Digitizing Coloring For Comics GIMP Edition Part 1

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Required materials:

- GIMP 2.8
- A Scanner. I am using a Canoscan LIDE 200

The Tutorials

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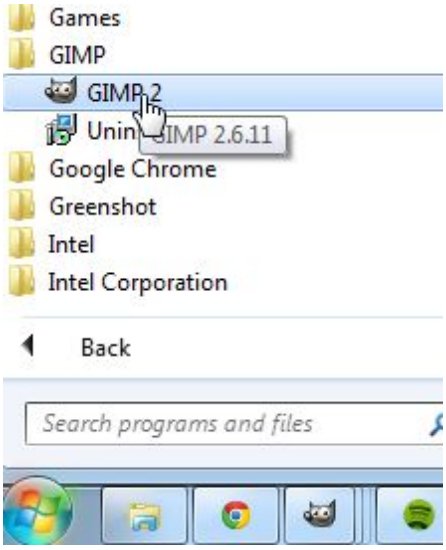
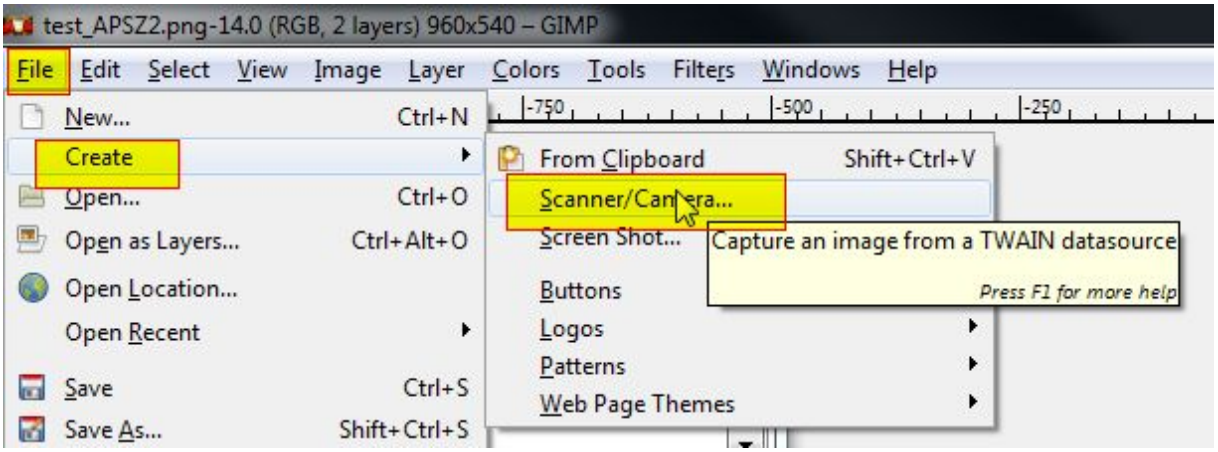
Tutorial:

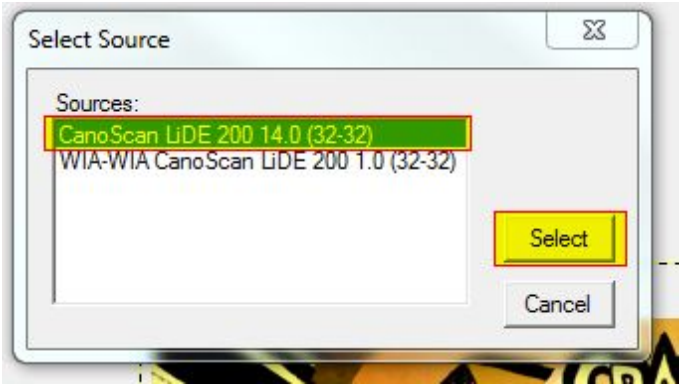
1. Make sure your inks are complete. I also recommend downloading Dropbox onto your computer, so that when you save your scans, they are saved on the Cloud and safe from hardware crashes. To ensure that your scans don't get mixed up (and to reduce the Dropbox clutter), I also recommend making numbered folders, with each number corresponding to the step of your comic process (One for scans, two for colors, three for layers, etc.).
2. Open GIMP on your computer (make sure your scanner is plugged in and installed to your computer!)



