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THE ULTIMATE KINDLE GUIDE



Creating Covers

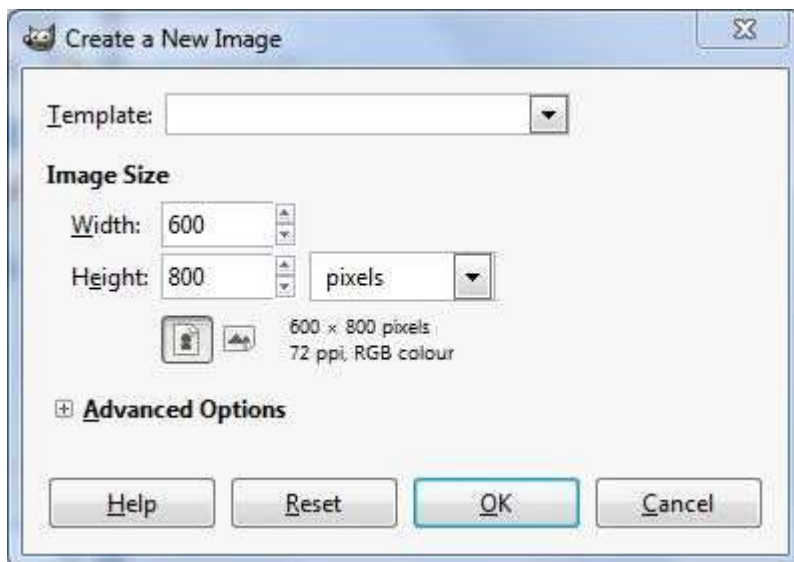
CREATING A COVER

Your cover is the first thing people will look at and they will always judge a book by it's cover, so depending on what route you chose I will show you how to make stunning covers in under 10 minute!

First of all, download and install GIMP it is a 100% free image software (I prefer it over Photoshop and Illustrator)

<http://www.gimp.org/downloads/>

1. Go to File - new then enter size 600x800



Now it's time to skip to your section (Fiction, non-fiction or recipe)

FICTION

Now Fiction book covers are usually really graphic and captivating, they can cost \$100's of dollars to have made but we can create this effect using free stock photos and fonts. Let's go!

1. Go to <http://www.everystockphoto.com> and sign up for a free account.

Or

Google 'Free stock photos' and find a website that has an image you want.

Depending on your plot etc. you need to use the right keywords to get good images.

When I think of Romance, I think of a woman as the protagonist. So this is the base of my search. (If I just type woman then I will get real photos of woman) If I add another good keyword then you can get results like this:



These sorts of Illustration things are perfect!

To get results like this add theses sort of keywords:

Thriller

Fiction

Vampire

Fairy

If you want great landscapes for your cover add words like:

Epic

Deserted

Panoramic

If you search you should find a great image! The one above took me one search!

Now Crop your image down to the book size. I just copy and paste it in and then I move it about until it looks good:



