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Thread: [\[GIMP TUT\] How to Make Custom HF Userbars!\[Video+Pics\]](#)

Style - April 6, 2011, 4:39 pm

First off, if you use photoshop, Please check out Darko™'s Photoshop tutorial. [Click Here](#).

Secondly, your going to need a few things;GIMP, Free download [Here](#).

HF Userbar template. Found [Here](#).

An Icon. Download free Icons [Here](#).

And the font "Kremlin Bolshevik". Download it [Here](#)

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Lets Begin!

Step 1: Open up your HF Userbar template.

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Step 2: Select your Text tool. Type out the text you want on the Userbar.

Change the font to Kremlin Bolshevik, which you should have downloaded. Change its size to fit the bar properly.

Also, change its color to #33.

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Step 3: Duplicate the text layer, and change the TOP text layer's color to #898989.

Right click the top text layer and click "Text to selection". Then, Select > Shrink > Shrink 1px. Then Press Delete.

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Step 4: Now Select > None. Duplicate the bottom text layer once more. Change its text color to Black.

Then Filters > Blur > Gaussian Blur. Blur it 3 (horizontal & vertical). Now move the Blurred text layer a pixel or two down, to create a shadow effect.

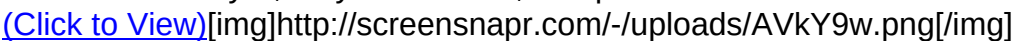
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Step 5: Find an icon for the icon part of the userbar. I'll get one from <http://www.iconfinder.com/>.

Once you find the one you want, Download the PNG, and open it with GIMP.

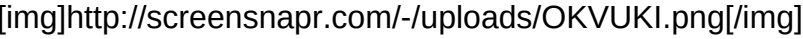
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Step 6: Create a new layer, on your userbar, and paste the Icon. Resize if needed.

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Step 7 (Optional): Duplicate your layer, and desaturate it. Apply filters > blur > Gaussian blur.

Use 2 as your blur settings. Move it slightly down to create a shadow. (Play with opacity to make it look good.)

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Step 8 (Optional): Duplicate the Bottom layer (background) and move it to the top. Set its settings to Screen.

Right-Click on your middle text layer, and choose Text to selection.

Now click on the top layer, (background screened) and Click Select > Invert. Now press Delete, then Select > None.

You'll be left with a Shine on your letters. (play with the Opacity to make it look good).

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Video[Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iNkQB3cO1Vs>]

Congrats! Your Custom Userbar is done!!

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Special thanks to Darko™ :)

**Leafs** - April 6, 2011, 4:40 pm

Great TUT Style, keep up the good work. This is the first time i have seen this.

**HeLi** - April 6, 2011, 4:47 pm

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**Style** - April 6, 2011, 4:50 pm

(Apr 6, 2011 04:47 PM)Rain™ Wrote: ([CITE](#)) Great TUT, but just because you made one, doesn't mean you can use it right?

Use the Userbar? Yeah I know. Just for shits'n'giggles. Or to put in your signature or something. ;)

**Th3DON** - April 6, 2011, 4:59 pm

Nice tut. Will become use full one day...

**Panda** - April 6, 2011, 6:23 pm

Nice tutorial. But I think your text on userbar have kind weird stroke. :) Anyways keep it up, good job.

**BullShooter** - April 6, 2011, 6:26 pm

You forgot the shadow behind the userbar. But very good tutorial.

**Glassy** - April 6, 2011, 6:26 pm

This looks like a great tutorial mate. Keep it up!

**Moralitas** - April 6, 2011, 6:29 pm

Nice guide, will use if I ever make a group on HF, and considering I suck at graphics, this is perfect.

**Haunted™** - April 6, 2011, 6:31 pm

Great tut ,bro , i may need this one

**Style** - April 6, 2011, 7:54 pm

(Apr 6, 2011 06:26 PM)ruggish Wrote: ([CITE](#)) You forgot the shadow behind the userbar. But very good tutorial.

LOL I DID! Ooops. >.>

Eh, I'll add it in(eventually). Can't really change the video though. :3

Thanks for the positive comments guys. :)

**? ? ? ? K ? R** - April 7, 2011, 5:59 am

Nice tutorial, im new to graphics design and this helped alot. Thanks!

**Style** - April 7, 2011, 9:50 am

(Apr 7, 2011 05:59 AM)? ? ? ? K ? R Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice tutorial, im new to graphics design and this helped alot. Thanks!

Great! I hope I have helped. If you need any assistance, feel free to pm me. I'll help with anything I can. :)

**Random!** - April 7, 2011, 3:05 pm

Great tut keep up the work

**Emily** - April 8, 2011, 2:43 am

Nice tutorial! Someone should make a PhotoShop guide for this. :)

**Style** - April 8, 2011, 6:52 am

(Apr 8, 2011 02:43 AM)Emily Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice tutorial! Someone should make a PhotoShop guide for this. :)

Someone has! Click the link in the first line. (on the thread)

**MasterHacker** - April 14, 2011, 8:37 am

Awesome tut man, wish I could Rep u. I have one question but-

Can I put that user bar on other people's profile in other forum I have created? It would be awesome If you can tell me some way.

Master Hacker

**Emily** - April 14, 2011, 6:15 pm

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**Style** - April 14, 2011, 8:13 pm

(Apr 14, 2011 08:37 AM)MasterHacker Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Awesome tut man, wish I could Rep u. I have one question but-

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If the other people's forums allow you to use custom userbars, then yes. :)

(Apr 14, 2011 06:15 PM)Emily Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I have to admit that this is pretty impressive. I will download GIMP and try it out. :)

And thanks! Glad to hear you like it. :)

**Crucifixo** - April 15, 2011, 12:17 am

Nice tutorial, it will be useful if I decide to open my own forum someday.

**Style** - April 17, 2011, 9:40 pm

(Apr 15, 2011 12:17 AM)Crucifixo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice tutorial, it will be useful if I decide to open my own forum someday.

Glad to hear that! :3  
Thanks for checking it out. :)

**Stenography** - April 18, 2011, 4:17 am  
thanks alot !  
i made alot ..

**Style** - April 18, 2011, 1:18 pm  
(Apr 18, 2011 04:17 AM)PolarX Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) thanks alot !  
i made alot ..  
I noticed! :D  
(Your shop thingy)

Did you use this tutorial?  
Or the photoshop version?

Or did you just freestyle it. ;P

Either way, They are pretty good! <3

**Boxing** - April 18, 2011, 4:41 pm  
Nice tut, I really love the font!

**Style** - April 18, 2011, 4:53 pm  
(Apr 18, 2011 04:41 PM)Look at me now Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice tut, I really love the font!  
Thanks!

Glad you found this useful. :)

**MegaHackerOne** - August 2, 2011, 5:21 am  
Great tut bro, thanks, also for those wondering, the font name is Kremlin ?

**Style** - August 2, 2011, 10:35 am  
(Aug 2, 2011 05:21 AM)MegaHackerOne Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Great tut bro, thanks, also for those wondering, the font name is Kremlin ?  
I believe I mentioned that in the OP, but thanks!  
Glad you enjoyed. (:

**JokerStar** - August 2, 2011, 1:27 pm  
Thanks Bro, nice tutorial

**Timoros** - August 2, 2011, 1:59 pm  
Nice tut. Will see and work on it one day