



GIMP for Beginners, Part 2


Cambria County Library

What Determines the Attention Areas in an Image?



Working with Layer Masks

1. Duplicate the image onto a new layer


 Select the layer to be duplicated, then click the Duplicate Layer button

Make sure the new layer is above the old layer

Make the adjustments you want to the new layer (darken, adjust colors, etc.)


It's a good idea to name the new layer accordingly ("dark," "high contrast," "blue," etc.)

2. Create a layer mask

 Select an adjusted layer, then click the Add Layer Mask button

In the Add Layer Mask pop-up, choose Black, then Add

3. Paint with white on layer masks

 Be sure to activate the layer mask by clicking on it in the layer!

Choose a soft brush with a low opacity, then paint with white

Switch to black paint to erase any mistakes

- Download GIMP to your PC [here](#)
- Get GIMP Toolbox / Layers cheat sheet [here](#)
- Watch a tutorial on layer masks at GIMP TUT (YouTube) [here](#)
- See GIMP TUT's playlist of beginner videos (YouTube) [here](#)