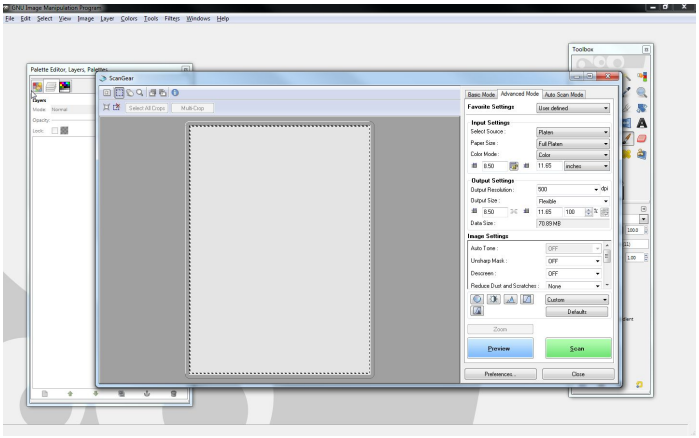
3. In GIMP, click File>Create>Scanner/Camera



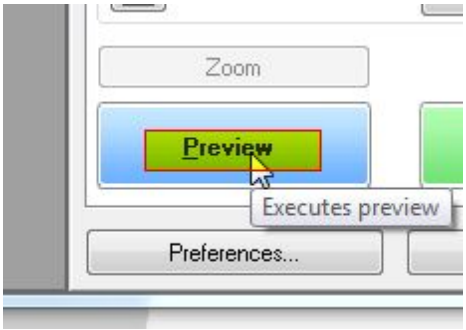
4. A Window should appear that asks you where to scan from, select your scanner and click select