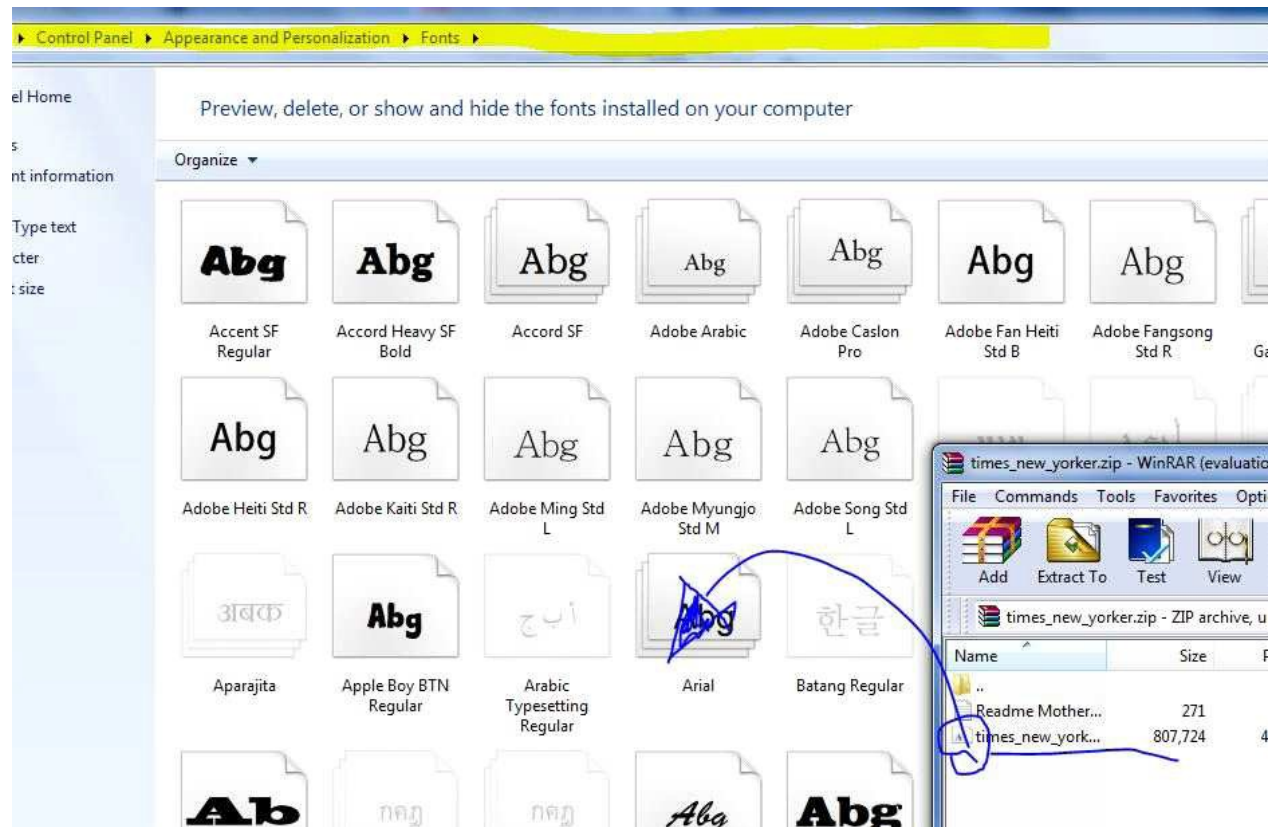
Now we add the title and author. Try and use appealing fonts, test a few!

If you have no good fonts download great ones free from dafont.com I recommend the 'Fancy' section.

<http://www.dafont.com/>

To add your downloaded font just open the download file and drag the file with a big letter on it into your fonts

(Start-control panel-appearance-fonts)



Then you should end up with something (hopefully better) like this:



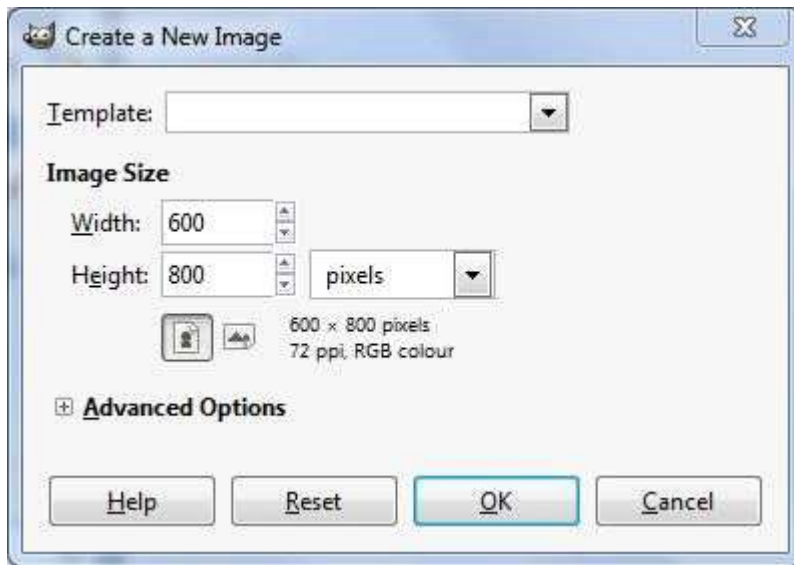
I added a soft glow from the filters section to the photo (for those wondering)

NON-FICTION

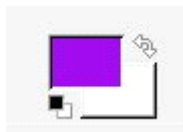
For Non-fiction you can have either a graphic or non-graphic cover (or a mix).

If you want to use a graphic image then read through the fiction Kindle Cover section above ^^^ If you want a basic professional looking cover then keep reading:

Open a new file on gimp size 600x800



Then Pick two base colors for your cover (I suggest one be white)



I picked purple and white

Then select the gradient tool as shown:



Now starting from very top edge drag down to the bottom edge and release. You should end up with this:

