

How to Make /int/-Style Flags Like a Pro



Note from Comrade King

Made this thread on old /ref/, but that's gone now, so I figured it was time to go for it again on here. I've made most of the flags on this chan that use the /int/-style beveled/shiny effect, be it on /leftypol/, /GET/, or /ref/ and I'd like to share how I do it. Maybe there's simpler ways to do it, but I prefer this method as they end up more authentic to the original flags than other methods I've seen. You will need the following:-

- The flag you want to convert-
- Base coloured flags (will post them ITT)-
- An image editing software that isn't Microsoft Paint (I personally use Paint.NET and will be using it for this tutorial)

So to start off, we have solid-coloured flags that I put together from parts of other /int/ flags (except for the green one, which is simply the former flag of Libya). There's black, white, red, yellow, and green variants, which should be more than enough. For this tutorial I will be remaking the United Nations flag that's already on here. Don't know if it will be the same colours as the one I made before, but it should be close enough.

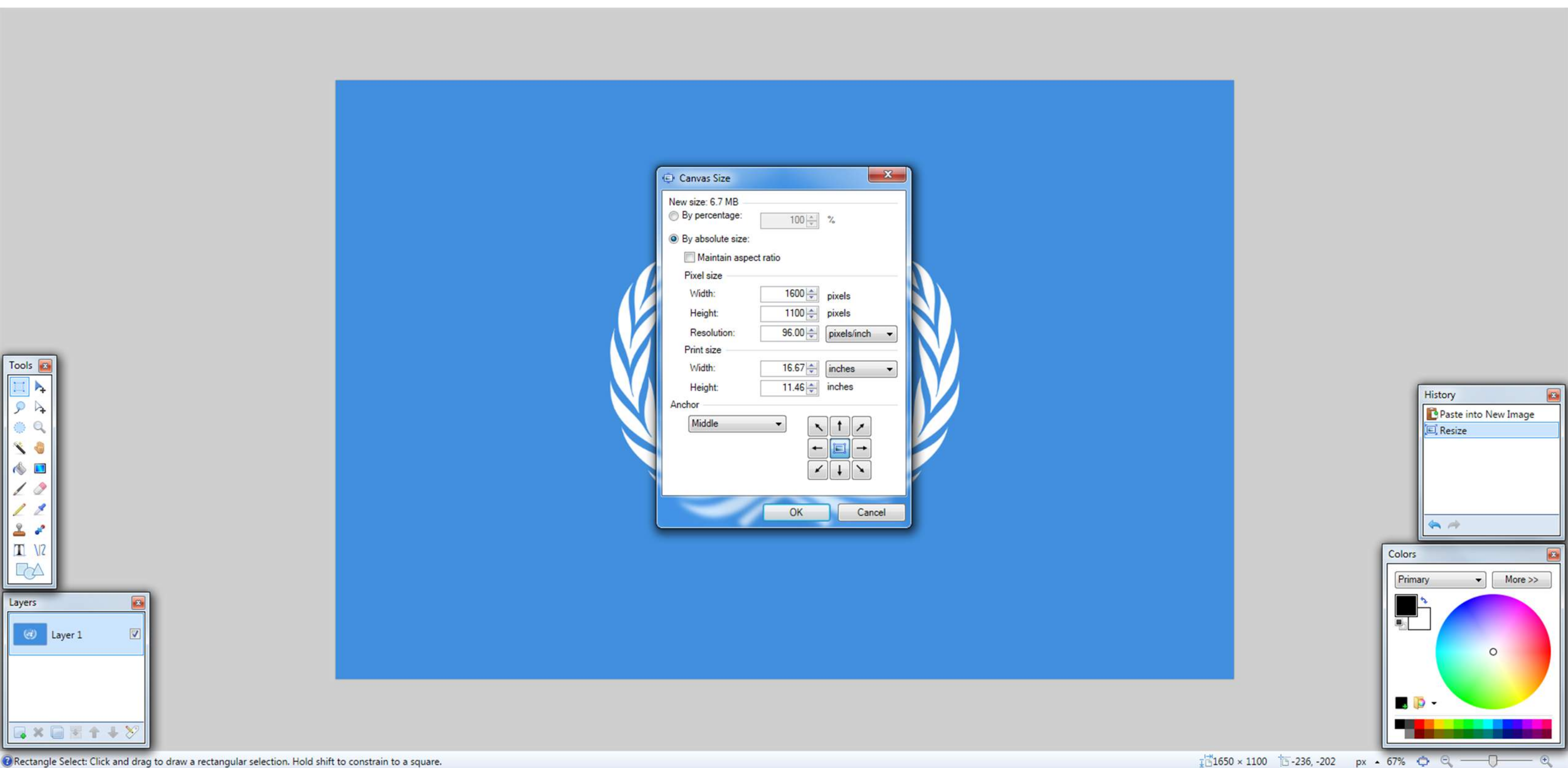




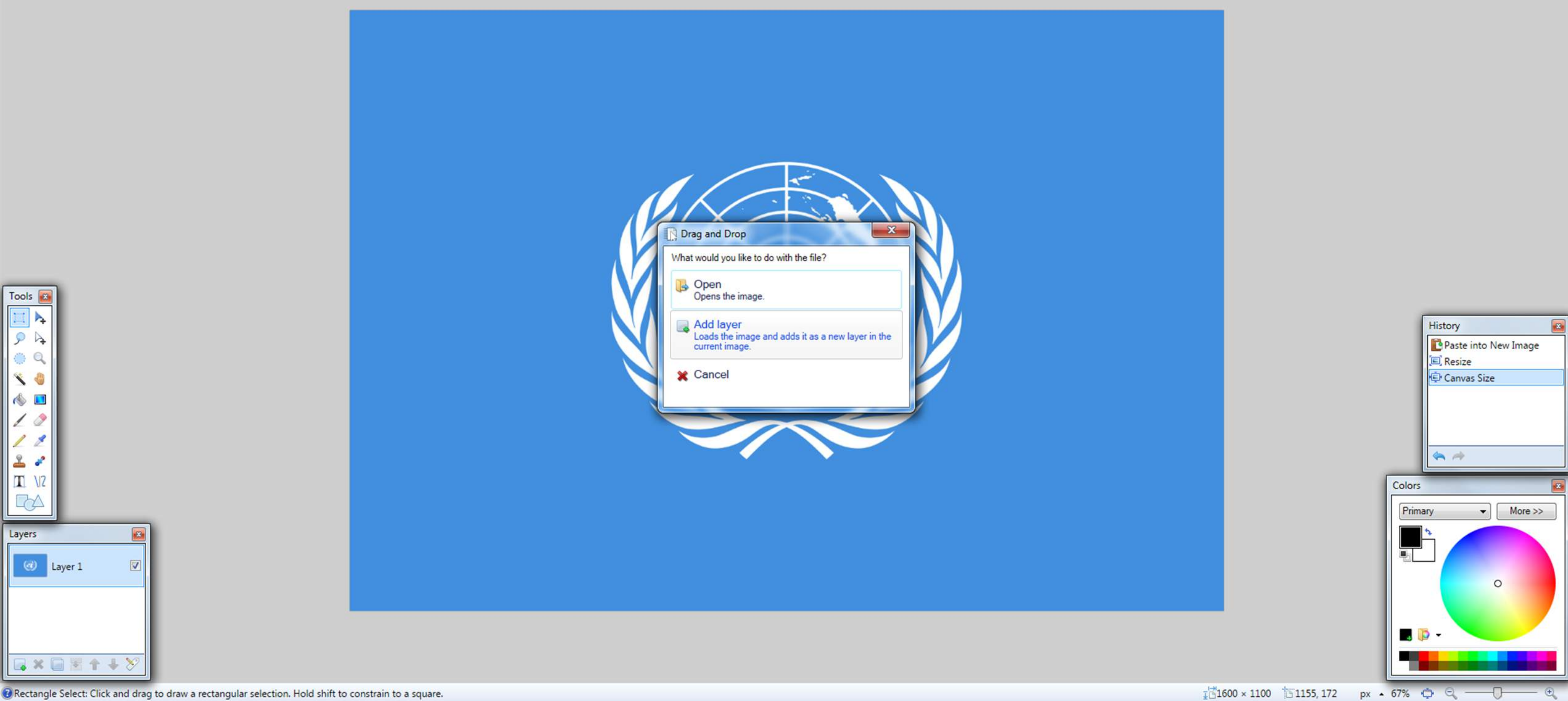
Pic 1 - First what you want to do is grab the image of the flag you want off the internet. Wikipedia usually works best for this as you can get the images in high resolution and usually based on the standard design. Once you have your flag, put it into your image editing software.



