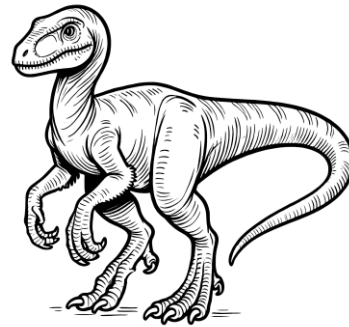# FREE AND EASY AI TOUCH-UP

- Remove grayscale
- Fix mistakes
- Remove backgrounds

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Welcome, and thanks for grabbing this resource!

Start with high-quality images
To start with, you want to ensure that you are starting with the highest-possible quality image. Your images should be:

❏ High resolution (6000-8000 px is great)
❏ Black and white (as much as possible)
❏ On a solid background

When generating images using AI, some prompts that you can use to get the best possible images include phrases like:
- "coloring page"
- "black and white"
- "no shading"
- "vector lines"
- "thick outline"
- "white [noun]"
- "isolated image"
- "white background"

How to Download the Free Software
The software I teach you to use in this tutorial is called GIMP (GNU Image Manipulation Program). It is free to download for both Mac and PC. Download it here: GIMP.org
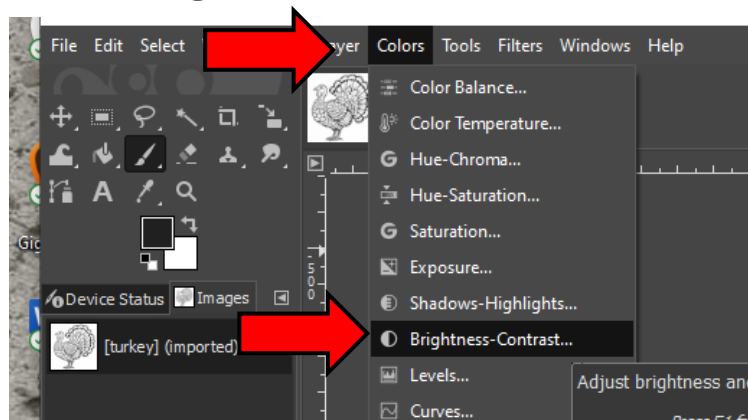
Double click the downloaded file and follow the setup instructions. Once you have installed GIMP, open your file.
- Select File > Open
- On the left hand side, select the correct folder.
- Choose your file.
- Click open.

To reduce or eliminate grayscale and unwanted color:

- Click Colors > Brightness-Contrast

- Increase the brightness slider until you've eliminated as much of the grayscale in your image as possible (this is also a way to get rid of unwanted color).
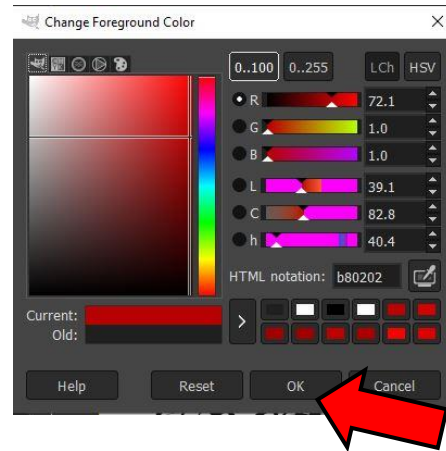- Increase the contrast slider to just PAST the brightness slider. The contrast must exceed the brightness.
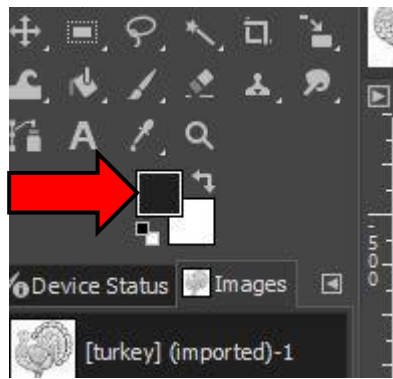

