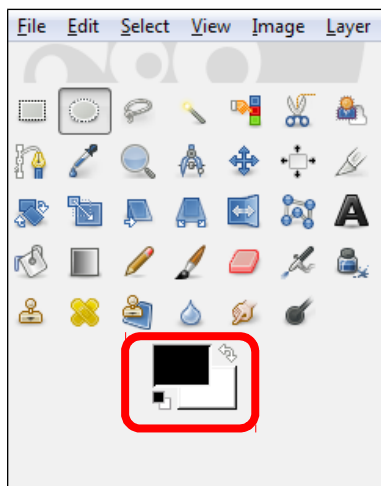7. Drag click and drag you ellipses selection to **40,40**.
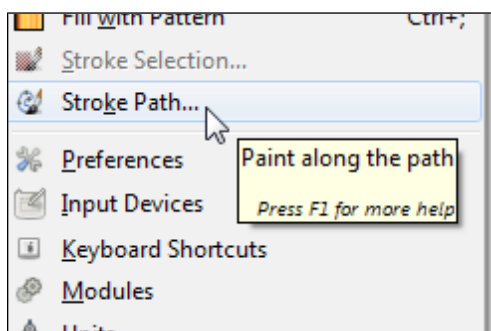

8. Go to **Select** >> **To Path**.
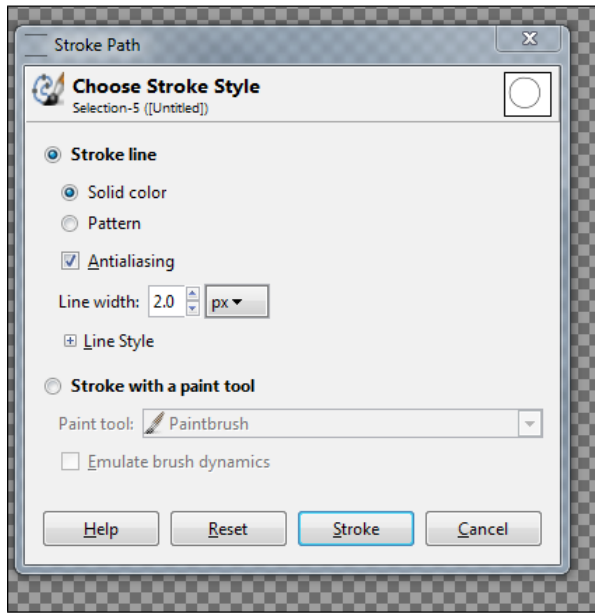
9. Go to **Select** >> **None**.

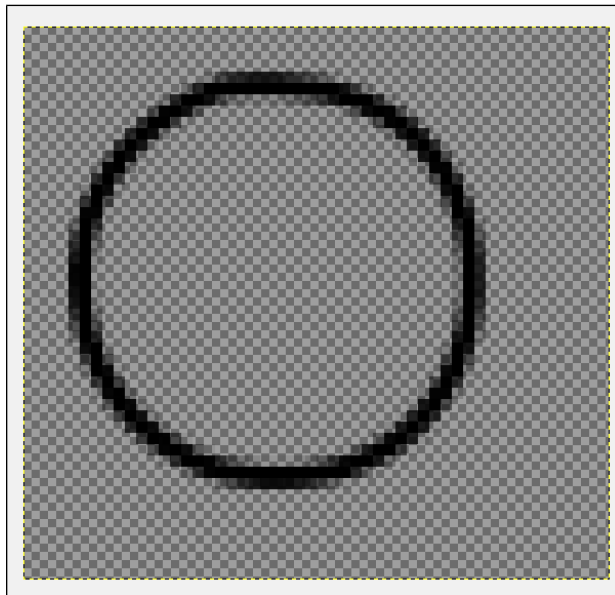10. Go to the **Color selector** and ensure **Black** is selected as the **Foreground** color.