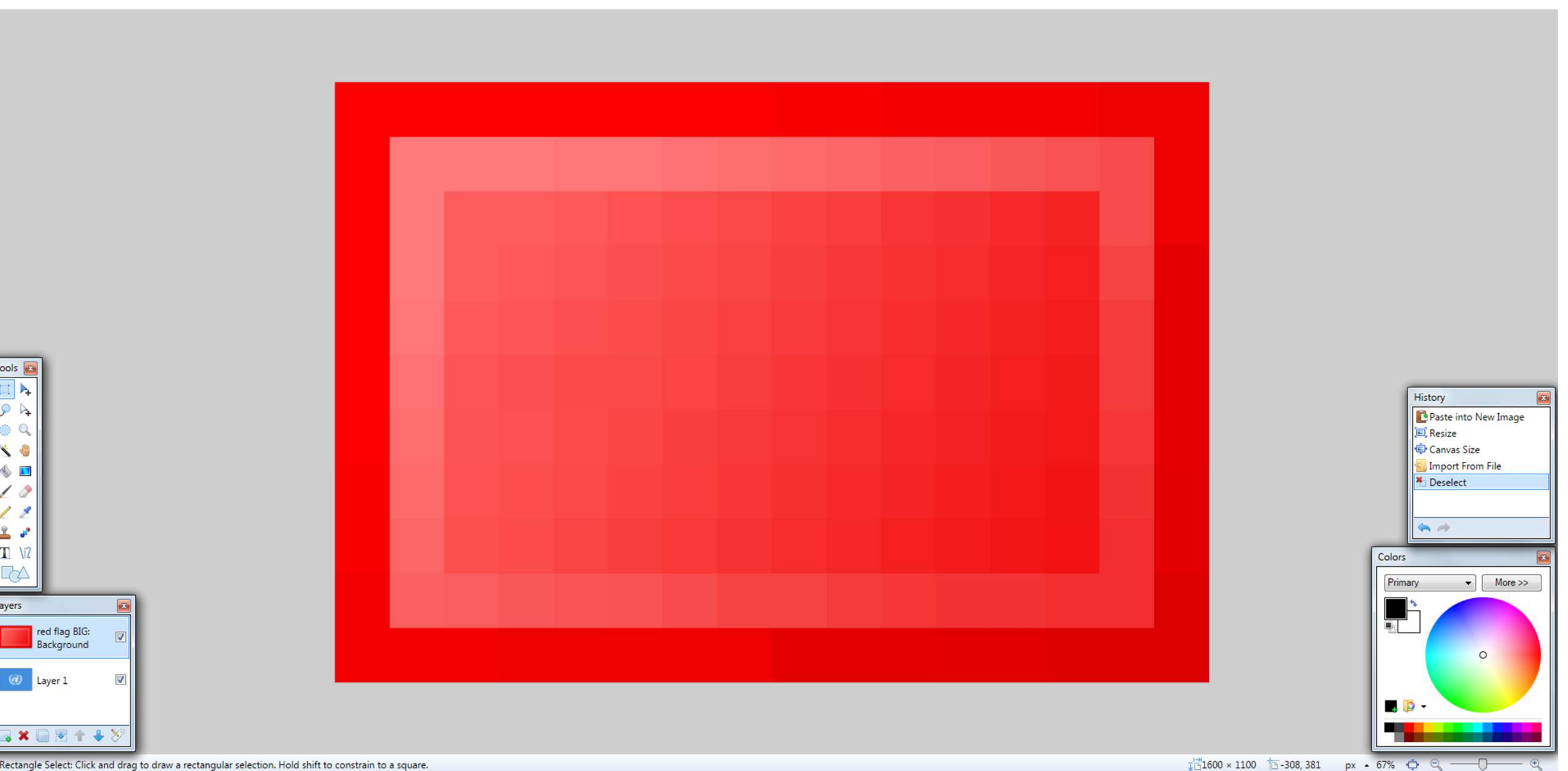
Pic 2 - Resize your image to 1600x1100. These /int/-style flags are 16x11, so you're going to want a clean multiple of that to work with. Theoretically 160x110 could also work, but this is what I use.