- Click OK when your image is as clean as you can get it. Repeat if necessary to remove even more color or grayscale.
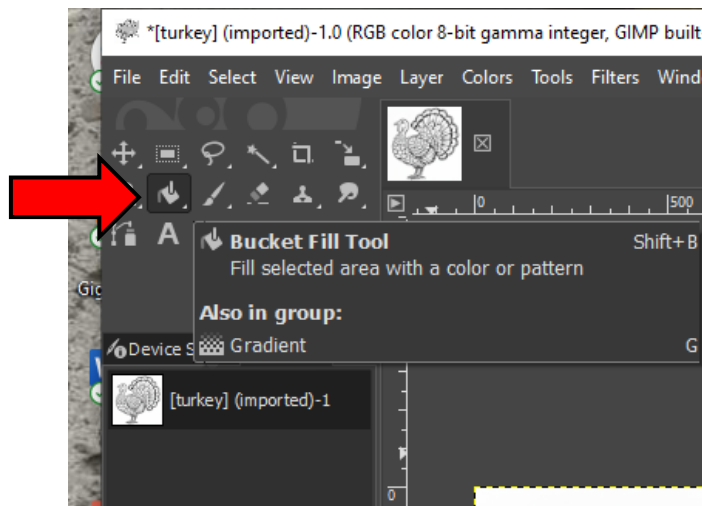
To create a transparent background:

This process will work if your background is a single color. This is not the right process for eliminating a busy background with patterns or images.

- Click the foreground color square and select a color that is not visibly present in your image. I usually use a bright red.

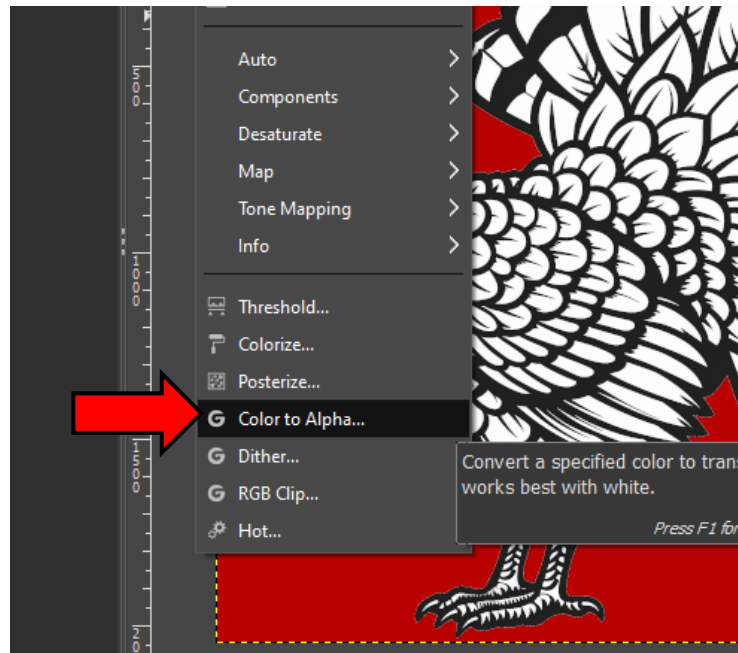- Click the color you want, then click OK.
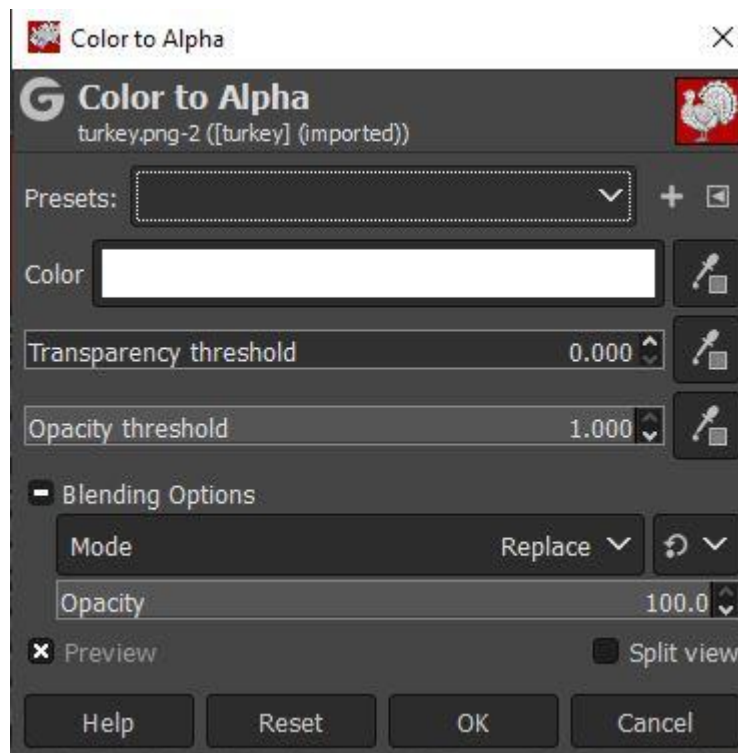
- Click the bucket fill tool.