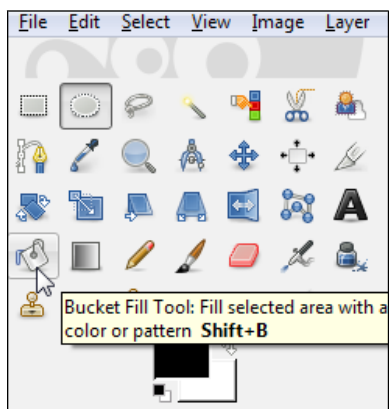11. Go to **Edit** >> **Stroke Path**.

12. On the **Stroke Path** dialog box, configure a **Line Width** of **2px** and click **Stroke**.
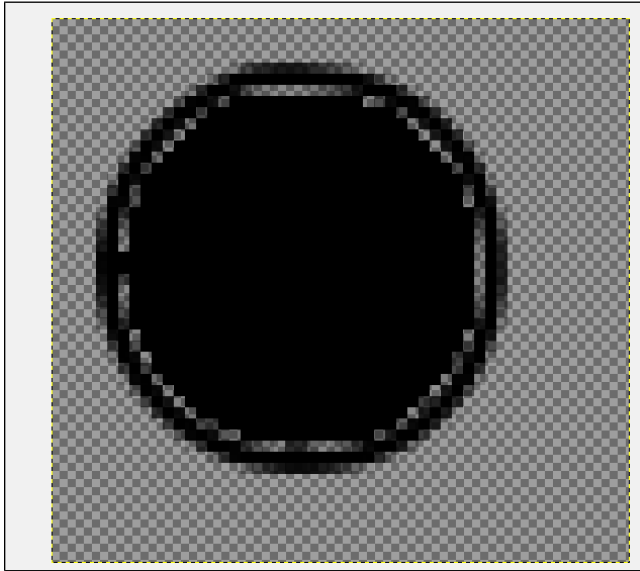

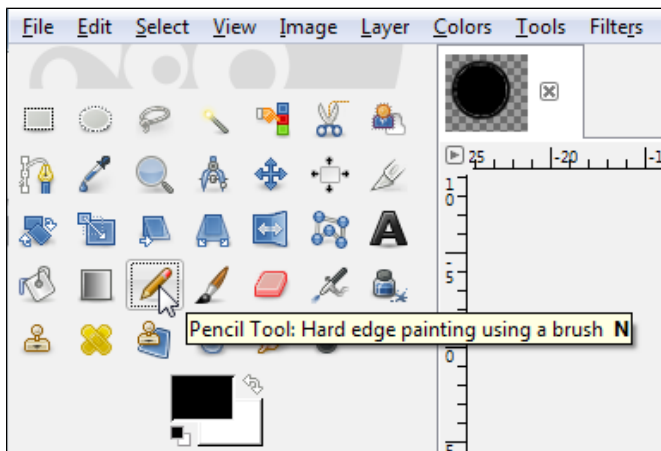Your canvas will look like this:

