

More with GimpShop

1. Start by opening the GimpShop program.
2. Open one of the pictures you took with a person in it. If you don't have a picture you may find one on the Internet, but don't take more than 5 minutes to do so. If there's someone specific you'd like to find a picture of, www.wikipedia.com is a good place to start.
3. Crop the picture to bring focus to the person and get rid of any distracting background objects.
4. Resize the picture so the width is 600 pixels.
5. We can use the clone tool to fix up areas of the picture, such as removing people from the background, or erasing a nasty pimple from a person's face. The clone tool is the button that looks like a stamp. It is the second button in the fifth row of your tool box.
6. Once you have selected the clone tool you click with your mouse in the area that is to be copied while you hold down the Ctrl-key. Then you release the key and click with the mouse in the area that you want to paint over. You can use the clone tool the same way you would use a paintbrush. Sometimes you will get a more natural looking picture if you define a new cloning area several times. Play around with cloning different areas on the photo. Practice makes perfect! Remember...edit, undo!
7. After you have either fixed or removed something from the picture. Save your picture as "2clone.jpg" Remember to save it in the correct folder!!
8. Something else we can do to increase interest in a picture is adding a frame. We can do this by simply clicking on Script-Fu, Decor, and Add Border... A box will pop up with several options for the border, including changing the color. Make the border a color that suits your picture well, and click ok.
9. After you've added the border, save this version of the picture as "2border.jpg"
10. Open 2clone.jpg and try Script-Fu, Décor, and Fuzzy Border... Play with the different options such as the color and granularity to see what the different options do.
11. Try out the different options under the Script-Fu menu. Experiment with the options of the various tools to see the different things you can do. Save your picture 5 times with 5 different things done to it from the Script-Fu menu. Name the pictures "2scriptfu1.jpg", "2scriptfu2.jpg"... "2scriptfu5.jpg"
12. Open your original picture and crop it so that just the face is shown.
13. Resize the picture so the width is 400 pixels.
14. Change the picture to black and white by clicking on Image, Mode, and Greyscale.
15. We can make the person look like an alien by clicking on Filter, Distort, and IWarp. In the box that comes up, leave everything set to the default. Click and drag on the person's forehead up toward their hair to stretch their forehead. Once they have an alien-looking forehead, click ok.
16. Go back into Filter, Distort, and IWarp. This time change the Deform Mode to Grow. Click and drag in the person's eyes in short motions. Do this over and over until they have big alien-like eyes. Then click ok.

17. Go back into Filter, Distort, and IWarp again. This time change the Deform Mode to Shrink. Click and drag the person's neck and lower face to make them skinny and alien-like. When you're happy with how it looks. Click ok.
18. When you're finished making the person look like an alien save the picture as "2alien.jpg"
19. Another thing we can do is add text to a picture. Click on the button with the T on it. You can choose a font and set other text options below the main tool palette. Pick a font by clicking on the Aa button.
20. Once you have a font you like click in the picture to bring up a box in which you can type. Type the person's name. Play around with the size and color of the text. When you're happy with what you've got save the picture as "2text.jpg"
21. For next time you will be taking pictures of landscapes. Here are some tips for taking great landscape pictures:
 - a. Move it from the middle
 - b. Take some vertical pictures
 - c. Shoot from a different prospective
 - d. Have a subject and keep it simple!
 - e. Experiment! It's just digital film!