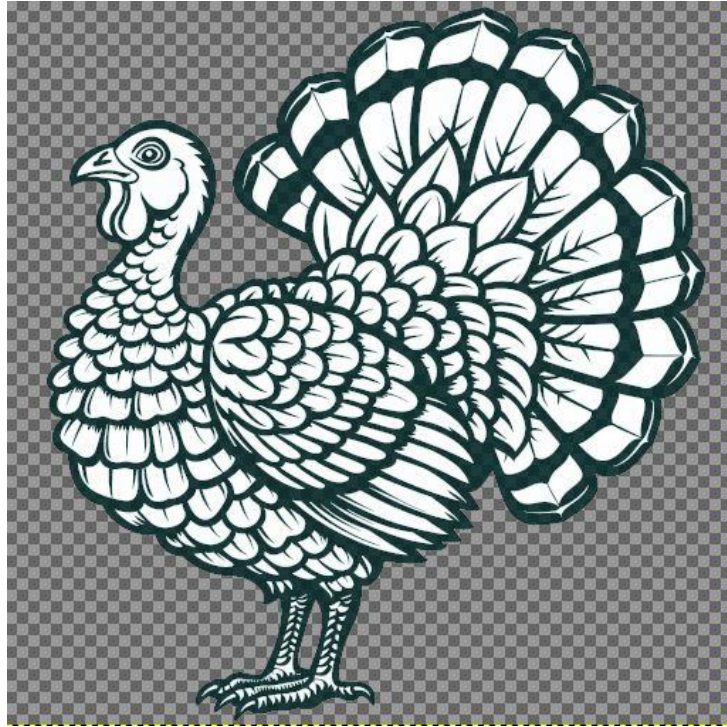- Click all the background areas of your image that you want to become transparent.
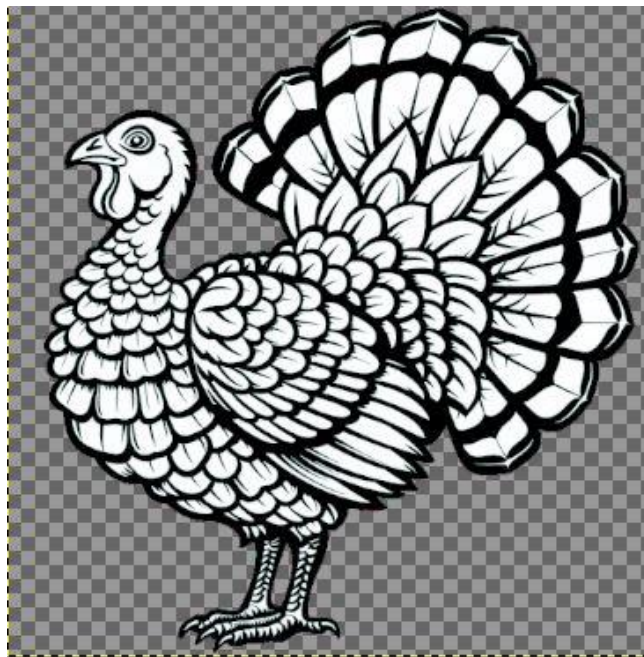
- Click Colors > Color to Alpha

