GIMP Basics: The Workspace

Free photo editor from gimp.org

Toolbox

The tools are on the left: select, move, crop, paint, text and more. Tool Options below them change how the chosen tool works.

Canvas

The picture you are editing sits in the middle. Zoom with Ctrl and the scroll wheel.

Layers dock

Layers are on the right. Think of them as clear sheets stacked on top of each other.

Open and export

Open a picture with Ctrl + O. To make a JPG or PNG, use File, then Export As (Ctrl + Shift + E).

Resize

Choose Image, then Scale Image. Keep the chain link closed so the picture does not stretch.

Crop and undo

Press Shift + C for the crop tool. Press Ctrl + Z to undo, as many times as you need.

Tip: Save as XCF if you want to keep your layers. Export to share the finished picture.

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