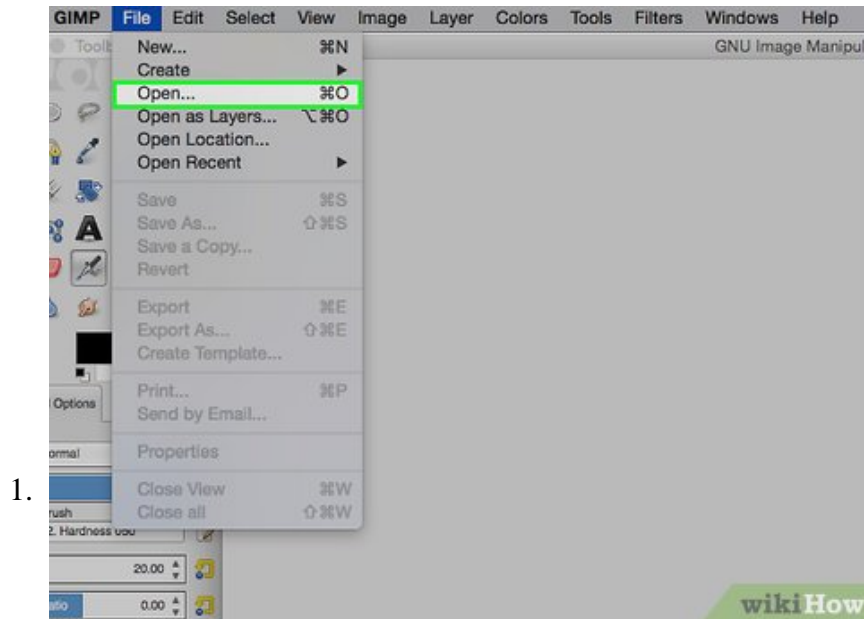


How to Feather Edges on GIMP

Making an edge fade away into the foreground is a common image editing technique. GIMP is one of a few powerful programs that let a user fade the edge of an image to his exact needs. *please note the images are shown on OSX, but the menu...

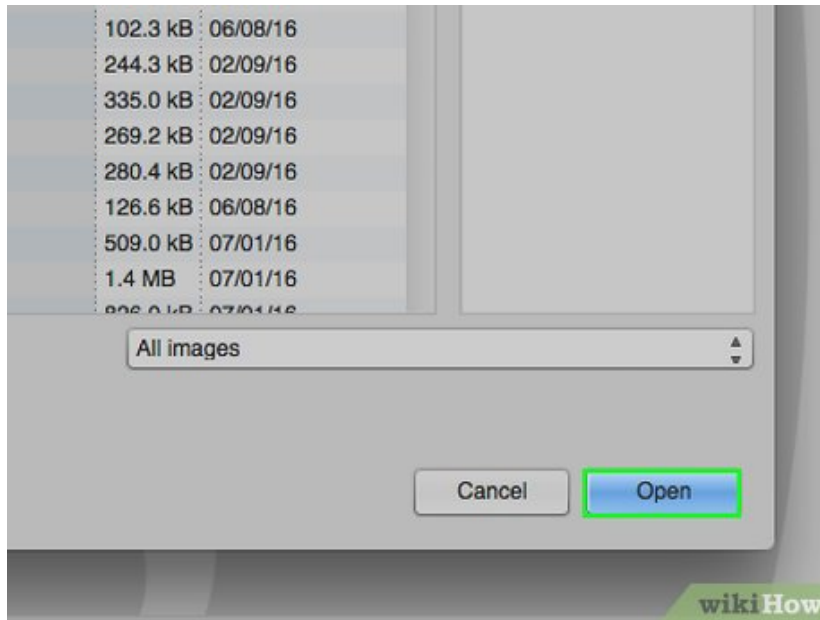
Part 1 of 5:

Opening an Image



Click 'File', then 'Open' to open the file navigator.

2.