5. Your scanner menu should appear

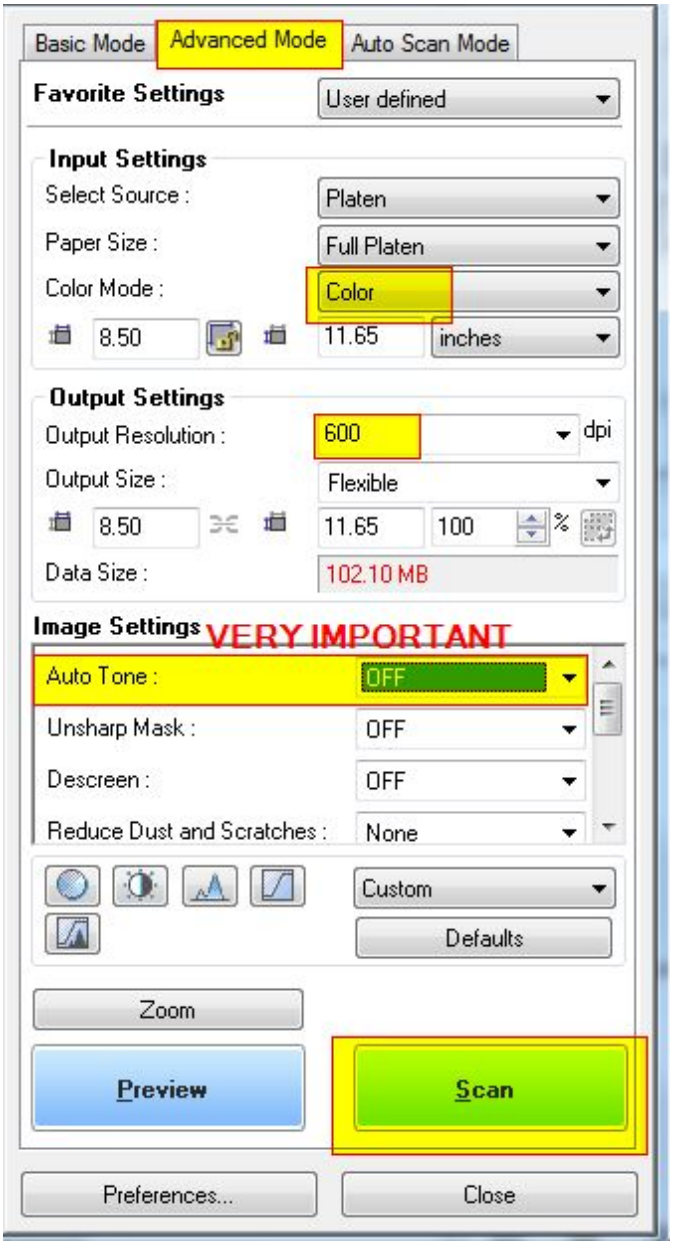


6. Click on the “preview” button



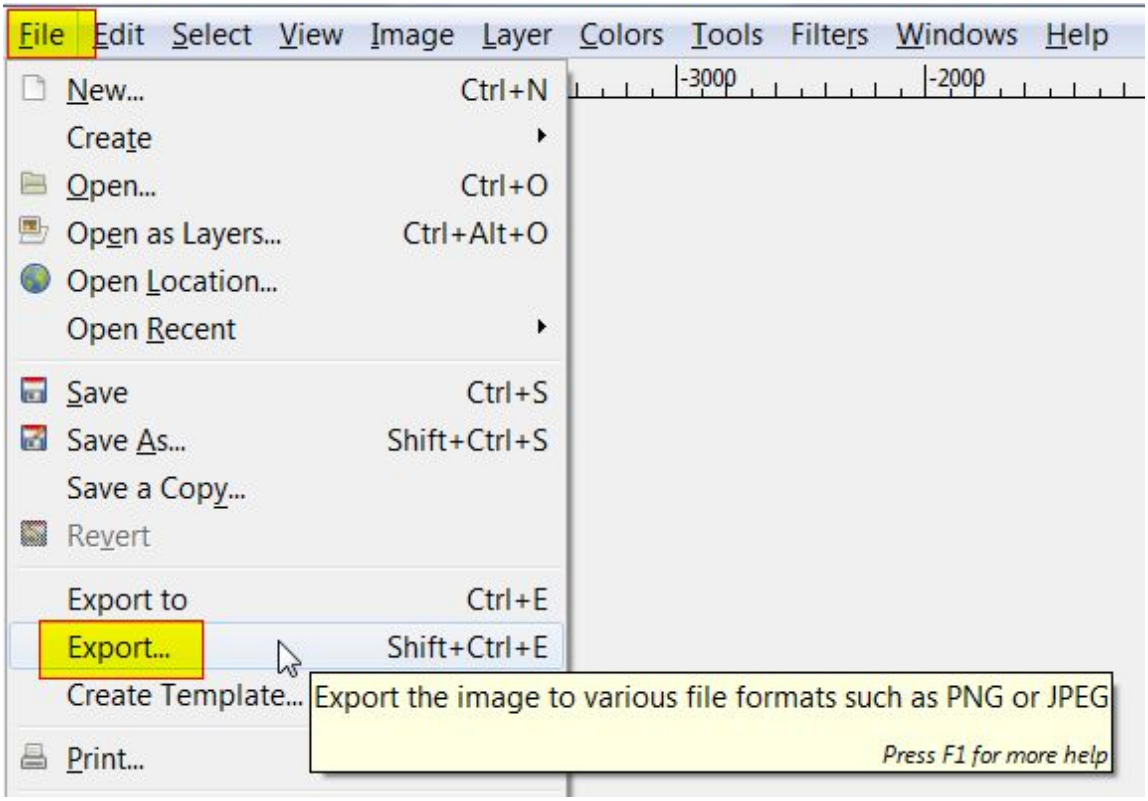
7. After your scanned page pops up in the preview window, make sure that it isn't cut off and that it is positioned precisely. If you have to reposition it, make sure you execute the "preview" step (step 6) again.