13. Select the **Bucket Fill Tool** and fill in the circle.
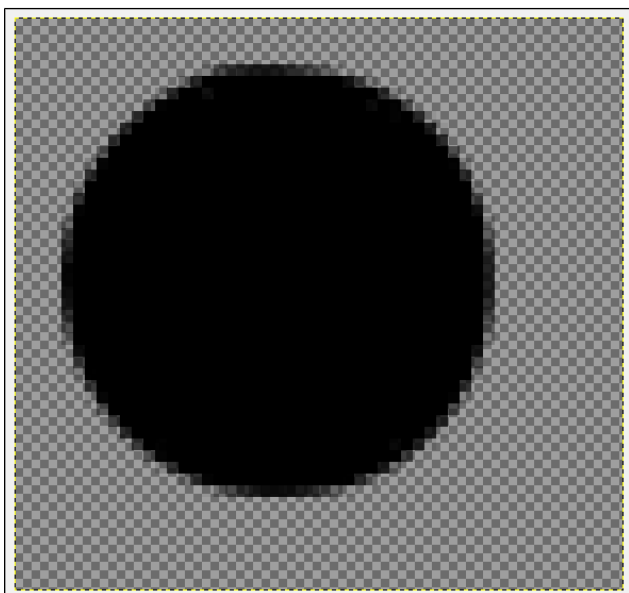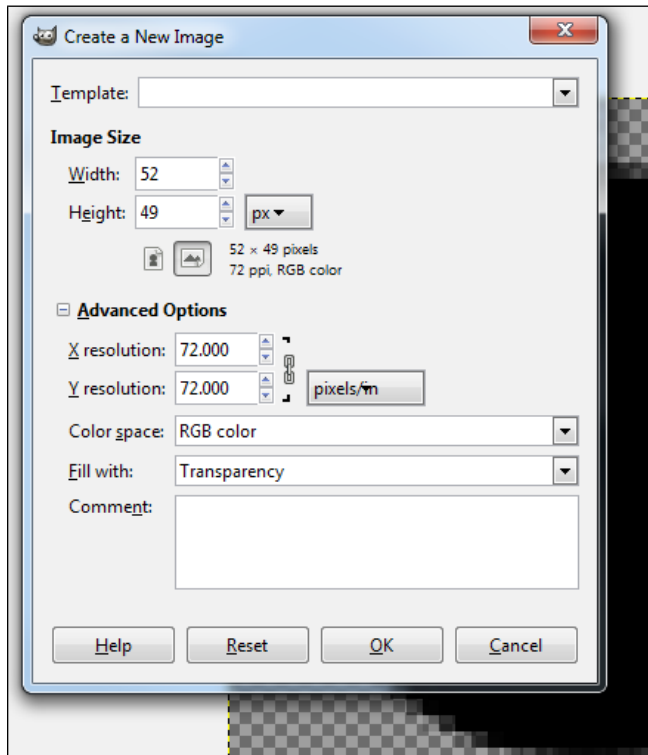
Your canvas will look like this:

14. Complete the rest of the circle by selecting the **Pencil Tool** and filling in.
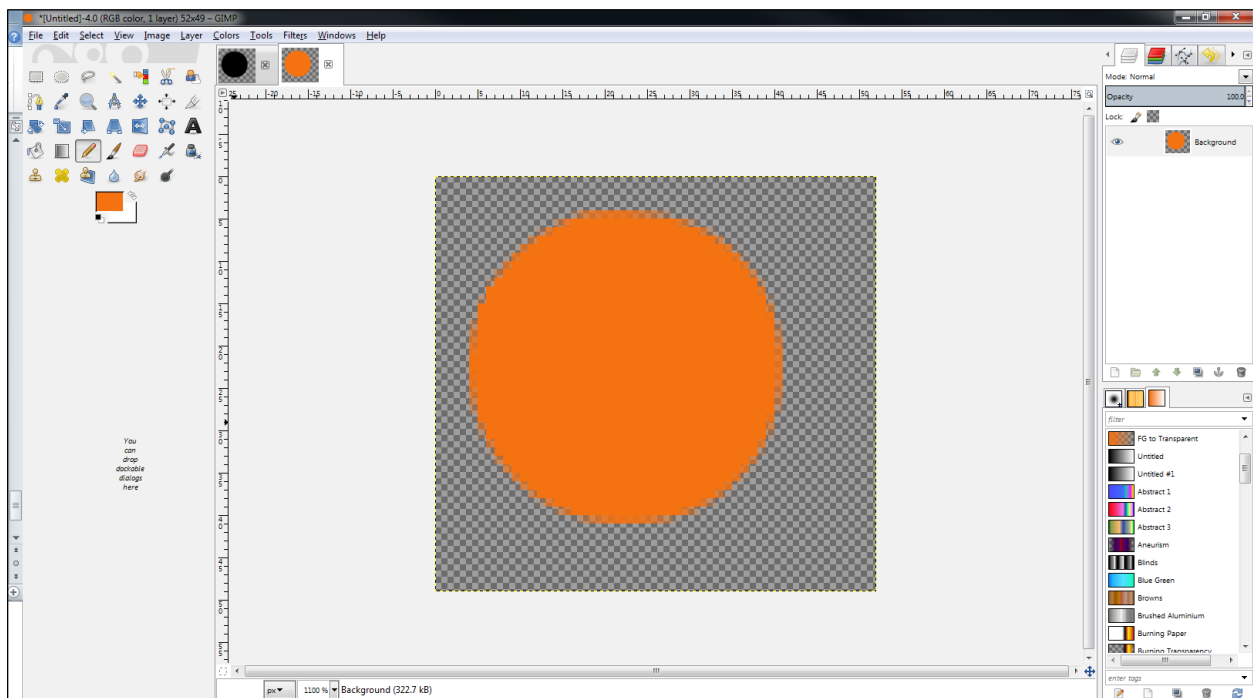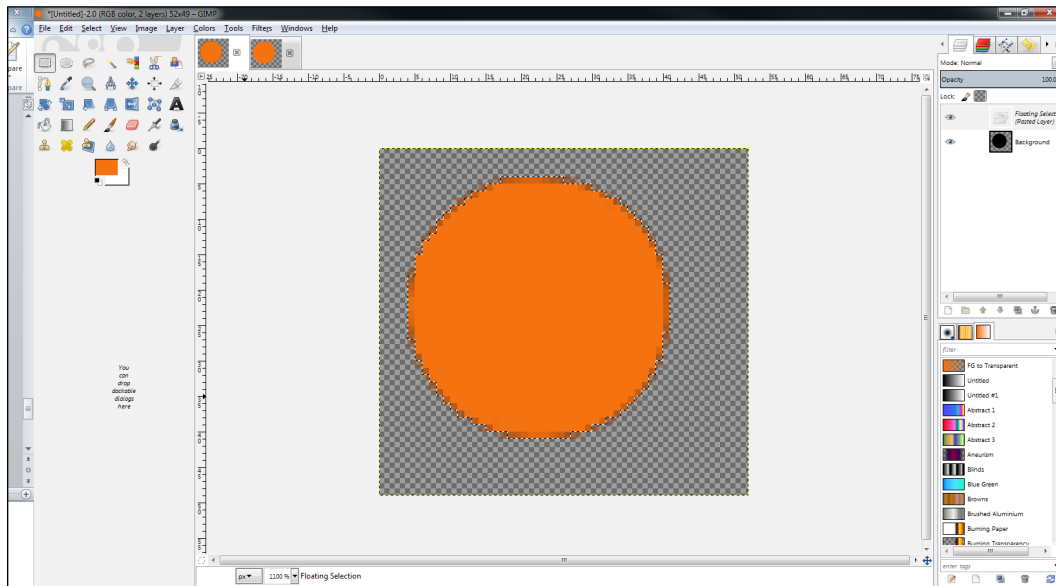

Your canvas will look like this:

15. **Create a New Image** using the same attributes as step 2.
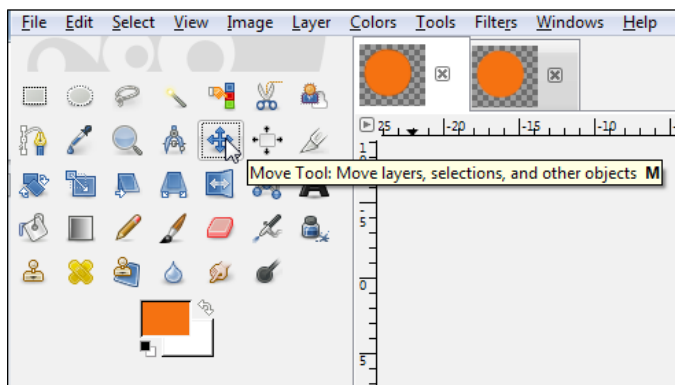

