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How to make a transparent background using The Gimp

This is Part 2 of my tutorial - be sure to read [Part 1 here](#).

After you have created a layer mask, and made the background of your image white, you will have something similar to this:



Now, you say "that's great! I have a white background. But, what if I want the background to be transparent? What if I want to use this image as part of a logo? Or as an icon on a web page?" There are lots of different reasons to want a transparent background.

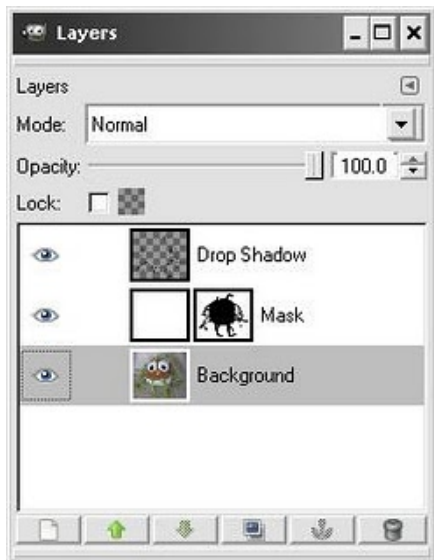
Here's how!

Open your gimp file (.XRF format) that was created in [Part 1](#)

1. Type CTRL + L to bring up the Layers window

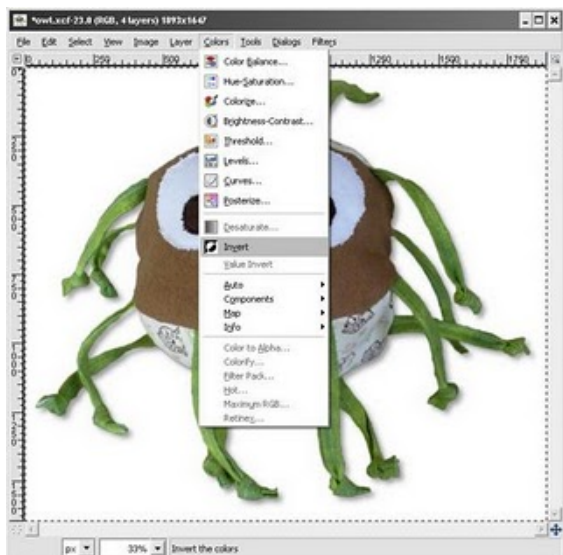
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2. Click on the "Mask" layer to select it. Right click and make sure there is a check mark next to "Edit Layer Mask".

3. In the Image window, click Colors --> Invert to invert the layer mask.



4. Type CTRL + C to Copy the Mask.

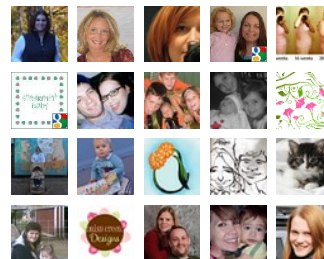


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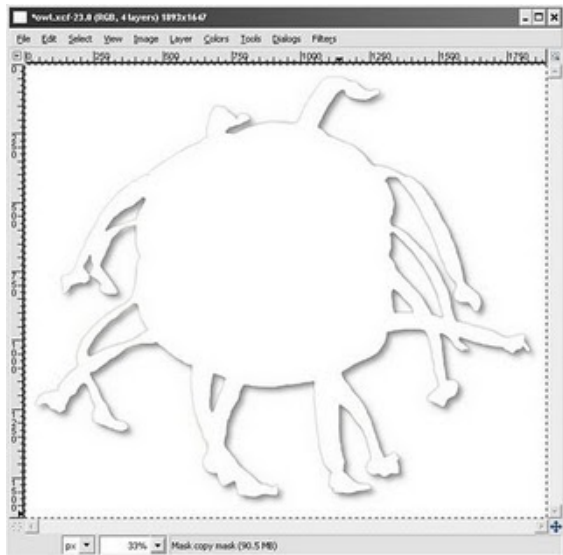
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5. Type CTRL + L to bring up the Layers window again. Right click on the "Background" layer. Click "Add Layer Mask".