8. Now that your page is properly aligned for scanning, go to the menu, under Advanced Mode, and make sure that the settings are exactly as show below in the highlighted areas. Once you have all of the settings set, click "Scan"

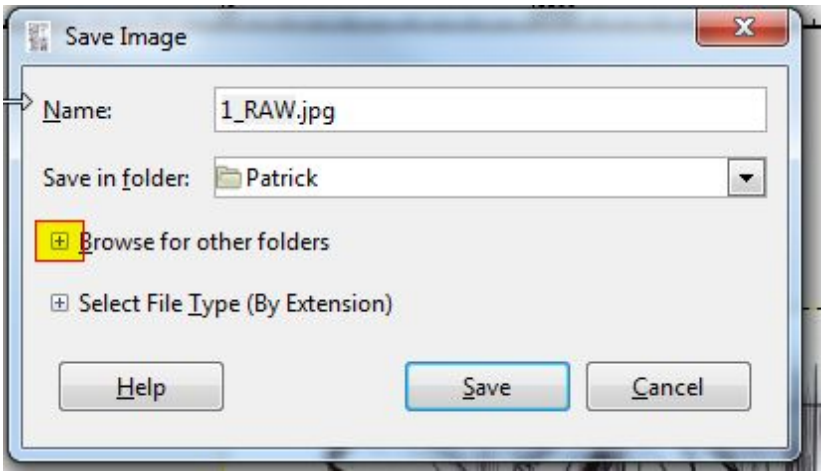


9. Your final file should now be open in GIMP!

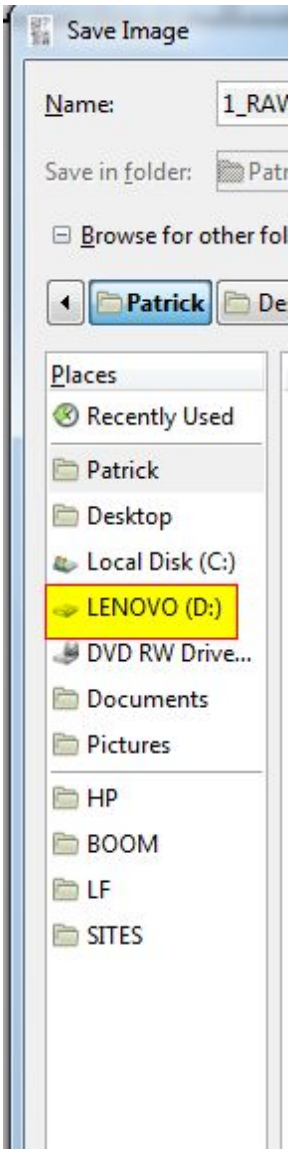
10. Click File>Export



11. In the “Save Image” dialog box that comes up, click on the + sign next to Browse for other folders

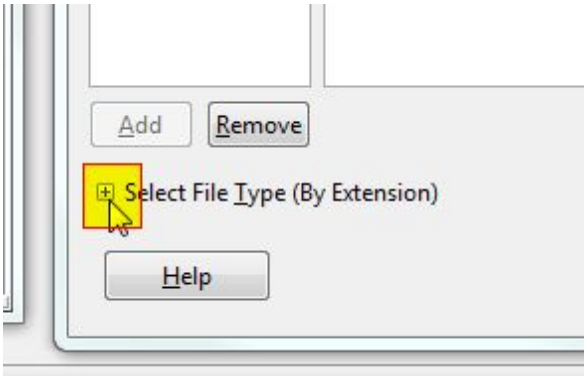


12. In the “Places” box, find the “Dropbox” folder (or, if you don’t want to use Dropbox, then whatever other folder you want to save your images to) on your hard drive

