

Gimp 2.8 (GTK2) Photoshop CS6 Theme with Tool Icons

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Preface

This theme is to make Gimp (2.8) look more like Photoshop CS6 - hopefully it will make the transition to Linux a whole lot easier for some and also give those that have already crossed over a nice new fresh look.

This theme is a dark theme, which if you don't already know is firstly easier on the eyes i.e less eye-strain and second, it keeps your focus on the edited image rather than the tools and controls.

I hope you like it and it inspires you to do some great editing or art!

Theme

I've tried to keep the theme as close as I could to the colour scheme of CS6 editing the GTK, I'm no coding guru, but I think the 'gtkrc' is reasonably self-explanatory once you know which bits pertain to specific bits.

I've labeled the file colours in the gtkrc file in case anyone wishes to alter the theme for their personal tastes. For example you could change the two highlight colours:

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bg[PRELIGHT] = "#4a90d9" # Blue-Hightlight-menus
bg[SELECTED] = "#4a90d9" # Blue-Hightlight-Panels
```

At the moment they are set to a light blue to match Elementary OS, but if you're on default Ubuntu, you may prefer an orange etc.



Icons/Tools

I didn't create all the icons from scratch, some are borrowed from another theme and alternated and some are genuine PS ones that have been modded also. As you can imagine, nothing is perfect or accurate, but they make good representations of the originals.

There's a few I didn't edit much, as they fitted the theme well, but most people I imagine don't use them. There are some obscure ones in Gimp that I didn't have the time or notion to do - but I doubt you'll probably use them as they are duplicated in the menus for those rare occasions ;)

The icons are 17x17 in size in case you wish to mod them yourself in the future - it's not easy working with such tiny icons. I would have preferred to do a whole new set as scalable svgs in Inkscape, but that would have taken a good while as you can imagine.

At present there are rumors of a new monochrome icon set and a narrower tool panel - things move slow for Gimp's development, so I'm not sure when this will happen. Additionally Gimp is expected to move over to GTK3 - quite when, is anyone's guess, but it'll make this theme a bit unusable I expect. But who knows what the future will bring? And at the same time this'll do fine for now ;)

Settings

Along with the theme and the icons I also thought it'd be handy to include my settings and tool layout files. Just re-name yours and replace them with mine if you like the layout. My settings are nothing that fancy, but it's part of the look if you want to match the screenshot.

The files in questions are: "**gimprc**" and "**toolrc**".

Keyboard Shortcuts

I haven't modded my shortcuts to PS, I'm still in an transitional phase myself - you can of course change them yourself to suit. Some people use all PS shortcuts, some just use a few, some just Gimps, and others prefer a mixed layout- whatever works for you ;)

Layout

Some of the adjusting will be for you to decide - I like a fairly minimal layout in Gimp with only a few panels: Layers, Channels, Paths, History and Tool Options. The rest I'll bring up depending on the job I'm working on. So again, add or remove what you like.

Installation Overview

The installation is pretty straight forward, essentially just by dragging and dropping files to the relevant locations and choosing the theme within Gimp. It'll take a few minutes, and probably next time you'll do it in a matter of seconds.

You'll also probably need a newer up-to-date version of Gimp - currently as I write this, in the Ubuntu repos Gimp is still at 2.6, but for this theme you'll require 2.8 - Ive included details below to help for those that are unfamiliar with Linux.

Installing Gimp 2.8 PPA

Enter your Terminal ('CTRL+ALT+T' in various distros), and enter the following:

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:otto-kesselgulasch/gimp
```

(You'll probably be asked for your password, enter it)

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sudo apt-get update  
sudo apt-get install gimp
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(you may find that the downloading and installation takes a little while, it will depend on you Internet connection naturally)

The handy thing about having a PPA of Gimp means you'll have a constantly updated version, newer than the Software Centres. The only negative point is that PPAs can change, so you'll just have to look around if the update eventually starts to fail - your Update Manager should tell you.

Note:

*If you ever wish to remove the Gimp PPA, in Elementary OS or Ubuntu etc, head over to the Software Centre and go into the **Edit>Software Sources>Other Software**. Locate the PPA and un-check it, or remove it - easy!*

Another thing to note, some folders or files may not be created until you run Gimp 2.8 once. Try to do this before you continue. It's also a good time to grab a look at Gimp in it's default state so you'll really appreciate the new look ;)

Installing the Theme

1) After un-archiving/un-zipping, the theme is titled "**Gimp-CS6-Theme**", it's a folder and just needs to be copied into your home directory in "**.gimp-2.8**". You may have to un-hide your hidden files in your home directory, you can toggle this with "**CTRL+H**" in most distros. Folders beginning with a "." (Full-stop) will be hidden from view automatically.

