

Exploring GIMP

Based on GIMP Tutorial by
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Note that there's almost always more than one way to do these steps. (For example, you can type Control-N rather than selecting File → New from the menus.) Learn the quick and easy ways for you!

Also, the instructions get less detailed as they go along.

1. Setting up the image
 - a) File → New
 - b) Set both height and width to 600
 - c) Click the “Bucket” icon, then select “BG colour fill” below, and click on the canvas
 - d) Save now and often!
2. Stars
 - a) Layer → New Layer (Layer Fill Type: Transparency)
 - b) Filters → Noise → Hurl
 - c) Layer → Colours → Desaturate
 - d) Layer → Colours → Curves (Play around to get the look you want)
 - e) Click the brush icon
 - f) Click the button next to “Brush” and choose the shape you want (try a fuzzy circle or a star)
 - g) Draw some big stars!
3. Supernova
 - a) New Layer
 - b) Filters → Light Effects → Supernova
4. Earth
 - a) New Layer
 - b) Click the gradient tool (a box shaded from green to white)
 - c) Click the button next to “Gradient” and select “FG to transparent”
 - d) Click the black box two rows below the gradient tool and choose a blue “ocean” colour
 - e) Draw a short line up to the left from near the lower right
5. Moon
 - a) New Layer
 - b) Bucket Fill → Pattern Fill with “Craters”
 - c) Filters → Map → Map Object, Map to Sphere, Transparent Background
 - d) Use the rectangular selection button (first one in the toolbar) to grab the moon and move it