4 Step Moon Party Tutorial

How to Remove Picture Backgrounds using Paint.NET

You will remove backgrounds from various pictures and use the layers feature of a photo editor to add those pictures to a moonscape background.



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What you will need:

- **1)** A photo editing program that supports layers. The program used here is Paint.NET for Windows (free).
- **2)** A fun background image like the moonscape above. A foreground image with a plain, simple background for easy background removal.

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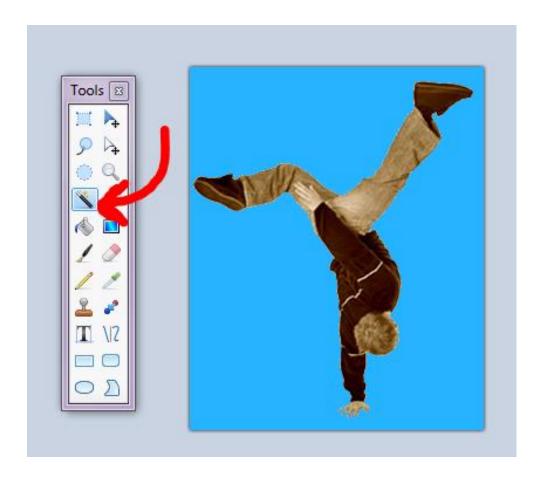
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Step 1: Open a foreground image.

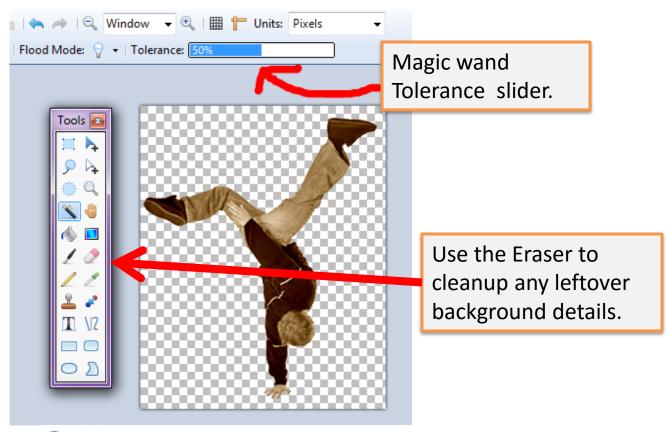
In Paint.NET, open an image with a simple background. *File > Open*. On the Tools toolbar, click the magic wand tool.



Step 2: Delete the background.

Get the magic wand tool and *click the background* of the foreground picture. Then click *delete* on your keyboard. It should remove all of the background and show only checkerboard squares.

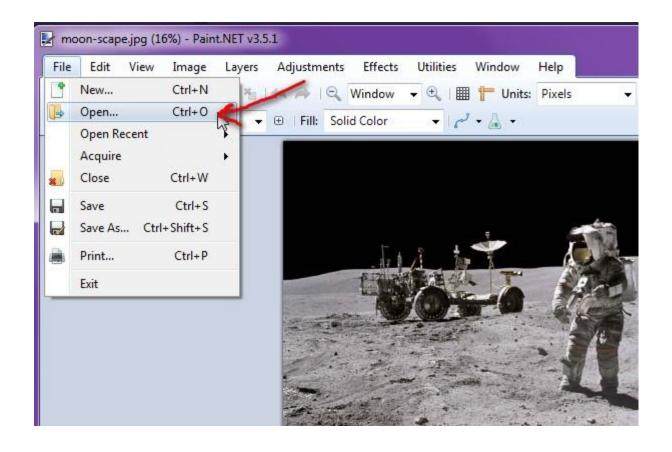
If needed, use the tolerance slider to get more or less of the background before you delete. **Use the** *Eraser* **tool** to erase any leftovers. **! Important:** Save this image as a .png file. The Portable Network Graphics file will allow you save the image with a transparent background. *File > Save as > Save as type*.



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Step 3: Open a background image.

File > Open.

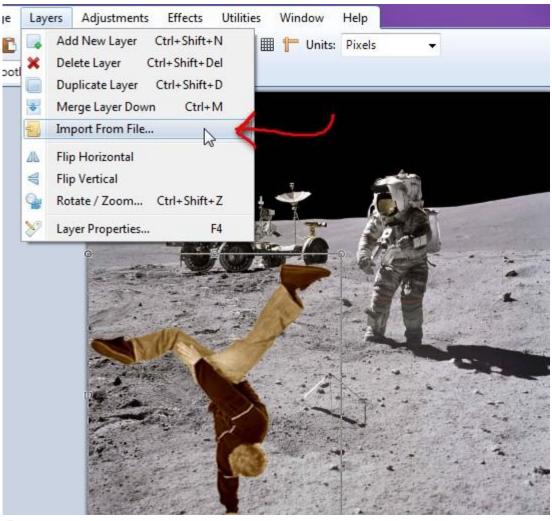


Step 4: Import foreground image.

Import the image (from Step 1) with the transparent background onto your background layer.

Layers > Import From File.

Resize and position the image as necessary. When finished, Save the combined images as a .jpg file and choose to "flatten" the image before saving. DONE!



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