

GIMP Cutout Names

1. Find a background picture (full size image) and place it on your desktop.
2. Open GIMP
3. File→open→click on desktop to find your picture and select the file
4. Click on the text tool (A) in the toolbox and choose a thick font, change the size to 175. (The size can be adjusted when you are typing your name if needed)
5. Click on the background picture, the text dialog box should appear. Type your first name.
6. Click on the move tool (+) and drag your name over the section of the background picture you want to be in your name.
7. With the name layer still selected, click on the layer menu and choose transparency, then alpha to selection
8. You should see the dotted lines moving around your name
9. Click in the layers window, then click the background layer, choose Edit→copy
10. Click on the name layer (your name) in the layers window, choose Edit→paste
11. A floating layer will appear in the layers window. Make sure it is selected and press the anchor button in the layers window. Your name should disappear. If it doesn't, click the anchor button again.
12. Click the eye next to the background layer to hide it. You should now only see your name cutout from the background picture. Move it to the center using the move tool.
13. Go to filters→décor→add bevel and choose size 10.
14. Go to filters→light and shadow→drop shadow. Press Ok.
15. Save as cutout1.png in your GIMP folder.