

Discord Light-Dark Theme Image Trick

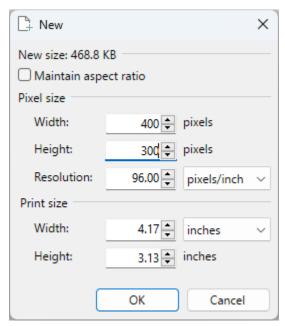
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Using Paint.NET 🛃

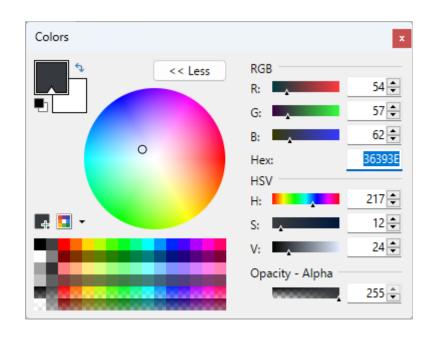


Step 1:

Create a blank canvas with a size of 400 by 300 pixels.



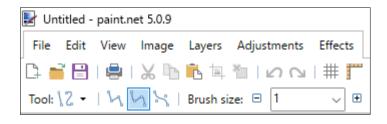
Step 2: Change the primary color to hex code 36393E.



Step 3:

Pick the Line / Curve tool and change the brush size to 1.





Step 4:

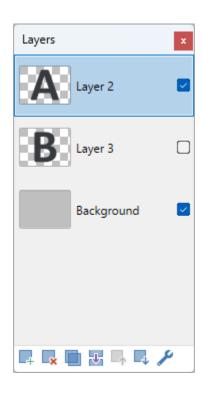
Make horizontal lines spaced 1 pixel apart. It may help to zoom in for better precision by pressing Ctrl++. You can press Ctrl+- to zoom back out. To speed up the process, you can start with 4 lines then pick the Rectangle Select tool to select the area with lines. Next, copy (Ctrl+C) and paste (Ctrl+V), then use the down arrow on your keyboard to move the pasted content position until it lines up with the first 4 lines. Repeat the speeding up process so that the amount of lines doubles each time until the entire canvas is filled with horizontal lines alternating between the Discord dark theme color and white.



Step 5:

Click Add New Layer in the bottom right or press Ctrl+Shift+N. Next, pick the Text tool and type a message to be displayed when users are using dark theme on Discord. Repeat this for the message to be displayed when users are using the light theme on Discord. You can hide the first text layer by removing the check mark to make work on the second text layer easier. You should now have a total of three layers- two with text, and the one layer with alternating horizontal lines.

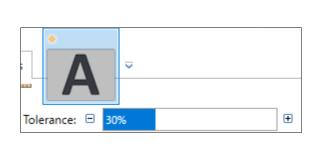


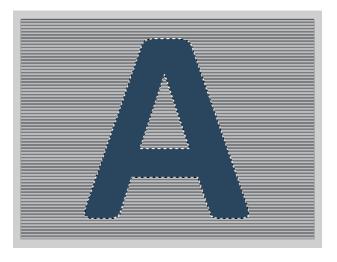


Step 6:

Pick the Magic Wand tool and on the text layer to be visible for dark theme users, make it visible again if it isn't already and hide the other text layer. Set the tolerance to 30%. Hover the cursor over any blank part of the layer and while holding down the Shift button, left click and everything but the text should be selected. Go to Edit > Invert Selection or press Ctrl+I. Now the text should be selected and not the blank space.

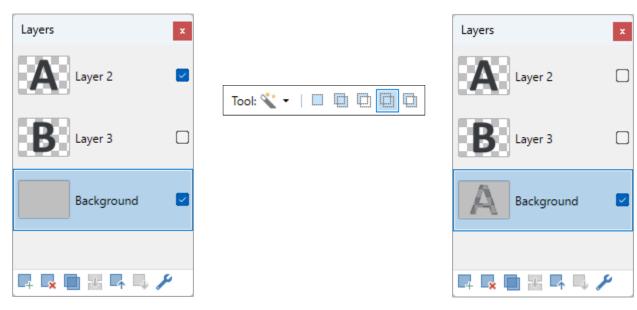






Step 7:

Go to the layer with the horizontal lines and then keeping the Magic Wand tool and selected area still selected, change the select mode from Replace to Intersect. Hover the cursor over any white horizontal line and while holding down the Shift button, left click. Press the delete button (Del) on your keyboard to make the selected area transparent. Hide or delete the layer with the text to be visible to dark theme users as it is no longer needed.



Step 8:

Change the select mode back to Replace and repeat Step 6 and 7 for the layer with the text to be visible to light theme users but in Step 7, instead of hovering over any white line, hover over any line with the Discord dark theme color.

Step 9:

You can test the result by making two solid color layers and putting them in the background (behind the layer you've been working on). Make one background layer white and the other Discords dark theme color (hex code 36393E). Hide and reveal the background layers to simulate what the finished image will look like in Discord using its light and dark themes.

