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
`V`	Convolve
`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` `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 the corresponding dialog gets focus.

Within a Dialog

`Alt` `F4` , `Ctrl` `W`	Close the window
`Tab`	Jump to next widget
`Shift` `Tab`	Jump to previous widget
`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
`Ctrl` `Alt` `PgUp` , `Ctrl` `PgDn`	In a multi-tab dialog, switch tabs

Within a File Dialog

`Shift` `L`	Open Location
`Alt` `↑`	Up-Folder
`Alt` `↓`	Down-Folder
`Alt` `Home`	Home-Folder
`Esc`	Close Dialog

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
`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`	Zoom

Scrolling (panning)

`Ctrl`	Scroll canvas

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

	Scroll canvas
	Scroll canvas vertically
`Ctrl`	Scroll canvas horizontally

Rulers and Guides

	Drag off a ruler to create guide

Drag off the horizontal or vertical ruler to create a new guideline. Drag a guideline 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

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 "copy selection" followed by deleting the selection.

`Ctrl` `V`	Paste clipboard

This places the clipboard objects as a floating selection

`Ctrl` `K`	Clears selection
`Shift` `Ctrl` `C`	Named copy selection
`Shift` `Ctrl` `X`	Named cut selection
`Shift` `Ctrl` `V`	Named paste clipboard

Fill

`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
`P` `Shift` `Ctrl` `Tab`	Select the layer below
`Home`	Select the first layer
`End`	Select the last layer
`Ctrl` `M`	Merge visible layers
`Ctrl` `H`	Anchar 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

Plug-ins

`Ctrl` `F`	Repeat last plug-in
`Shift` `Ctrl` `F`	Reshow last plug-in

Zoom tool

	Zoom in
`Shift`	Zoom out
	Zoom into the area