- Click the eyedropper tool to the right of the Color bar, then click anywhere on your image where you used the bucket fill.
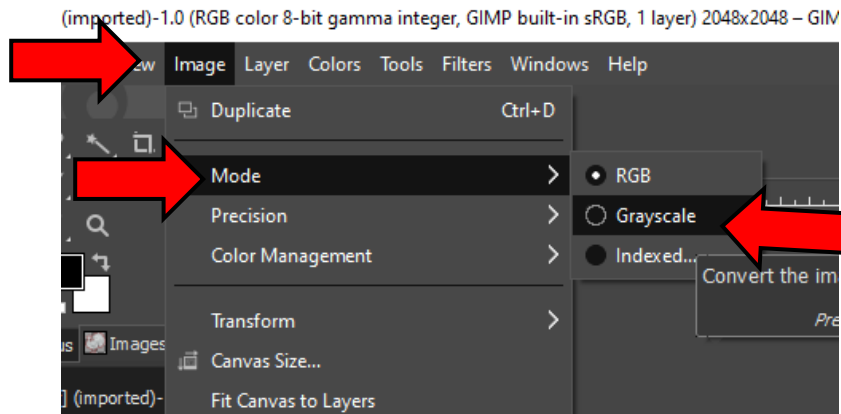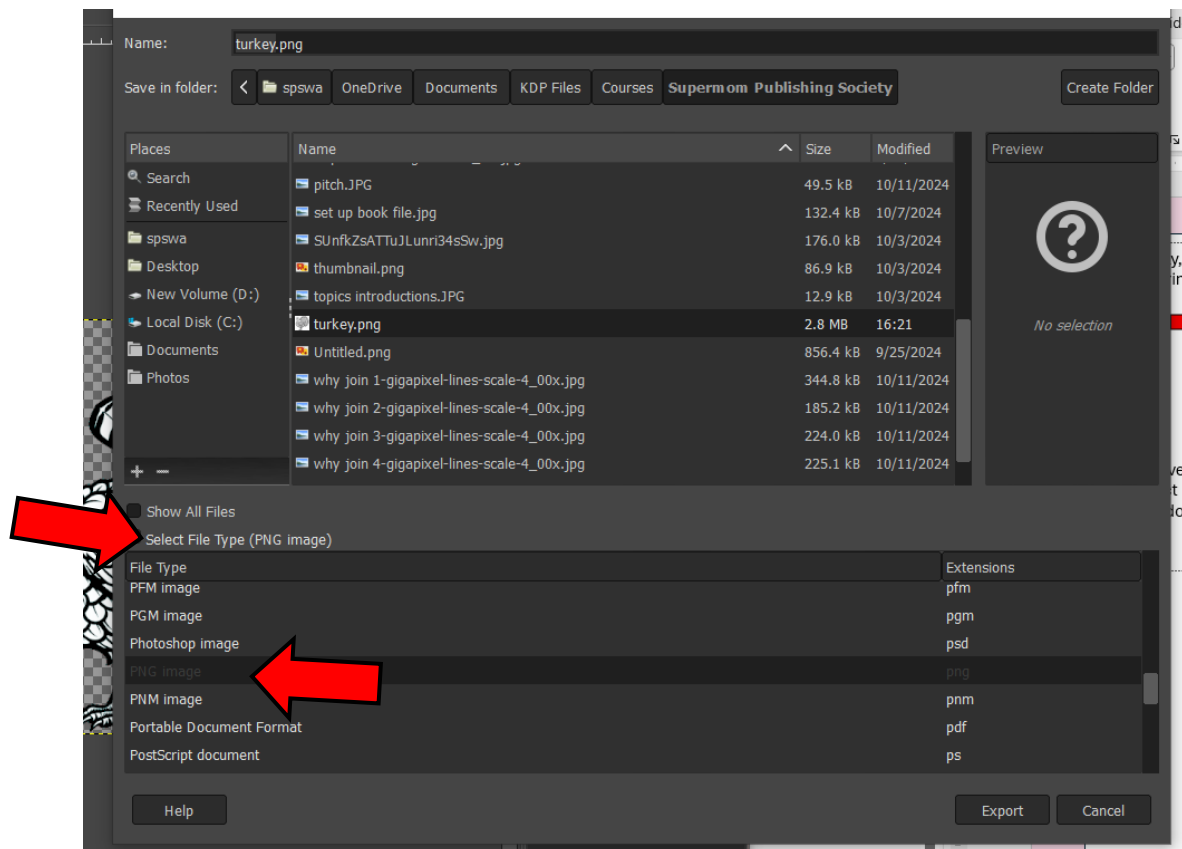
- Click Ok.