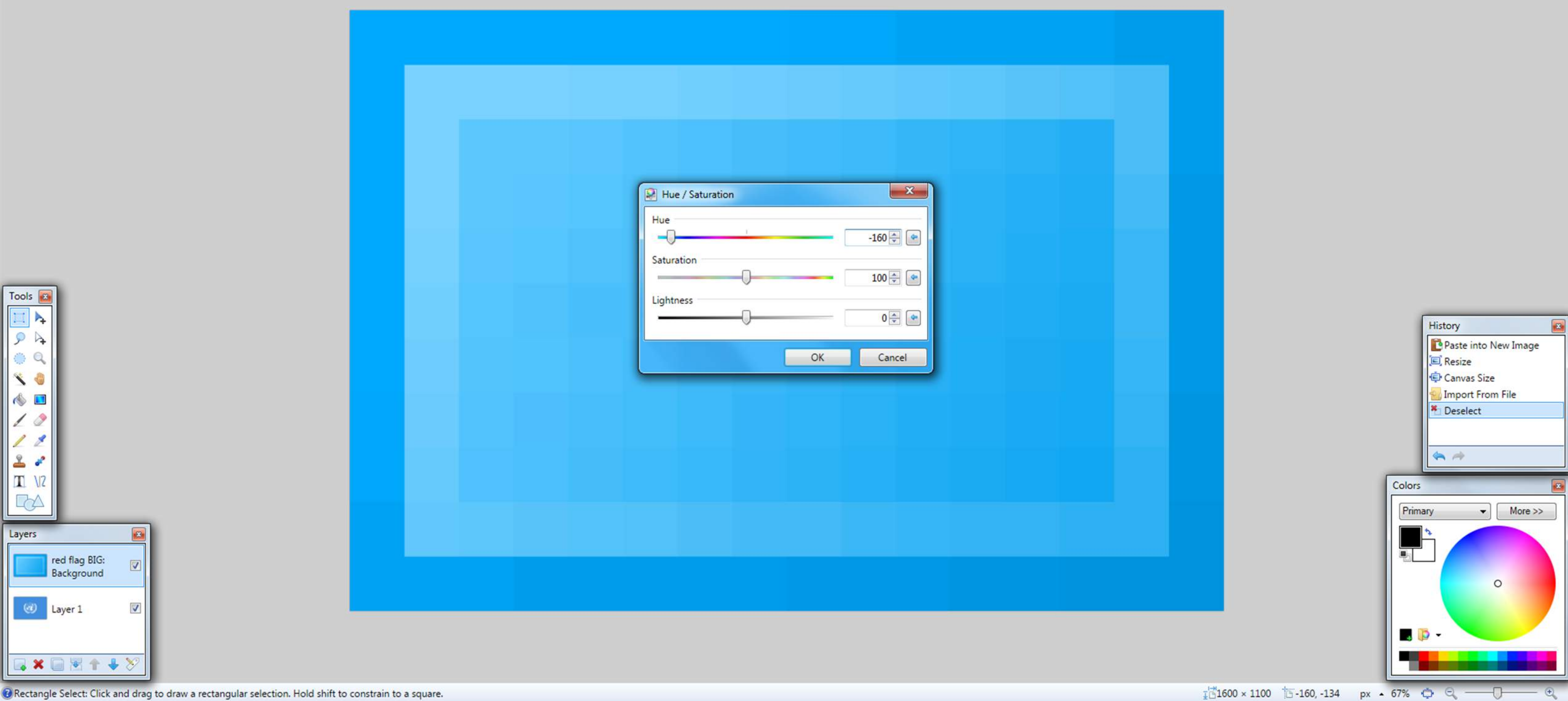
Pic 3 - Crop and edit if needed. Flags almost never resize perfectly if you keep the dimensions the same. You'll end up with a little more on one side, so crop off any excess. Plain tricolours and some other flags usually don't need to be cropped as resizing them without keeping the dimensions the same will give you the same result. But in this case, we're cropping off some negligible pixels from the side. Editing isn't needed in this flag, though you may want to make certain parts of some flags larger so they actually appear on the finished project when scaled down. Some things may need to be simplified, such as cutting down on a large number of stars.



Pic 4 - Add one of the base coloured flags that I will provide in a new layer.



Pic 5 - It doesn't matter if it's the same colour or not, because that will be taken care of in the next step.



Pic 6 - Change the hue, saturation, and/or brightness if necessary. This blue will work fine with what we're doing since these flags are usually a brighter colour than their IRL counterparts.



