



Paint.NET cheat sheet

UI and Canvas Controls

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| Space + Right click + Move the mouse | Pan image |
| Page Up or Wheel up | Scroll up |
| Page Down or Wheel down | Scroll down |
| Shift + Wheel up or Shift + Page Up or Home | Scroll left |
| Shift + Wheel down or Shift + Page Down or End | Scroll right |
| Home | (twice) Scroll image to top left of editing window |
| Ctrl + Home | Scroll top left image to center screen |
| End | (twice) Scroll image to bottom right of editing window |
| Ctrl + End | Scroll bottom right image to center screen |
| Ctrl + Wheel up and wheel down or Ctrl + - or Ctrl + + | Zoom in / out |
| Ctrl + 0 | Set actual size |

Alternatively, in the Status Bar drag the slider or type a value in the percentage text box.

Options in the View menu

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| Ctrl + B | (twice) First combination zooms to Window, the second restores the previous zoom level |
| Space + Left click or Space + Arrow keys | Pan canvas |
| Space + Ctrl + Arrow keys | Pan canvas x10 |
| Ctrl + D or Enter | Deselect active selection |
| Arrow keys | Shift current tool per pixel (may not work with all tools) |
| Ctrl + Arrow keys | Shift current tool 10 pixels (may |

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| Alt | Show menu. Press underlined letter in menu to use menu hotkey |
| F5 | Show / hide Tools window |
| F6 | Show / hide History window |
| F7 | Show / hide layers window |
| F8 | Show / hide colors window |
| Esc or Enter or Ctrl + D | Commit text or tool drawing to layer ... or Click Finish on the toolbar. |

Tools

Note: x2 means pressing shortcut twice, x3 is pressing three times etc.

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| S | Rectangle select |
| S | (x2) Lasso select |
| S | (x3) Ellipse select |
| S | (x4) Magic Wand tool |
| F | Paint Bucket |
| B | Paintbrush |
| P | Pencil |
| L | Clone Stamp |
| T | Text |
| O | (x2) Shapes |
| M | Move selected pixels |
| M | (x2) Move selection |
| Z | Zoom |
| H | Pan |

To temporarily activate panning, hold Space and drag with left mouse button.

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|---|--------------|
| G | Gradient |
| E | Eraser |
| K | Color Picker |
| R | Recolor |
| O | Line / Curve |

Image list and image navigation

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| Ctrl + Tab | Next image |
| Ctrl + Shift + Tab | Previous image |

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| Ctrl + 1 or Alt + 1 | ... to 9: Switch to image number pressed |
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Toolbar

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| [| Open File menu |
|] | New image |
| Ctrl + O | Open image |
| Ctrl + W or Ctrl + F4 | Close image |
| Ctrl + S | Save image |
| Ctrl + Shift + S | Save image as |
| Ctrl + P | Print |
| Alt + F4 | Exit Paint.net |
| Alt + F | then X: Exit Paint.net |

Edit menu

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| Alt + E | Open Edit menu |
| Ctrl + Z | Undo |
| Ctrl + Y | Redo |
| Ctrl + X or Shift + Del | Cut |
| Ctrl + C or Ctrl + Insert | Kopyala |
| Ctrl + Shift + C | Copy merged |
| Ctrl + V or Shift + Insert | Paste |
| Ctrl + Shift + V or Ctrl + Alt + V | Paste into new layer |
| Del | Erase selection |
| Backspace | Fill selection |
| Ctrl + I | Invert selection |
| Ctrl + A | Select all |
| Ctrl + D or Enter | Deselect active selection |

View menu

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| Alt + V | Open view menu |
| Ctrl + + | Zoom in |
| Ctrl + - | Zoom out |
| Ctrl + B | Zoom to window |
| Ctrl + Shift + B | Zoom to selection |

Ctrl + 0 Actual size

Image menu

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|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alt + I | Open image menu |
| Ctrl + Shift + X | Crop to selection |
| Ctrl + R | Resize |
| Ctrl + Shift + R | Canvas size |
| Ctrl + H | Rotate 90° (clockwise) |
| Ctrl + G | Rotate 90° (counter-clockwise) |
| Ctrl + J | Rotate 180° |
| Ctrl + Shift + F | Flatten |

Layers menu

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| Alt + L | Open Layers menu |
| Ctrl + Shift + N | Add new layer |
| Ctrl + Shift + Del | Delete layer |
| Ctrl + Shift + D | Duplicate layer |
| Ctrl + M | Merge layer down |
| Ctrl + Shift + Z | Rotate / zoom |
| F4 | Layer properties |
| Ctrl + Left click | (on blue up or down arrow) Move active layer top or bottom of list |

Adjustments menu

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| Alt + A | Open Adjustments menu |
| Ctrl + Shift + L | Auto-level |
| Ctrl + Shift + G | Black & White |
| Ctrl + Shift + T | Brightness / contrast |
| Ctrl + Shift + M | Curves |
| Ctrl + Shift + U | Hue / saturation |
| Ctrl + Shift + I | Invert colors |
| Ctrl + L | Levels |
| Ctrl + Shift + P | Posterize |
| Ctrl + Shift + E | Sepia |

Effects menu

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| Alt + C | Open Effects menu |
| Ctrl + F | Repeat last effect |