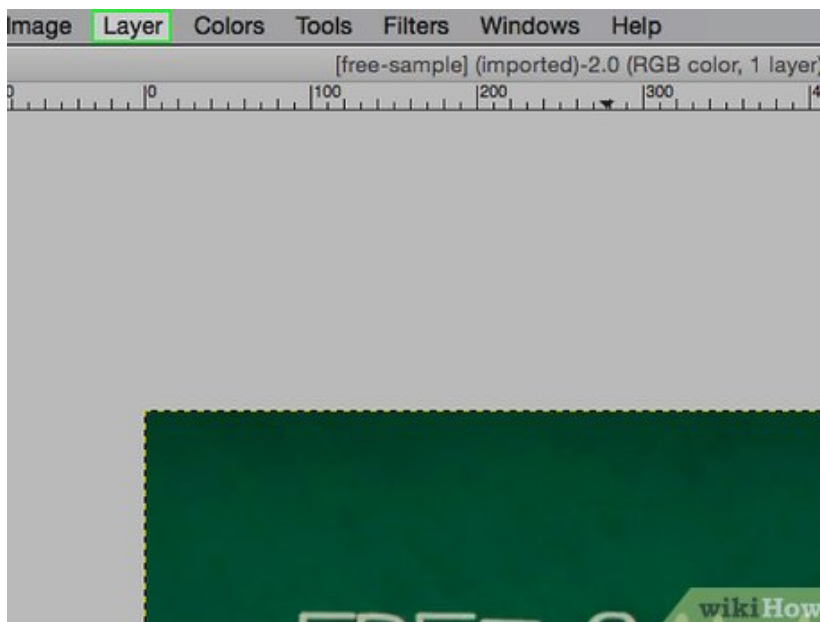


Select your file by clicking on it (it will be highlighted blue when selected). Click 'Open'.

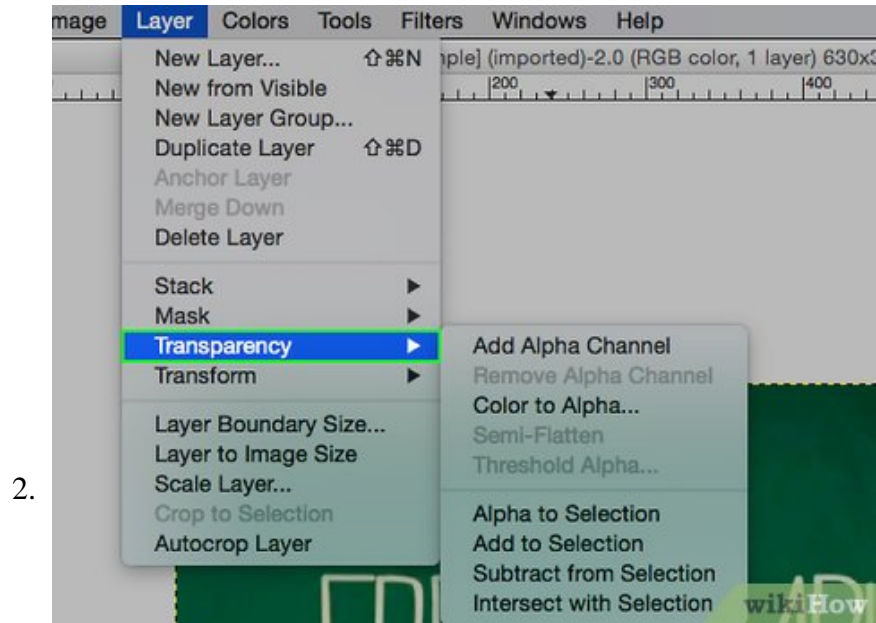
Part 2 of 5:

Adding an Alpha Channel

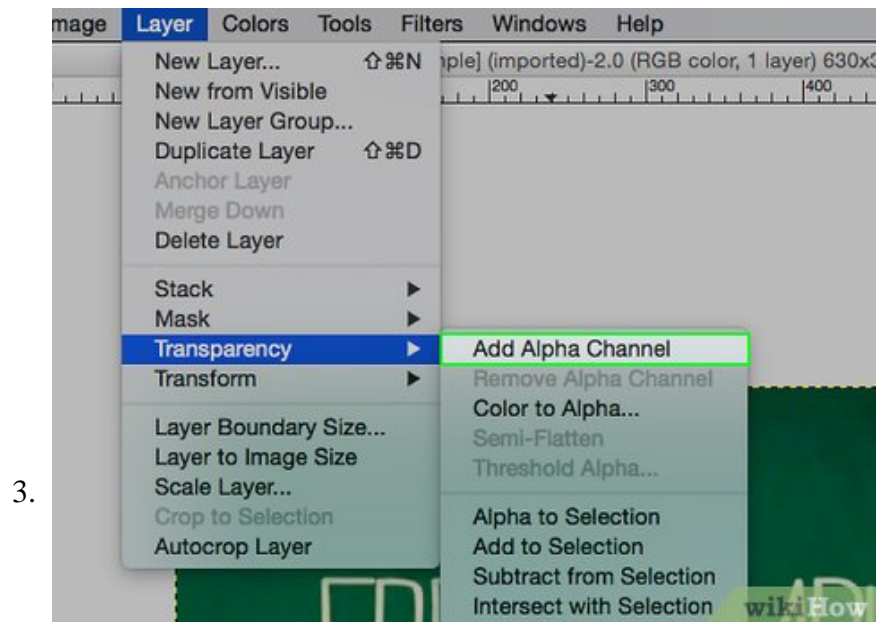
1.