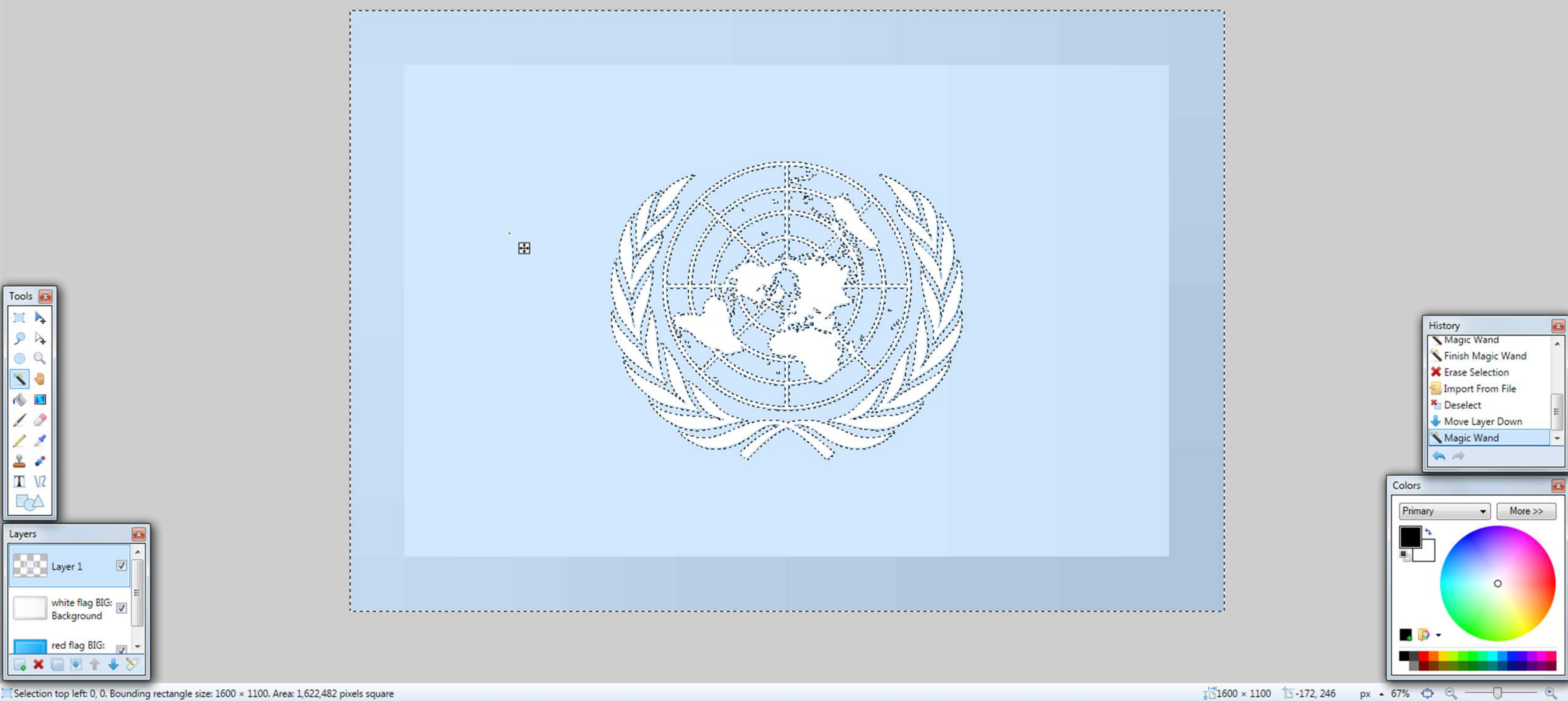
Pic 7 - Move the coloured flag a layer down and select the colour it will be replacing.



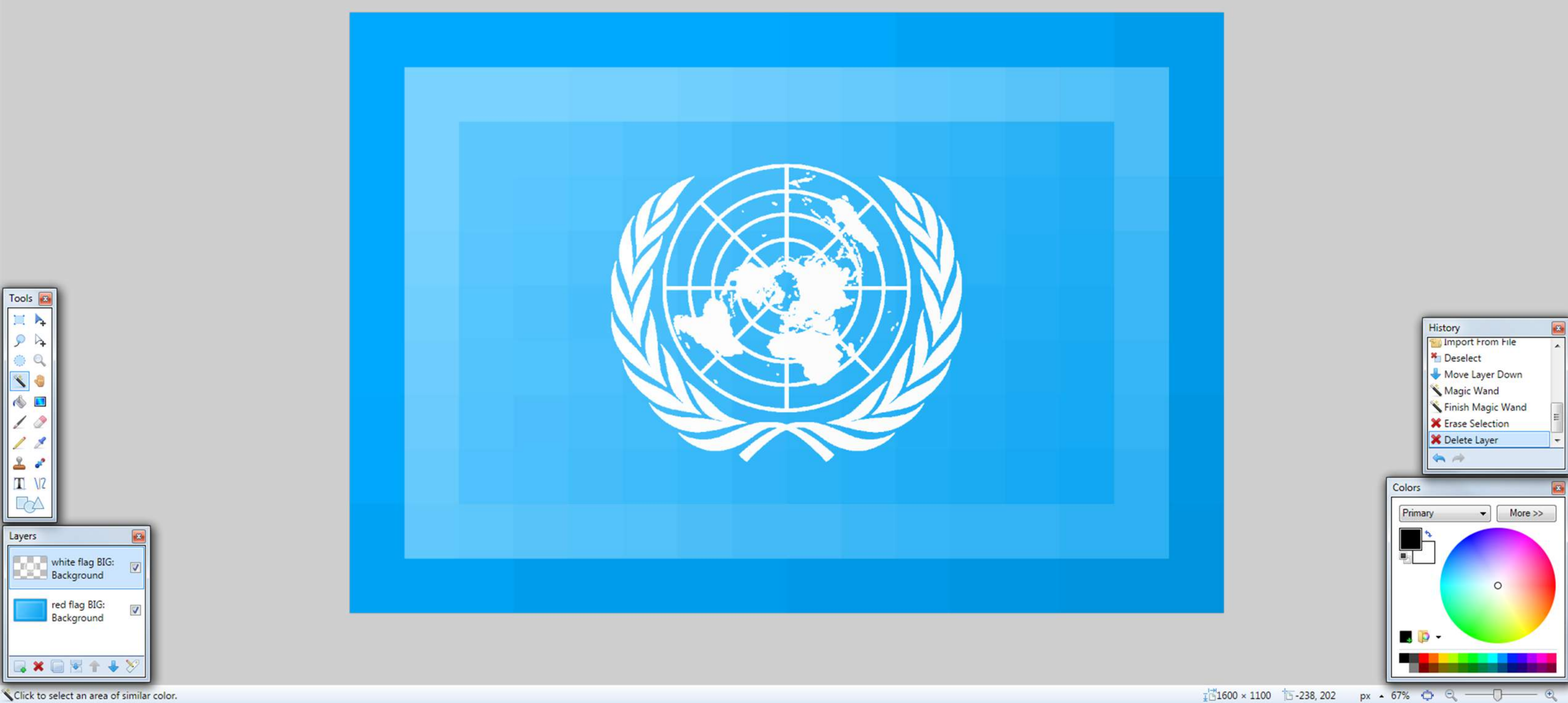
Pic 8 - Erase it.



