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Ba??ly Hidd?? - July 30, 2010, 1:49 pm

Introduction:

I was beginning to see a lot of request for a userbar tutorial for GIMP, and I decided to make one for you guys. :D I know this is a little complicated, but it's my first graphics tutorial, so be nice. ;D I'm sorry for squishing the images together in step 9, but there is a 10 image limit. >.<

Requirements:

[GIMP](#)

[The "Kremlin Bolshevik" font. Click to download. :D](#)

The Userbar Template! :D (Right click and save as)

[IMG]<http://i410.photobucket.com/albums/pp181/GraphicDanny/blank-template.png>[/IMG]

Making the Userbar:

Now that you have everything ready, we can get started. :D

1. First you'll want to open up the template in GIMP. Right click the template you saved and click edit in GIMP.

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[IMG]<http://i958.photobucket.com/albums/ae67/BarelyHidden/1.png>[/IMG]

2.

Next, you'll want to go to your Text Tool and Change, and resize the font.

Change the font to "Kremlin Bolshevik", than change the font size to about 18 px. depending on how much text you're trying to fit in, and change the text color to #33

Now you'll want to type out your text. For the tutorial we're going to do "Barely." You'll also want to play around with the capitalization of the text to get a different form of each letter. Don't forget to drag it to where you want it to stay before the next step. :D

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[IMG]<http://i958.photobucket.com/albums/ae67/BarelyHidden/2.png>[/IMG]

3.

Now we want to outline our text. So while your text is still selected, click on the "Path from Text" button in your tool box. Than click select in the top toolbar, and click "From Path", You should now see a an outline around your text. Click on select again, and press grow this time, in the dialog box, put what I have below.

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[IMG]http://i958.photobucket.com/albums/ae67/BarelyHidden/3.png[/IMG]

[IMG]http://i958.photobucket.com/albums/ae67/BarelyHidden/5.png[/IMG]

4.

Now you'll want to zoom in, and click on the paintbucket tool, change the color to 989898, and click the area surrounding the text. If there are any leftover parts you would like highlighted, use the pencil tool and scale it down to 0.01, and manually highlight the parts you would like.

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[IMG]http://i958.photobucket.com/albums/ae67/BarelyHidden/4.png[/IMG]

[IMG]http://i958.photobucket.com/albums/ae67/BarelyHidden/6edit.png[/IMG]

[IMG]http://i958.photobucket.com/albums/ae67/BarelyHidden/7.png[/IMG]

5. Next you have to find an icon. I prefer <http://www.iconfinder.com/> because they have some really cool icons. Although you can also do a quick "Google" search.

Once you find an icon you like, save it as a .PNG. Then follow what I do in the picture below. Basically save it, open it in GIMP, scale it to 32 x 32 pixels, cut it, and copy it to your Userbar.

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[IMG]http://i958.photobucket.com/albums/ae67/BarelyHidden/9.png[/IMG]

6. Now all you have to do is save it! :D Save it as a .PNG, and if you want, save another copy as a .XCF for editing later on. :D Here's our finished result:

[IMG]http://i958.photobucket.com/albums/ae67/BarelyHidden/BarelyUserbar1.png[/IMG]

I hope you liked it. If you have any extra questions please feel free to send me a PM or post here.

Tate - July 30, 2010, 1:51 pm

Looks good converted to gimp. I don't use gimp, so this looks weird to me.

Mr.BTC - July 30, 2010, 1:52 pm

thanks mate :D

but i think photoshop is easier to use tho :D

great guide by the way :D

Genequil - July 30, 2010, 1:57 pm

Nice tutorial. Short, simple, and easy enough to understand. I might have to make one of these soon.

I've been using GIMP forever. It's just a little different than Photoshop. You just need to get used to it.

Vibrant - July 30, 2010, 4:04 pm

Wasnt there already a tutorial like this? anyway thanks.

Ba??ly Hidd?? - July 30, 2010, 4:37 pm

Yeah, but that tutorial was only for photoshop, I decided to make one for us GIMP users. :D

Invicious - July 30, 2010, 11:30 pm

i made it say PotHead haha :P

Ba??ly Hidd?? - July 31, 2010, 9:43 am

:D Glad you guys enjoyed the tutorial. :P

~Ba??ly Hidd?n

AcroneSF - August 4, 2010, 6:24 am

Thank you so much! I saw the photoshop version of this tut was like Bleh. Now i can finally do it in gimp!

Thanks agian!

GV_NRG - August 5, 2010, 4:31 pm

thanks for the guide its really helpfull and easy to understand, even though i have never used gimp before :P good guide! =)

Google.com - August 5, 2010, 4:41 pm

Tyvm for the guide, although i do prefer photoshop this still looks good =]

gamerdd - August 6, 2010, 5:29 pm

witch one is sweeter the one with photoshop ore gimpt^^??

Cheeeers

Dead_Status - May 29, 2011, 7:05 pm

Thanks for the tutorial but it looks a little better done with Photoshop but I don't want to risk pirating cs5.

Xirian - June 1, 2011, 1:33 pm

Thanks for the nice tutorial, take care ?

Cyber-Security - June 1, 2011, 4:55 pm

I am 100% sure this will help people that have GIMP. Great tutorial Ba??ly Hidd??! You converted it pretty well.

asad3man - June 19, 2011, 2:14 am

nice but what is faida of this Tutorial if u ahve ay idea about putting it to HF profile then PM me

Grey Mind - June 19, 2011, 3:10 am

Good tutorial i like it!, thanks

Boo. - June 19, 2011, 1:33 pm

Wow! Never knew possible was this good. I downloaded it YEARS ago and it seemed like MS Paint when I used it haha! ;) May consider downloading GIMP once again.

Sajuuk - June 28, 2012, 11:04 am

When I try to paste my icon onto the userbar, all it does is make a white-lined outline of the image that I'm trying to paste onto the bar. Any way to fix this? (I'm using GIMP 2.8.0)

Ba??ly Hidd?? - June 28, 2012, 4:59 pm

Have you checked your layers or removed the alpha channel from the image?

Sajuuk - June 29, 2012, 2:34 pm

Thanks ßa??ly Hidd??. Now I have another question:

I've seen tutorials for Photoshop to make shimmering text, but no GIMP ones. Are there any out there?

??LO??AM - June 30, 2012, 12:36 am

Used photoshop on it, but thank you for the userbar and font <3 I designed a whole set of userbars for my clan forum :D

Killzone - December 21, 2012, 10:37 am

Thanks man,I just made one,and it looks good.

Billie Joe Armstrong - July 17, 2015, 7:40 pm

Bloody hell!This is what I've been searching for ages! Posting to aware other Gimp users!

?Luxury - July 19, 2015, 4:55 pm

This is cool. Thanks for this tut dude :) I'll prob try soon