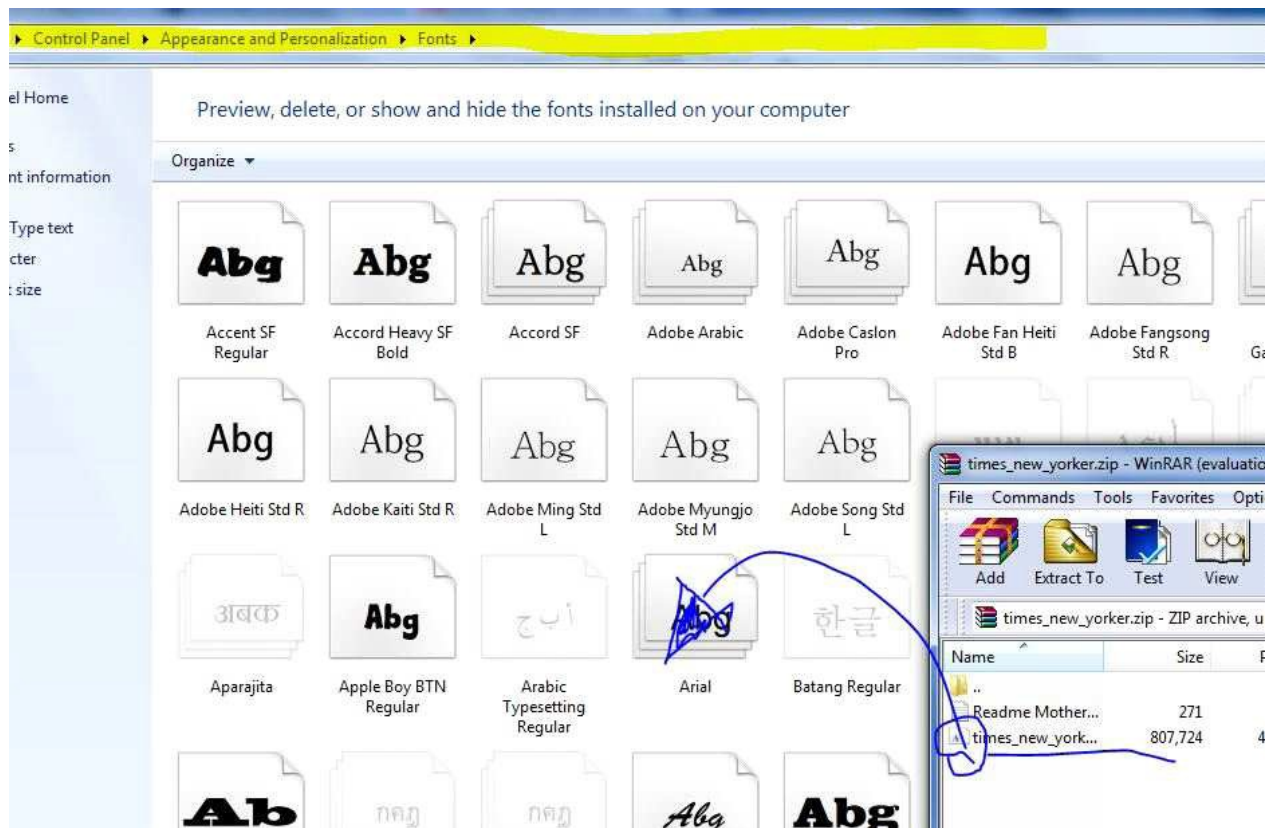


This is the base for our cover now you can add an image and font or just font. For this example I will just use font:

If you need better fonts then download them from DaFont.com here:

<http://www.dafont.com/>

Open the download folder and your computer fonts (located at Start-control panel-appearance-fonts) Then drag your downloaded font into your fonts.



Once you have added your title and author (and optional image) then you should have something like this:



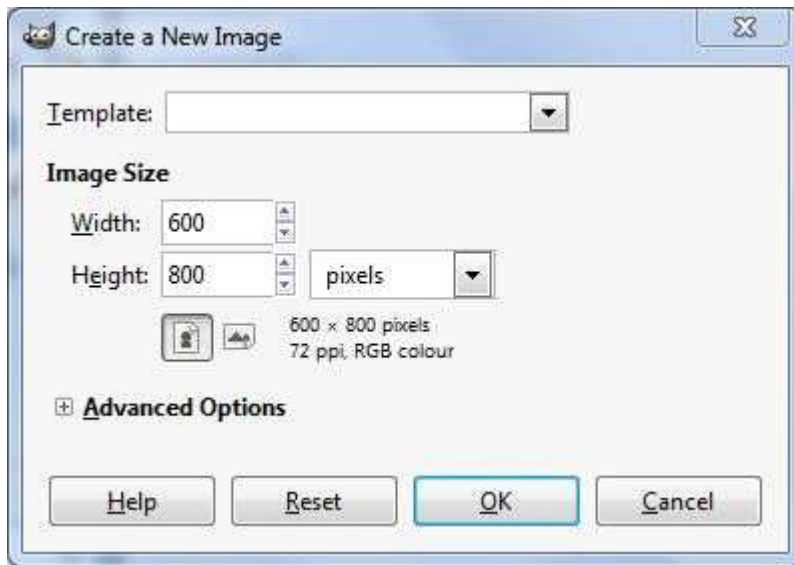
So simple!