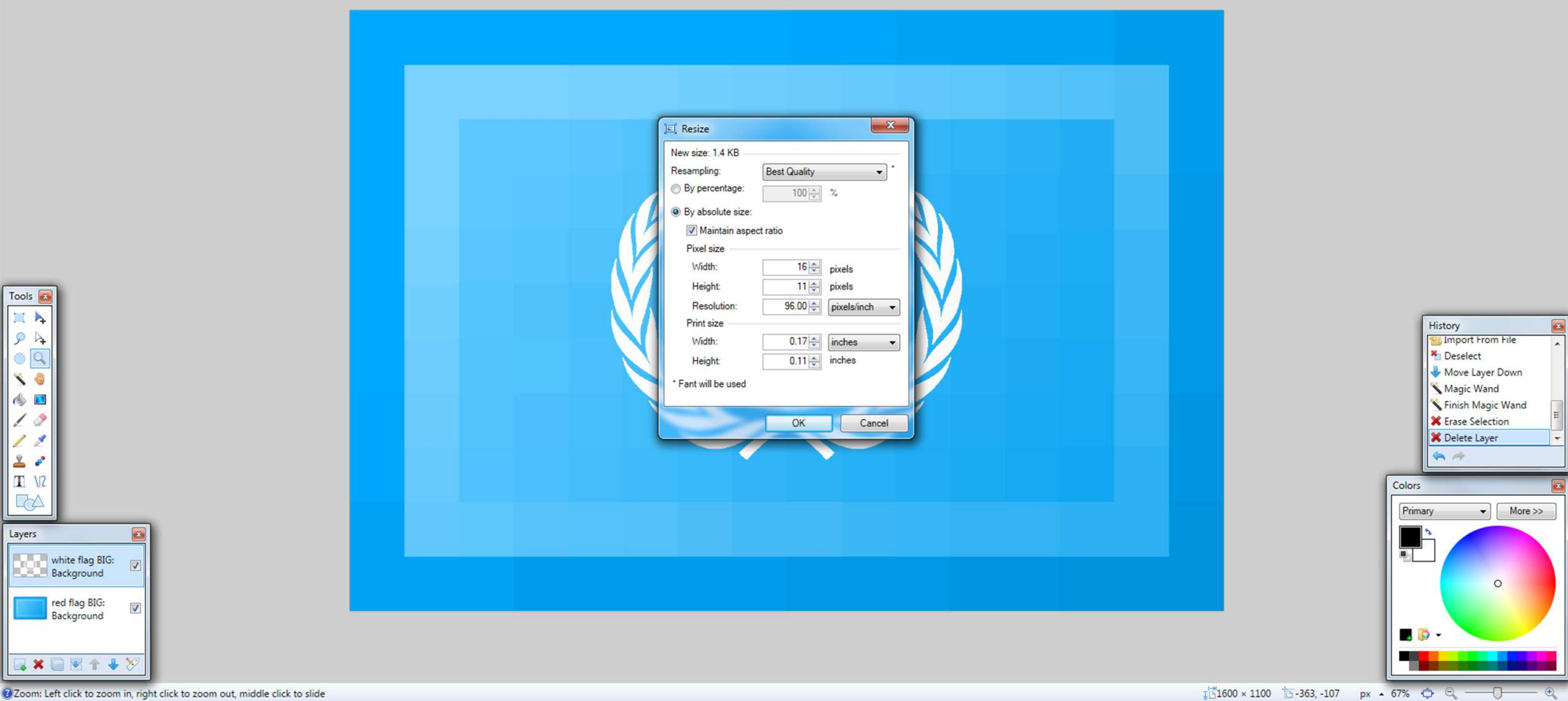
Pic 9 - Add your next colour.