Click 'Layer'.



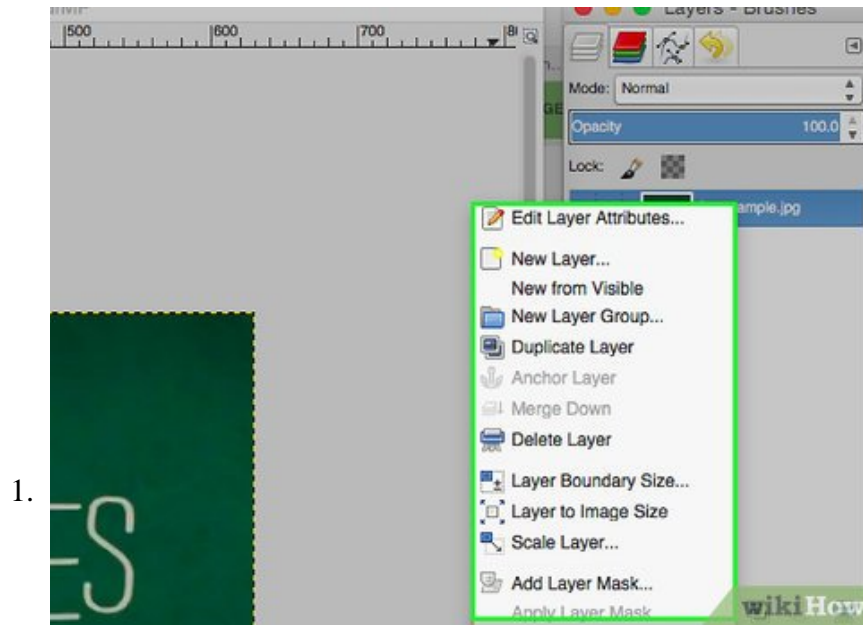
Hover over 'Transparency'.



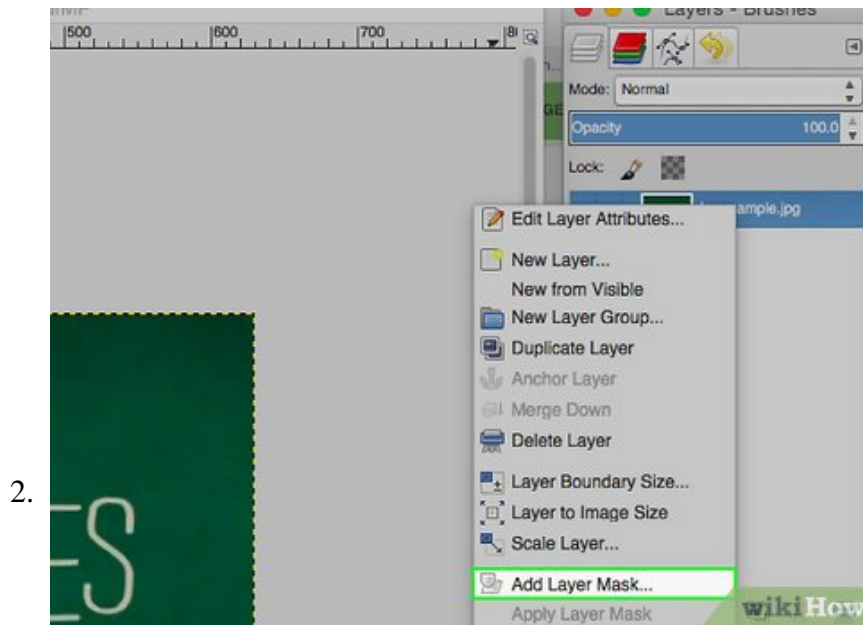
Click 'Add Alpha Channel'. Adding an alpha channel adds the ability to become transparent to your image.