Settings dialog

Alt + X Open Settings dialog

Help menu

Alt + H Open Help menu

F1 Online documentation

Ctrl + E Paint.net search page

Colors window

F8 Toggle visibility of the window

X Swap primary and secondary colors

C Switch active color

Selection tools (except Magic Wand)

S Rectangle select

S (x2) Lasso select

S (x3) Ellipse select

Move the mouse + Create a selection
Left click or Move the mouse + Right click

Ctrl + Move the mouse + Left click Add to selection

Alt + Move the mouse + Left arrow Subtract from selection

Ctrl + Move the mouse + Right arrow Invert selection mode

Alt + Move the mouse + Right arrow Intersect selection mode

Shift + Move the mouse Force rectangle select to square

Shift + Move the mouse Force ellipse select to circle

Move Selected Pixels tool + Ctrl: Move a copy of selection

Magic Wand tool

S (x4) Activate Magic Wand

Left click Create selection of like pixels

Ctrl + Left click Add to selection

Alt + Left click Subtract from selection

Ctrl + Right click Invert a portion of selection

Alt + Right click Intersect selection mode

Shift + other Magic Wand action: Global selection

Move tools

M Move Selected Pixels tool

M (x2) Move Selection tool

Move the mouse (drag corner or edge nub)
Resize the selection

Shift + Move the mouse (drag corner nub) Resize and keep proportions

Left click + Move the mouse (when pointer is a four-way arrow) Move selection

Left click + Move the mouse or Right click + Move the mouse (when pointer is a double headed arrow) Rotate selection

Ctrl (hold while using this tool)
Manipulate a copy of the selection (Move Selected Pixels Tool only)

Zoom tool

Z Activate zoom tool

Left click Zoom in

Right click Zoom out

Middle click + Move the mouse or Wheel up and wheel down Pan while zoomed

Pan tool

H Activate Pan tool

Left click + Move the mouse or Right click + Move the mouse or Left Pan the canvas

click + Right click
+ Arrow keys

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| Move the mouse | Reposition Pan tool |
| Arrow keys | Pan tool |

mouse

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| Right click or Right click + Move the mouse | Draw in secondary color |
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Paint bucket

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| F | Activate Paint Bucket |
| Left click or Backspace | Fill area with primary color |
| Right click or Shift + Backspace | Fill area with secondary color |
| Shift | (hold in Contiguous mode) Global fill mode |

Gradient tool

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| G | Activate Gradient tool |
| Left click + Move the mouse | Primary to secondary gradient |
| Right click + Move the mouse | Secondary to primary gradient |
| Right click | (click the nub) Swap gradient direction (i.e. swap color roles) |
| Move the mouse | (four arrow icon) Move gradient while drawing |
| Shift | (hold while dragging either nub) Constrain gradient to 15 degree increment |

Paint Brush

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| B | Activate Paintbrush tool |
| Left click or Left click + Move the mouse | Draw in primary color |
| Right click or Right click + Move the mouse | Draw in secondary color |

Pencil tool

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| P | Activate Pencil tool |
| Left click or Left click + Move the | Draw in primary color |

Eraser tool

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| E | Activate Eraser tool |
| Left click + Move the mouse | Erase an area |

Color picker

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| K | Activate color picker |
| Left click | Set primary color |
| Right click | Set secondary color |

Recolor tool

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| R | Activate Recolor tool |
| Left click | Recolor secondary color with primary |
| Right click | Recolor primary with secondary |

Clone Stamp tool

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| L | Activate Clone Stamp tool |
| Ctrl + Left click | Set source point |
| Left click + Move the mouse or Right click + Move the mouse | Copy pixels |

Text tool

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| T | Activate Text tool |
| Esc | Commit text to layer |

Line / Curve tool

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| O | Activate Line/Curve tool |
| , | Start Cap style |
| . | Line style |
| / | End Cap style |
| Left click + Arrow keys | (hold the nub) Move line / curve |
| Move the mouse | (drag nub) Move line / curve |

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| Left click | (drag four way arrow icon) Drag entire line / curve |
| Arrow keys | Move line / curve by 1px |
| Right click + Move the mouse | Rotate line / curve |
| Shift | (while rotating) Lock rotation to 15° increments |

Shape tool

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| O | (x2) Activate Shape tool |
| Left click + Move the mouse | Draw shape in primary color |
| Left click + Right arrow | Draw shape in secondary color |
| A | Cycle forward through shapes |
| Shift + A | Cycle backward through shapes |
| Move the mouse | (drag nub) Move Shape nubs |
| Left click + Arrow keys | (click and hold the nub) Move Shape nubs |
| Shift | (hold while dragging any nub) Lock Shape height and width ratio |
| Left click + Move the mouse | (drag four-way arrow icon) Drag entire shape |
| Arrow keys | Move Shape by 1px |
| Ctrl + Arrow keys | Move Shape by 10px |
| Right click + Move the mouse | Rotate Shape |
| Shift | (hold while rotating) Lock rotation to 15° increments |
| Ctrl | (hold while clicking - or + corner size keys in the toolbar) Increase corner value change to 5px (Rounded Rectangle only) |

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More information: defkey.com/bs/paint-net-shortcuts

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