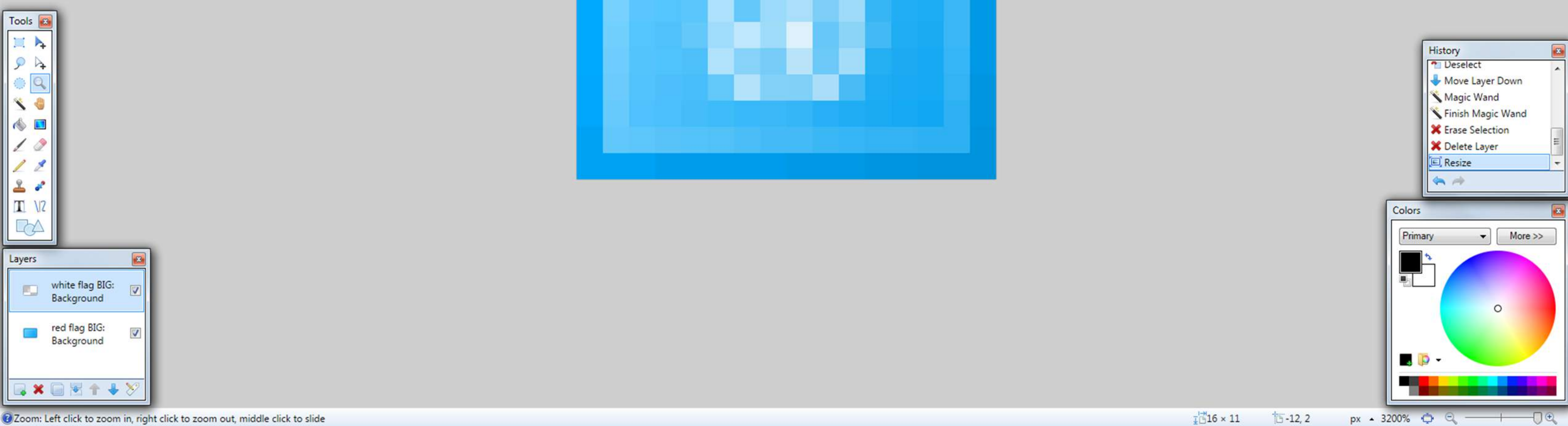
Pic 10 - Repeat previous steps until all your desired colours have been cut out of the coloured flags.



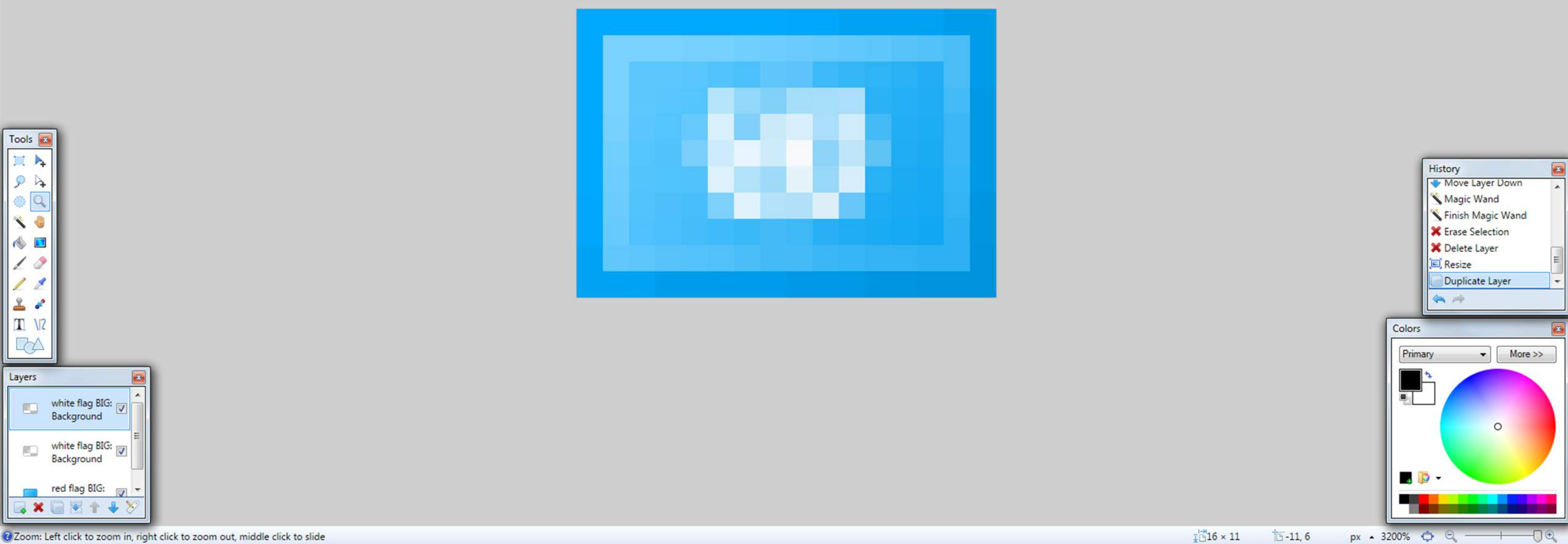
Pic 11 - Delete all unneeded templates from the original flag if necessary.