Once you've located the '**.gimp-2.8**' folder, look inside and you should see a folder titled "**themes**". Open up this folder and drag/copy and paste in the new theme folder '**Gimp-CS6-Theme**'.

2) Next if you'd like to add my tool layout (as in the screenshot) and also my preferences - re-name your files "**gimprc**" and "**toolrc**" files to something else. Then drag/copy and paste the replacement files.

3) Now that you've the files copied, it's time to launch Gimp, switch to the new theme and also tweak the layout a little.

4) Once gimp is open, locate the menu> '**Windows>Single-Window Mode**' and select it. You can of course leave the windows floating if you wish.

5) Next to choose the theme we installed, go to the menu> 'Edit>Preferences>', a new window will open - now select the item '**Theme**' and choose our theme "**Gimp-CS6-Theme**", after a moment or two you'll notice the theme having been applied.

6) Next we'll check that the canvas has taken the new darker theme settings that I set from the preference file. When I was testing this theme I found something that resembled a bug where the canvas colour was being reset. Navigate to **Appearance> "Custom Padding Colour"** for '*Normal Mode*' and change the colour to "**272727**" and do this also for "**Custom Padding Colour**" for the '*Fullscreen Mode*'.

As I say you may not have to, but just check it anyway if you like ;)

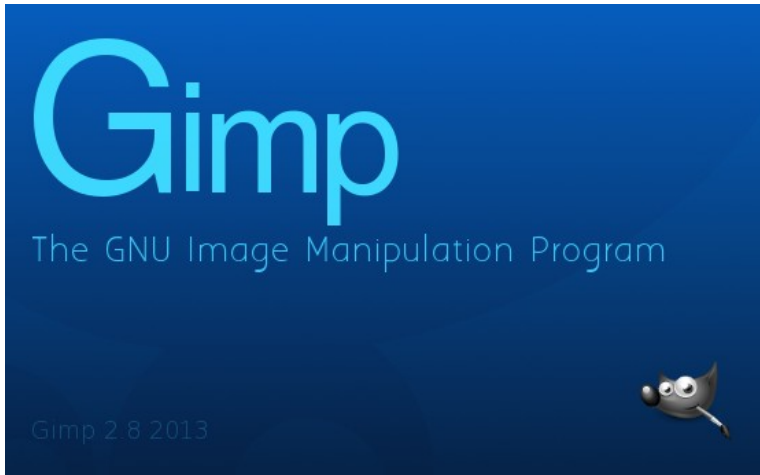
7) Now the next part is pretty simple, you'll need to move the '**Brushes Options**' away from the Toolbar, or perhaps move it over to the right-hand panels to get the PS look. Then just scale the width of the

Toolbar width wise till you have a two column bar - simple!

And that's pretty much it, just add or remove the panels you want on-screen on the right-side. You can have as many or as few as you like.

Well we've nearly got a full theme here, but one thing's is missing. How about a CS6/Gimp styled Splash?

Here's one!



It requires a little more modding, but not too much, you can add it if you like

First up you'll need to access you file-System as root i.e. your hard drives system directories.

Before we hit the terminal though, lets just first open up your file manager and copy (CTRL+C) the new Gimp splash-screen titled "**gimp-splash.png**".

Which File Manager you use is important. For instance Elementary OS currently uses Pantheon-Files while many other distros such as Ubuntu use Nautilus currently.

For Elementary OS and Pantheon-Files enter:

```
gksu pantheon-files /usr/share/gimp/2.0/images
```

This will open the EOS files-manager allowing you to re-name the old "gimp-splash.png" to something else, such as "gimp-splash.png-old". Next just paste the replacement splash-screen (CTRL+V), and that's it!

For Ubuntu and Nautilus enter:

```
gksu nautilus /usr/share/gimp/2.0/images
```

This will open the Nautilus files-manager allowing you to re-name the old "gimp-splash.png" to something else, such as "gimp-splash.png-old". Next just paste the replacement splash-screen (CTRL+V), and that's it!

Last but not least, Windows – I didn't cover those users because they get it easy ;) But if you have no choice for now and run Gimp in Windows, you can add this theme, although I haven't tested it. The installation instructions are simple enough, but you'll have to have a search for it online.

Good luck, hope you have fun with your newly vitalised and pimped software :)