- Notice that the turkey is now slightly transparent and greenish- this is because it wasn't truly black and white but a composite of colors, and now red has been removed. You can fix this by changing the foreground color to black again, and bucket filling the "black" areas.

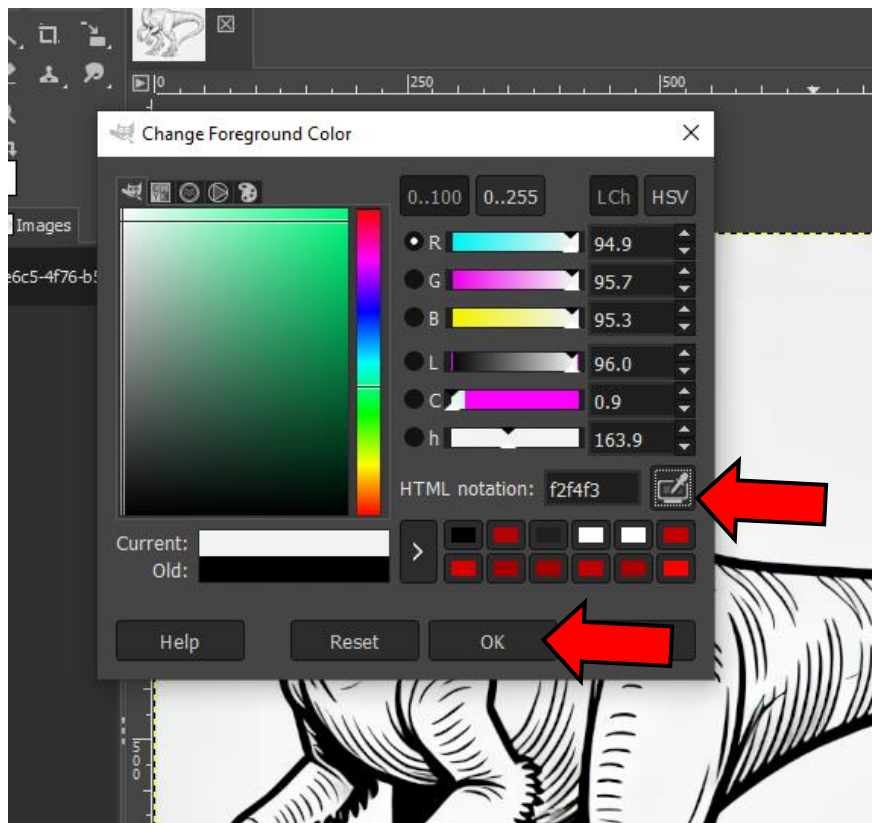- Finally, click Image > Mode > Grayscale to remove any lingering colors.

- To save, click File > Export As
- Select PNG from the Select File Type (By Extension) dropdown menu. Click ok.
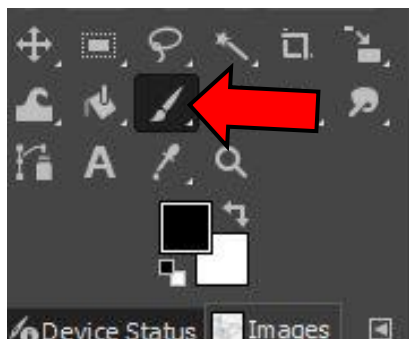
To remove unwanted artifacts:

A quick and easy way to remove artifacts is to "paint" over them. It may be easiest to do this first before you do any other color corrections.
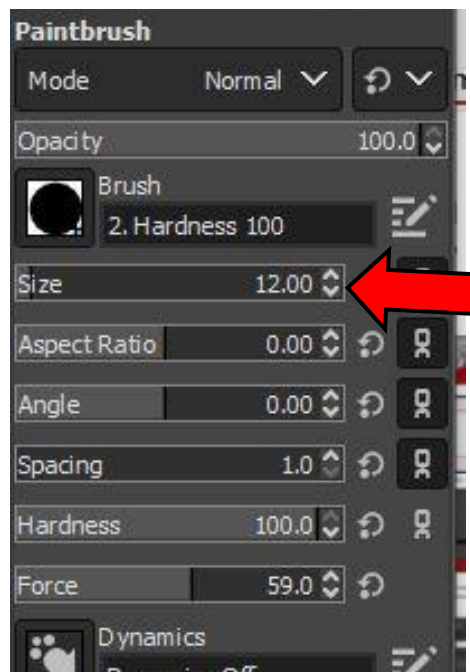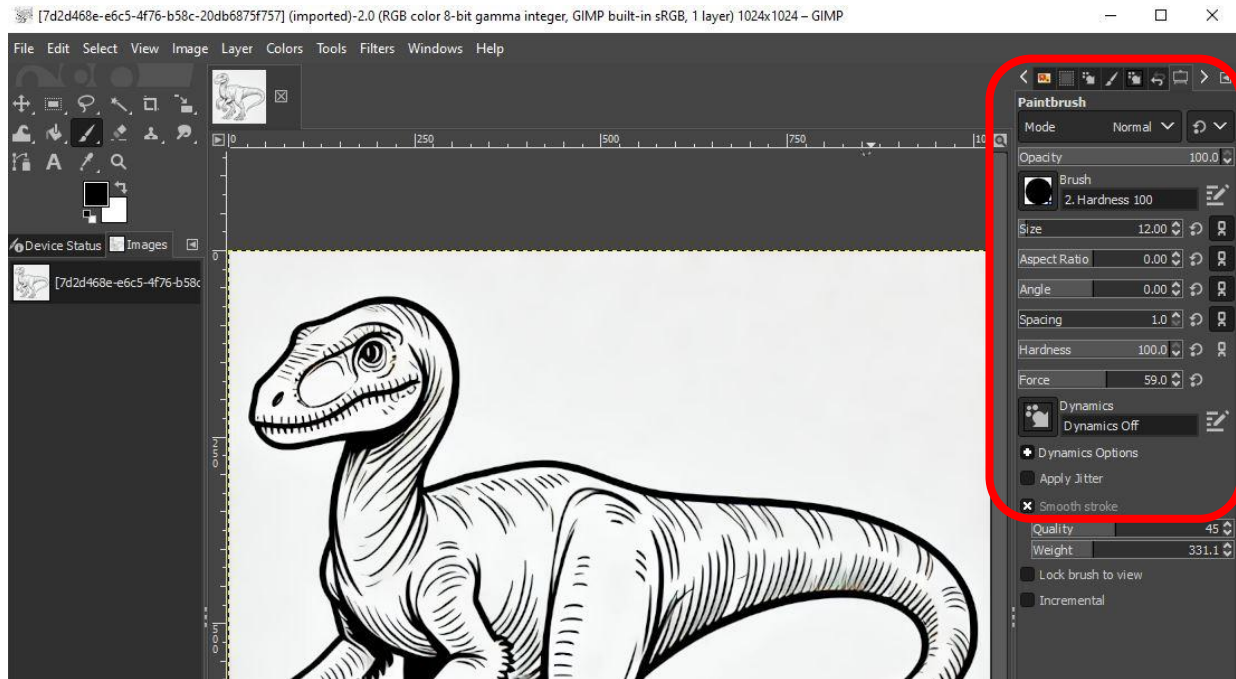
- Click the foreground color square, click the eyedropper and select the background color right next to any artifacts you want to get rid of (it's fine if it's white!) Click Ok.

- Select the paintbrush tool.

- On the right hand side of your screen, you can change the size of the paintbrush so it's not too big or too small.

- Use the paintbrush to paint carefully over the artifact so it blends in with the background. You may need to change the color depending on where your artifact is- if it's inside your image you might need to use black or white.

- Proceed with the remaining steps for removing grayscale and adding a transparent background to finish touching up your image!

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