6. Select "Layer's Alpha Channel" and "Invert Mask".



7. Type CTRL + V to paste the layer.

8. Click the "Anchor" button the anchor the layer.

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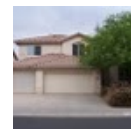
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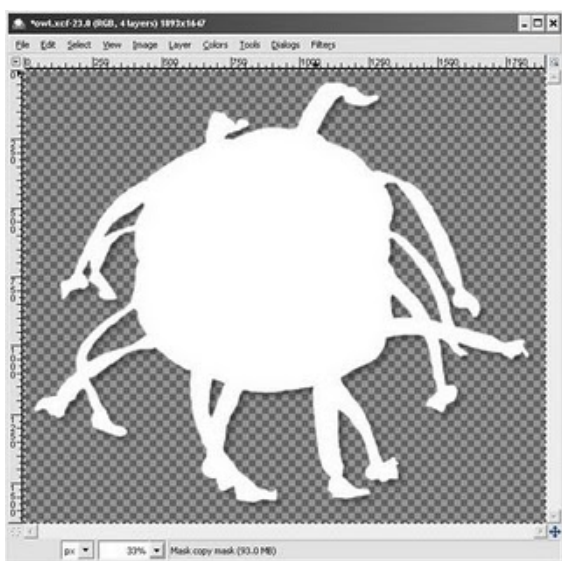
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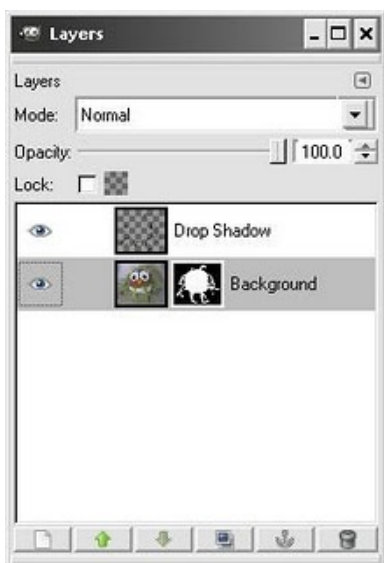
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9. Now, right click on the "Mask" layer and click "Delete Layer".



10. Finally, click on the "Drop Shadow" layer. Right click and select "Merge Down".



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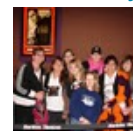
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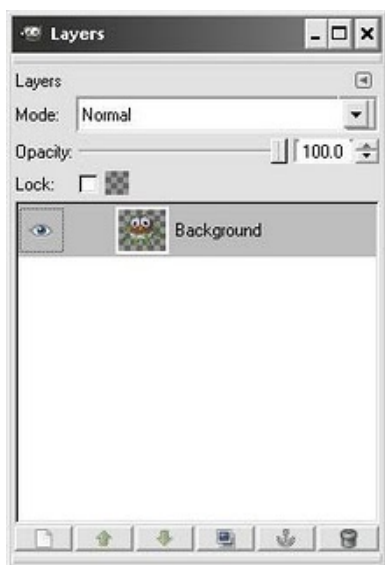
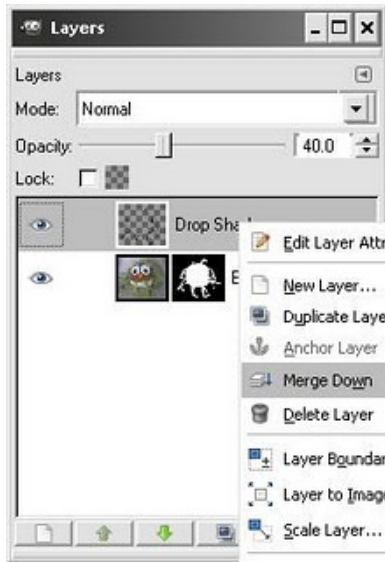
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That's it! You can now copy this image onto whatever background you wish!



Be sure to save your file as .PNG or .GIF for the transparency to work.

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about me



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I am a stay-at-home mother of three wonderful children, ages 2 and 4 and brand new. When my son was about 6 months old, he had a toy giraffe with a knotted string for a tail. He loved playing with the string, and would rub it to help him fall asleep. He loved it so much, that I thought it would be great to create something for him that had lots of strings for him to play with. So, that is how the ZadyBall was born -- out of love for my son. Since the creation of the original, I have made several ZadyBalls, and given them to friends and family as gifts for their babies. I have heard nothing but praise and appreciation. I hope that you and your family will enjoy ZadyBall as much as we have. My four-year-old son still won't sleep without his!

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