Part 3 of 5:

Adding a Layer Mask

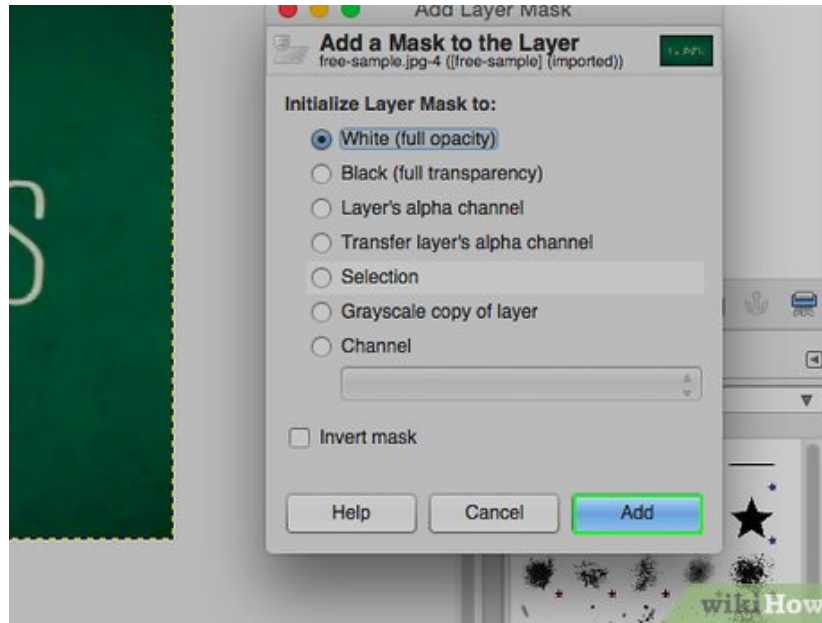


In the layers toolbox, hover over your image and right click.



Click 'Add Layer Mask'.

3.

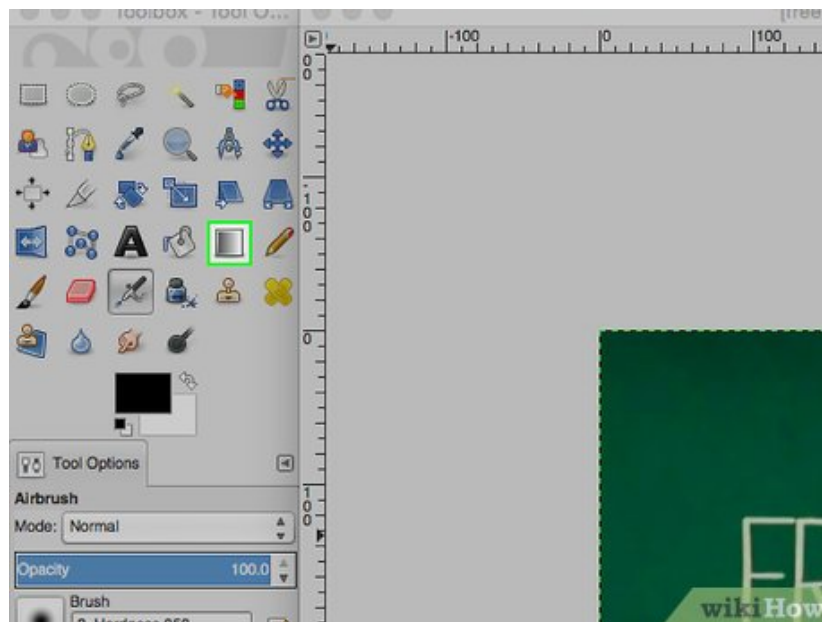


Click 'Add.' White (full opacity) should be selected.

Part 4 of 5:

Feathering the Edge

1.



Select 'Blend Tool' in your toolbox.

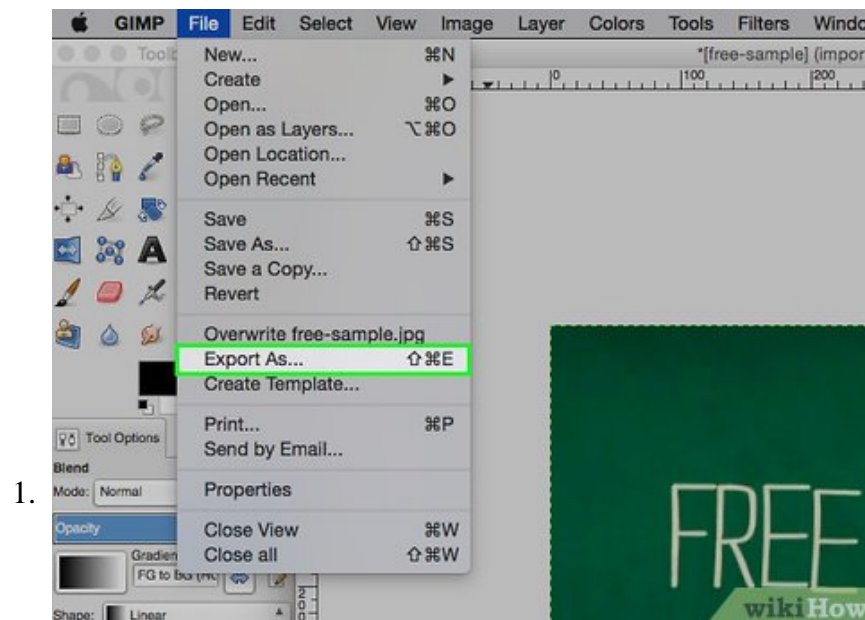


Click and drag from where you want your fade to end, to where you want your fade to begin.