16. On the new canvas, create a new circle with the custom color (not black) via steps 3 - 14.
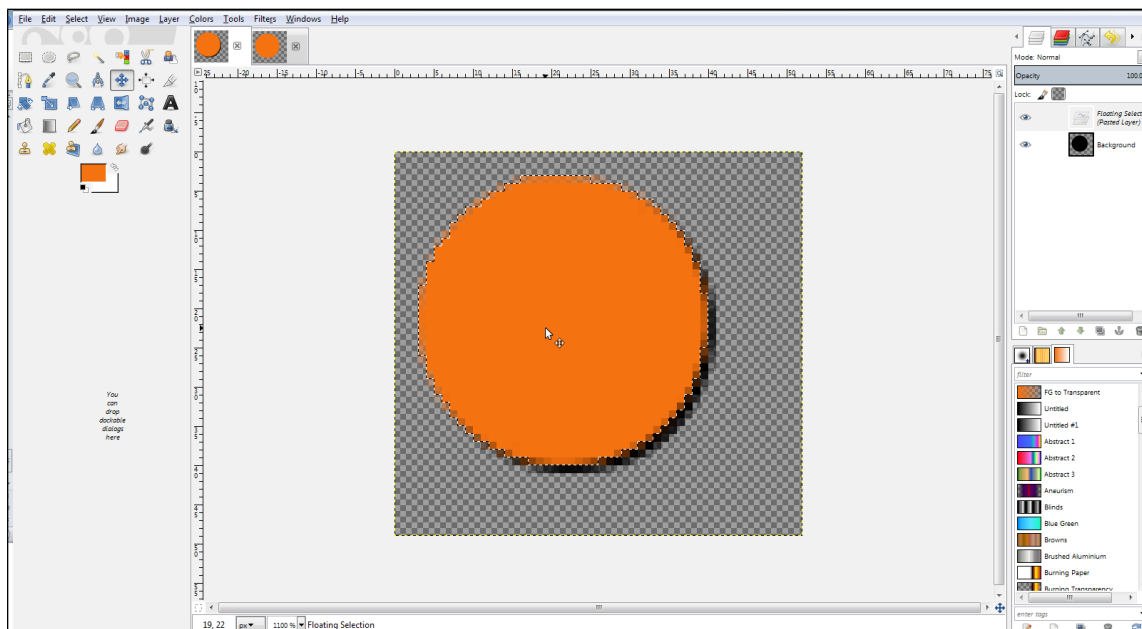
17. Select the entire canvas of the newly created circle (ctrl + A), copy (ctrl + c) and paste (ctrl + v) it over the original black circle.
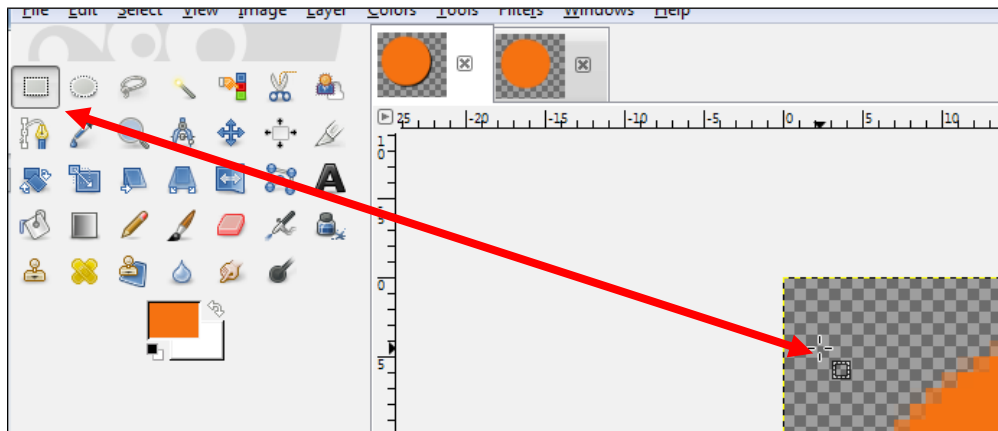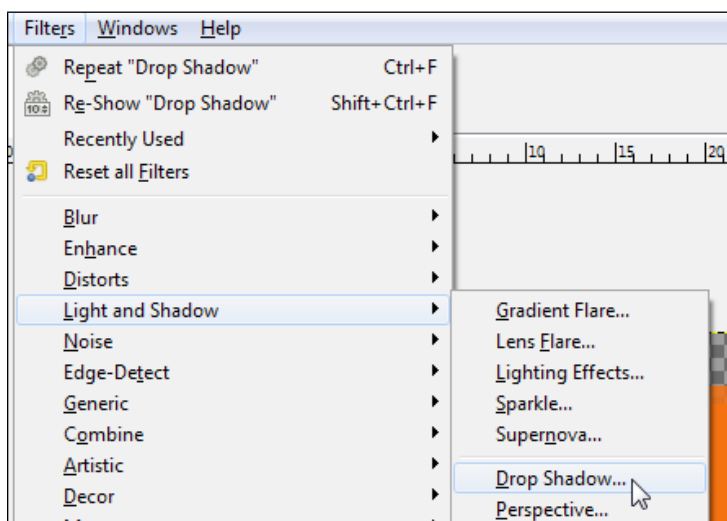