RECIPE

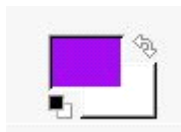
For recipe books it is the same start as non-fiction so let's go:

If you want to use a graphic image then read through the fiction Kindle Cover section above. If you want a basic professional looking Recipe cover then keep reading:

Open a new file on gimp again size 600x800



Then Pick two base colors for your cover (I suggest one be white)



I picked purple and white

Then select the gradient tool as shown:



Now starting from the very top edge drag down to the bottom edge and release. You should end up with this:

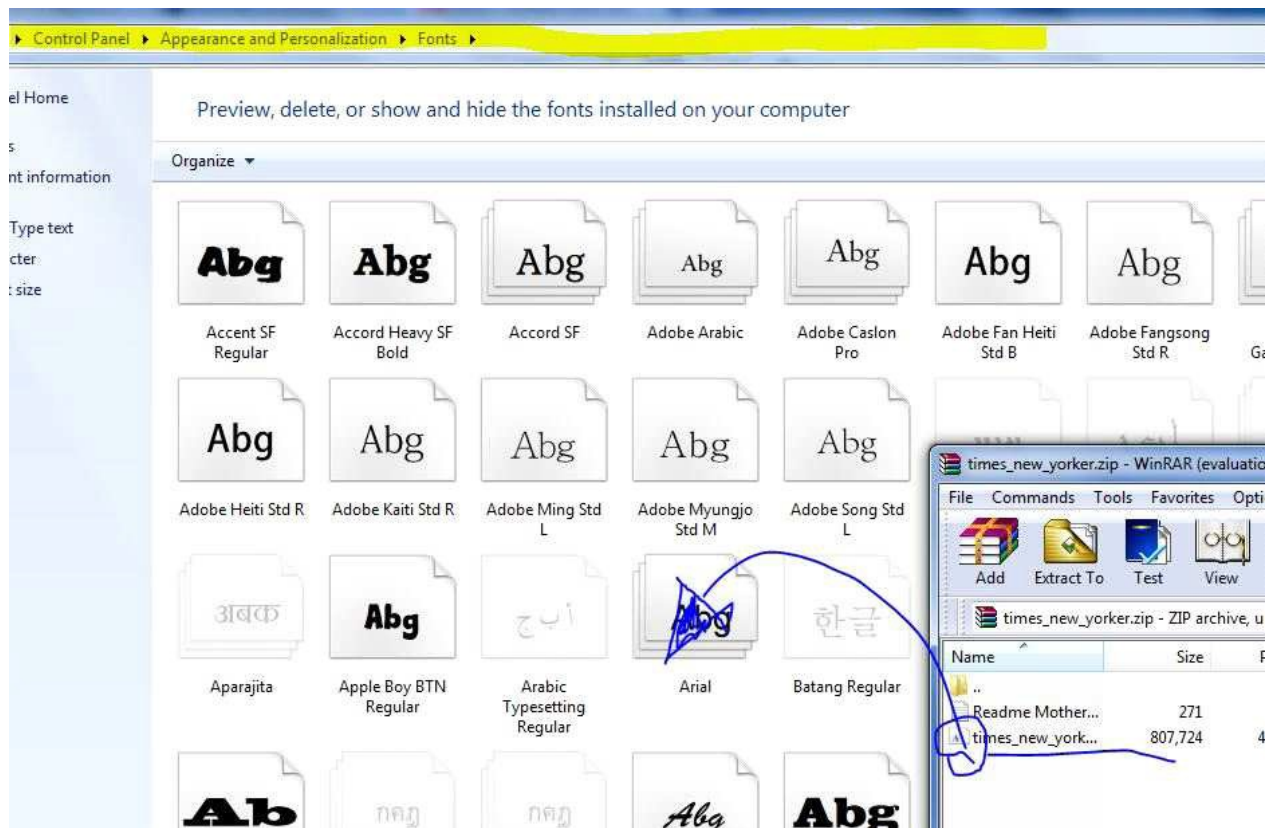


This is the base for our cover now you can add an image and font or just font. For this example I will just use font and recipe images:

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The Difference between Recipe and non-fiction is you should include images of your recipes at least one!

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Hopefully now you can make your own Cover in less than 10 minutes!
Well what are you waiting for? Or you can outsource your cover to
[fiverr.com](https://www.fiverr.com) for \$5 dollars and wait days for it to deliver your choice!