

## Image Resources

What if you don't have fancy image editing software, such as Adobe's Illustrator and Photoshop, or other packages such as CorelDRAW or Paint Shop Pro? What other options—especially inexpensive ones—are there?

Two free programs are available, as they are “open source” and “cross platform” software available for downloading from the internet, for Windows, Mac, and other operating systems.

### GIMP

This software is a paint program that provides tools similar to Photoshop—to edit photos, create icons, graphical design elements, or original artworks. It works with raster images, and you can find it at <https://www.gimp.org/>

### Inkscape

This vector drawing program provides tools similar to Illustrator. The web address to download it is <https://inkscape.org/en/>

### Stock Photography

Photography and artwork is copywrited by its creator, and therefore it is not advised to download images you see on the internet by searching for images on Google —you could get a nasty letter from the creator's lawyer if you're caught!

There are alternative sources, though. Many photos and drawings are available for purchase of a license from stock photography websites. Typical ones are listed below, but are by no means exhaustive:

- 123RF (<https://www.123rf.com/freeimages.php>)
- iStock Photo (<http://www.istockphoto.com/>)
- Shutterstock (<https://www.shutterstock.com/>)
- ThinkStock (<http://www.thinkstockphotos.com/>)
- Dreamstime (<http://www.dreamstime.com/>)
- Vecteezy (<https://www.vecteezy.com/>)

Many sell “Royalty free” images, meaning their fee is not a per-use charge, but that doesn't mean they're truly free—you still must buy a license to use, at least for most. Some also offer *truly* free images.

Another little-known alternative is Wikipedia's sister site: “Wikimedia Commons.” Maps, drawings, and photos are available for free download and use, although images are arranged by category and navigating the site requires patience. Some images are public domain; check to see whether attribution is required for use. ([https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page))