18. Select the **Move Tool**.

19. Offset the top circle by moving one pixel up and one pixel to the left.
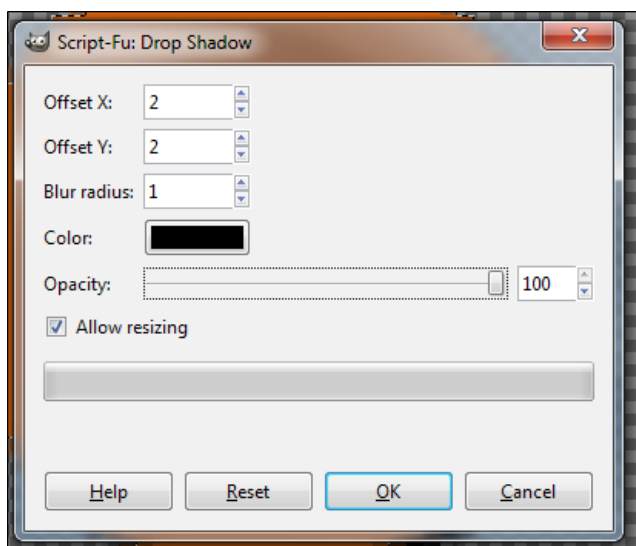
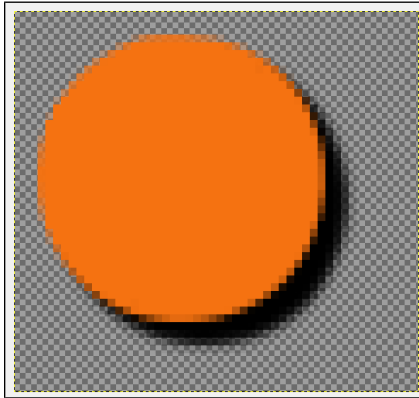20. Select a **Selection Tool** and click any transparent area to deselect the circle.