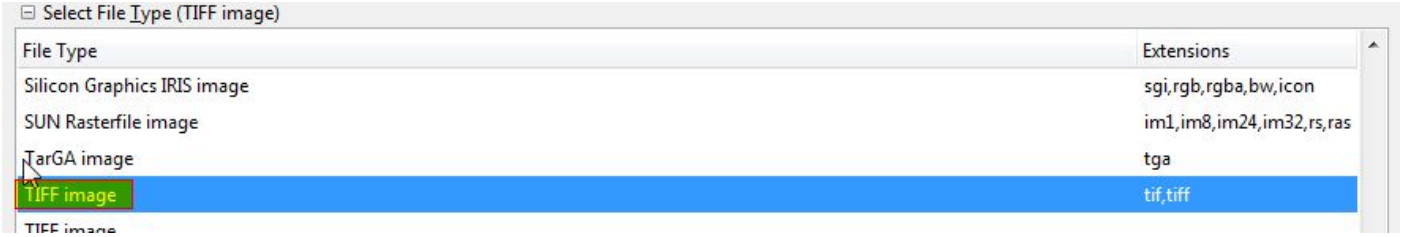


13. Select your numbered folder and go inside of it.

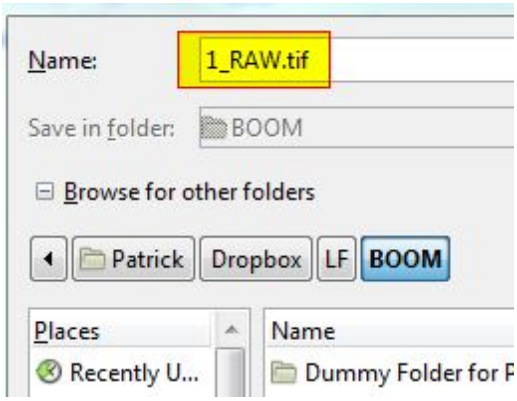
14. At the bottom of the dialog box click “Select File Type”



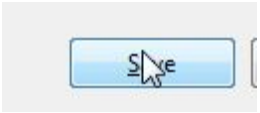
15. Scroll down and select the “TIFF image” filetype



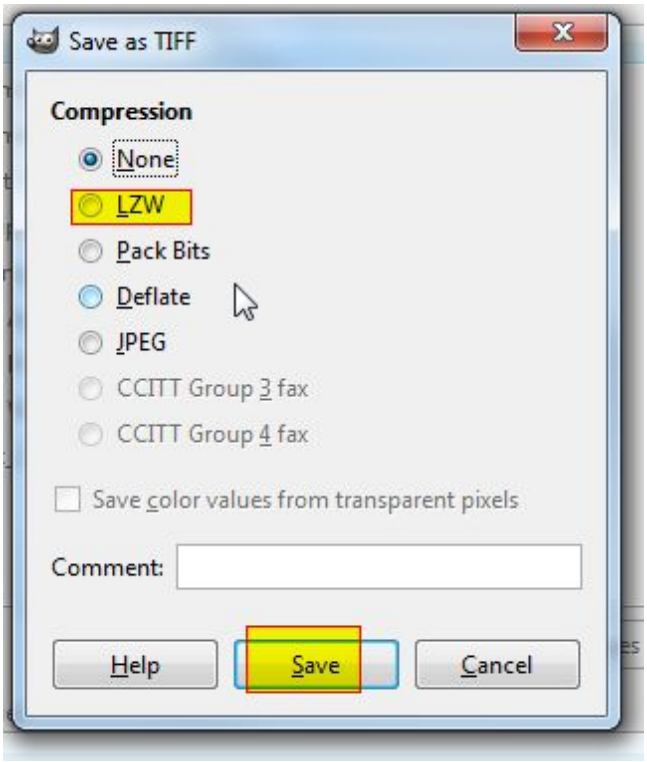
16. At the top of the dialog box, click on the box and change the name to the page number followed by an underscore and the word RAW (standing for RAW files)



17. Click Save



18. A Dialog box will appear. Select LZW compression and then click save



19. You are done! Make sure this uploads to Dropbox by ensuring you have enough Dropbox space and that your internet connection is on.

20. Close the document in GIMP

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