The GIMP Cheat Sheet
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Selection tools
SHIFT + Click adds to current selection
CTRL + Click removes from current selection
ALT + Click moves current selection (but not contents)

Bezier Curve (Fountain pen)
Click to create path points.
Click-n-drag point to alter its curve
SHIFT + Click-n-drag alters curve on one side
CTRL + Click-n-drag moves point
Finally, click inside shape to convert to selection

Shape Selection (Scissors)
Click around a shape
Path points will snap to shape
Click-n-drag point to move it
Finally, click inside...

Transform Tool
Rotation
Click-n-drag to change angle
CTRL + Click-n-drag to snap to 15°
Scaling
Click-n-drag to change size
CTRL for only vertical
SHIFT for only horizontal
CTRL + SHIFT keeps aspect ratio (shape)
Shearing
Click-n-drag left/right to shear horizontally
Click-n-drag up/down to shear vertically
Perspective
Click-n-drag near corners to change shape

Drawing Tools
SHIFT + Click to draw a line

Pencil
Rough edges

Paintbrush
Smooth blending

Clone Tool (Rubber Stamp)
CTRL + Click to pick source
Click-n-drag to clone
Source can be different image!

Layers
Like transparent sheets with various parts of your image on them
Rearrange them (move up/down)
Editing one layer doesn’t affect others
“Alpha” lets lower layers show through “Modes” let layers apply effects
(color only, ‘subtract’, ‘screen’, etc.)
“Alpha Masks” let you ‘draw’ which areas in a layer are see-through, and by how much

Menus
Right-click canvas to bring up
Or click menu button (top left corner)
Click “-----” to ‘tear’ menu off (floating)
Hover mouse over menu item and press a key combo. to set a shortcut!

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Mac OS X version: http://www.macgimp.org/
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Navigator
Click “+” button at bottom right
Click-n-drag to scroll around a zoomed-out image

Quickmask
Red square button at bottom left corner
Displays selection as a red overlay
Red is unselected, clear is selected
Use drawing tools, selection tools, filters, etc.
Click dashed-box to return to normal mode!