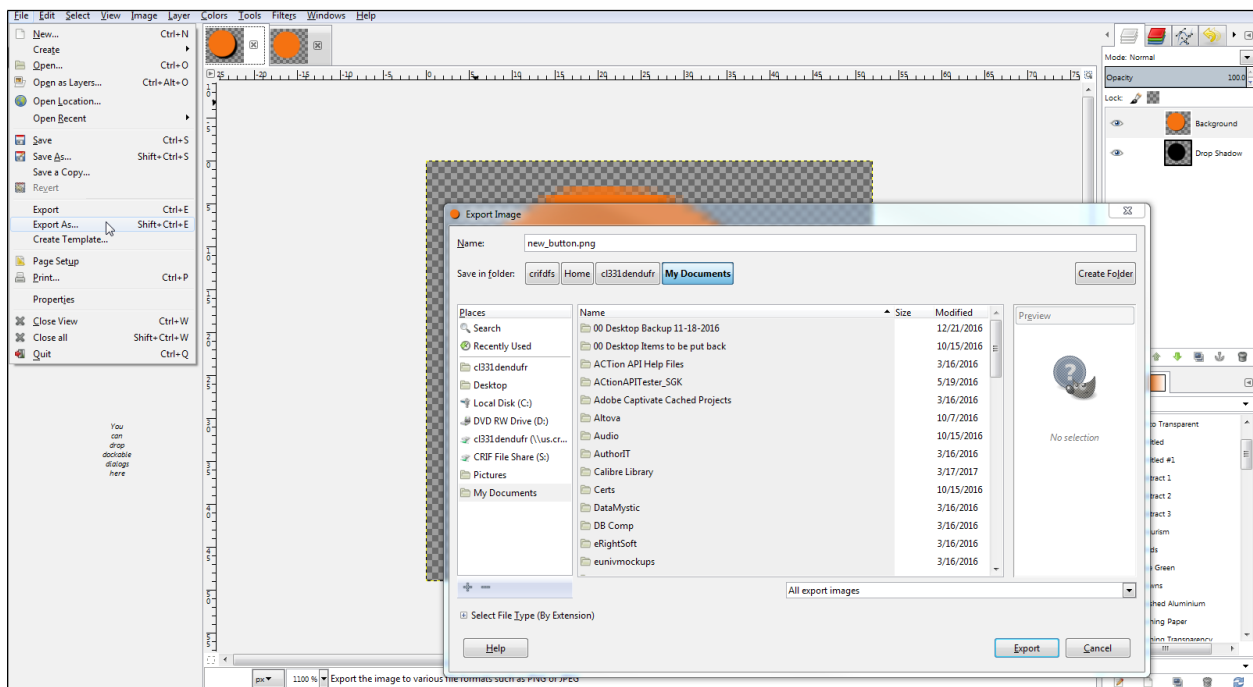21. Go to **Filters** >> **Light and Shadow** >> **Drop Shadow**.

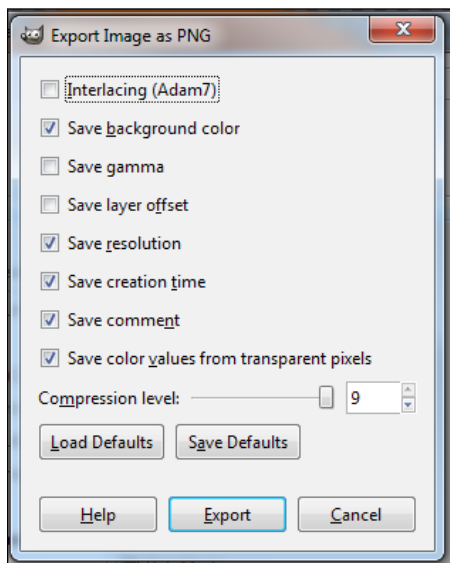22. Configure the shadow with the following attributes:

Your canvas will look like this:

23. Save the newly creating button. Go to **File** >> **Export As** >> **[name].png** and click **Export**.

24. On **Export** dialog, do not change anything and click **Export**.

25. The file is ready to be used on the client's website.

For More Information

For more information on how to use GIMP, see the GIMP Online Documentation or the GIMP Online Tutorials.