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Xirian - July 30, 2011, 4:57 am

Napalm's signature-making tutorial with GIMP 2

Hey guys, I'm gonna teach you how to make simple yet nice signatures using GIMP(GNU Image Manipulation Program).

So after opening up GIMP, make a new transparent image about the size of 650x200 or whatever you want. The first thing we're gonna do is getting a nice font, I recommend using Black Caps, it's a pretty nice font and I use it a lot. Download it by [clicking here](#).

After you install the font, click the Text Tool button in GIMP , find yourself a good font or the one which you've just downloaded, and write out your username on the transparent blank image. We're also gonna make a reflection thingy of it later, so make sure it's not bigger than the half of the image. You can also choose any color you like.

Now it should look somewhat like this: [Click here to view image](#).

Let's make some part of it another color to make it more attractive. On the Layers window, select your text's layer and above the layer selections, you will see a checkbox, check that. This locks the alpha channel, and when we use our Paintbrush , it will only color places that have colors in them and not transparent.

The lock alpha channel checkbox: [Click here to view image](#).

Now select the Paintbrush tool, change the color to something else than the text's color and recolor some parts of it. I'll just make the first letter black for now. [Click here to view image](#).

Now let's make it glow! On the Layers window, right click your text's layer and click Duplicate Layer. [Click here to view image](#).

Now select the middle layer, make sure the Lock Alpha Channel checkbox is checked, select the Paintbrush tool, change the color to light blue or some light color and paint all of the middle layer to that color.

It should look like this when the first layer is not visible, make you you don't color the first layer but the middle one though! [\(Click to View\)](#)

Make sure the first layer is visible again. Select the middle layer, right click it, and click Layer to Image Size. [Click here to view image](#).

Now uncheck the Lock Alpha Channel checkbox and select the Blur tool , select the middle layer, and not the top one, set the Blur tool's Size to like 10, and start blurring the middle layer.

After you've done that, it should get a nice light blue glow :) [\(Click to View\)](#)

Now Duplicate the first layer, and you should now have 4 layers. So, select the Move Tool , and move the second layer from top to the other half of the image.

Select the Mirror Tool , and use it on the second layer from top(let's call it reflection layer!).

After you've got the reflection layer mirrored, select the Rotate Tool , and rotate the reflection layer by 180 degrees. If it's on the bottom too much, feel free to move it upwards a bit.

It should look like this. [\(Click to View\)](#)

Now change the reflection layer's opacity to around 40%, and select the Eraser tool , on the options window for the Eraser Tool select this brush: [\(Click to View\)](#)

Now erase half of the reflection layer with the Eraser tool.

Afterwards, it should look somewhat like this [\(Click to View\)](#)

And yeah, I guess that's it. Save it as anything.png and upload it to www.imgur.com .

Here's the finished signature :) [\(Click to View\)](#)

Hope you guys liked this tutorial, all credits to me, Napalm™. I've also posted this tutorial on

SupportForums.net.
Thanks for reading!

-Napalm™

Xirian - July 30, 2011, 5:17 am

(Jul 30, 2011 05:15 AM)Hell Guardian Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This looks very nice dude
Can you make me a signature?
Thanks, GIMP is free, download it and follow my tutorial :)
www.gimp.org

sergiu2011 - July 30, 2011, 5:23 am

Very nice tutorial man. Also nice signature!?
Keep it up!

Eshta - July 30, 2011, 5:49 am

Look's Great very simple, easy and HQ

Keep it up bro

Thanks :)

?La FLame? - August 1, 2011, 1:35 am

Thanks for this.

Best regards,
Rajin

MegaHackerOne - August 2, 2011, 5:16 am

Great tutorial, thanks very much ?

b0lt - August 3, 2011, 10:04 pm

Looks good... but I don't really like Gimp ;D I am going to try this out anyways xD

Faceless Void - August 5, 2011, 12:20 pm

Thanks for the tutorial I started doing GFX at GIMP too now. But I improved a lot with your tutorial.

Cowblack - August 5, 2011, 12:25 pm

Thanks helped me a lot. Just started looking into making cool signatures and luckily my first thread I look at is the one.

Jordan L - August 5, 2011, 12:45 pm

Very nice tutorial! Just started working with GIMP.

Techie??? - August 7, 2011, 12:44 am

Thanks for the tutorial. Good work.

HateNetworking - August 14, 2011, 4:15 am

Nice tutorial! Looks good. User friendly and easy to read.

Text91 - August 16, 2011, 3:43 am

Looks great, I'll try this soon ?

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Majin' Vegeta - December 20, 2013, 8:44 pm

Thanks for the simplicity in making a great signature, I am a newly inspired graphic illustrator. I was wondering if you use the program inkscape and if you would have any tutorials on that also.

Brand?n - December 20, 2013, 9:52 pm

Nice looking tutorial. I used to mess around with GIMP when I first started. Keep up the good work op!

133720 - December 20, 2013, 11:26 pm

Awesome Thread.

I bookmarked it.

Thanks you so much.