GIMP Image editor shortcuts

CONCEPTS

Most tools have a single-key shortcut; hold Shift for the second tool of a family (E is Ellipse, Shift+E is Eraser).

Export As writes PNG/JPEG/etc. Save writes the .xcf project; only .xcf keeps layers.

SELECTION TOOLS

R
Rectangle select

E
Ellipse select

F
Free select (lasso)

U
Fuzzy select (magic wand)

Shift + Ctrl + A
Select none

Ctrl + A
Select all

Ctrl + I
Invert selection

PAINT TOOLS

P
Paintbrush

Shift + E
Eraser

Shift + B
Bucket fill

C
Clone

H
Heal

O
Color picker

D
Default colors (black / white)

X
Swap foreground and background

PAINT TOOLS (cont.)

Ctrl + ,
Fill with foreground color

Ctrl + .
Fill with background color

TRANSFORM AND OTHER TOOLS

M
Move

Shift + C
Crop

Shift + R
Rotate

Shift + S
Scale

T
Text

FILE AND EDIT

Ctrl + N
New image

Ctrl + O
Open image

Ctrl + S
Save as .xcf

Shift + Ctrl + E
Export As

Ctrl + Z
Undo

Ctrl + Y
Redo

Ctrl + C
Copy

VIEW AND WINDOW

Plus / Minus
Zoom in / out

LAYERS, IMAGE, FILTERS

Shift + Ctrl + N
New layer