1. Don't like how you fade looks? Simply hit Ctrl+z (on OSX) or Ctrl+z (on Windows) to undo your last step and try again!
2. The fade you establish will run along the length of the page, perpendicular to the line you drag.
3. Hold Cmd (on OSX) or Ctrl (on Windows) while dragging to make your line automatically stick to set angles, making a perfectly vertical or horizontal line easier.

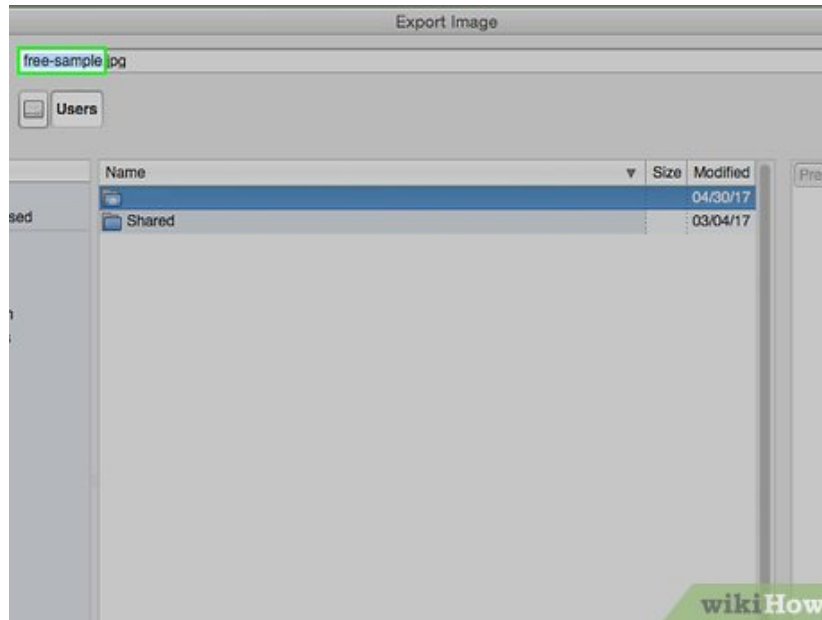
Part 5 of 5:

Exporting the Image



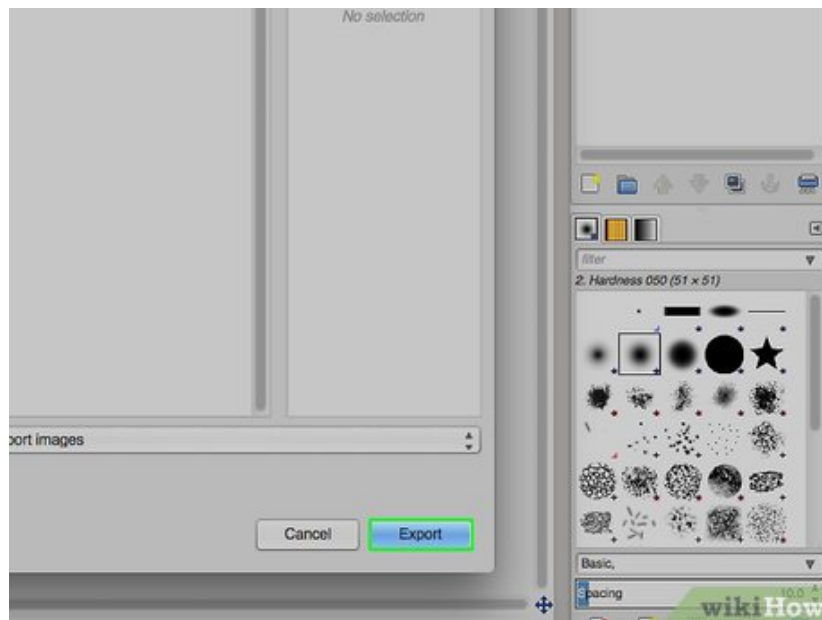
Click 'File', then 'Export as'.

2.



Name your new faded image, and add the .png extension in place of any other extension.

3.



Click 'Export', or simply hit the **Enter** key.

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