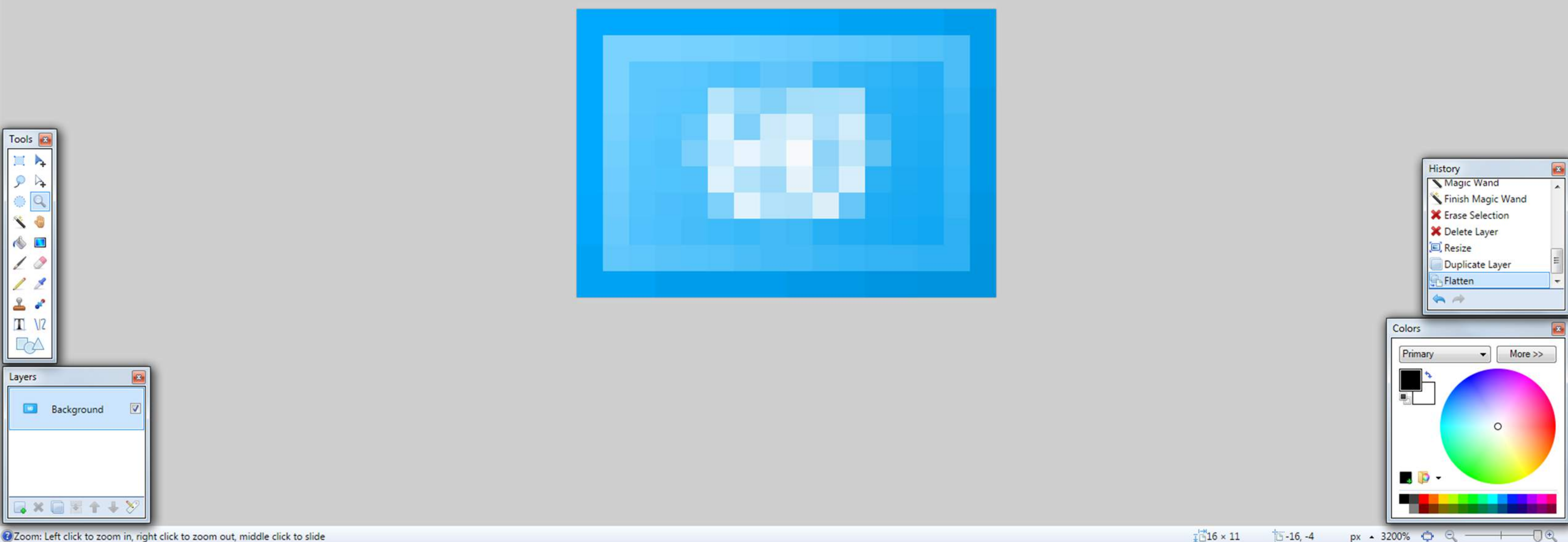
Pic 12 - Resize your image to 16 x 11.



**Pic 13 - Decide whether your flag is finished or not.
Would recommend zooming out to see what it
would look like at its actual size.**



**Pic 14 - If your flag needs to be tweaked a little, do it here.
I duplicated the white part to make it stand out more.**



**Pic 15 - Flatten all layers and you're done! Save it as a PNG
and it should be ready to go.**

**Feel free to ask me anything if you have questions related to this
or if you need advice for specific flags.**

**I will be posting the coloured flags that you can use for flag making
in the following posts.**

Note from Editor

I would like to say that all of the writing is done by Comrade King. I merely took the images and formatted it so that it would fit all together and made it into a pdf. This was done so that this process can be documented and more accessible, as the last thread that contained the information was lost for a while, before being recovered. However, at any moment, the information could be lost and therefore I think its best to preserve it so that the posters of /ref/ have an easy guide on how to make these flags, not only for /ref/ but for the wider internet if they choose to do so. Not only will this be made into a pdf, but I will also try and make it into a epub, and then upload it to libgenisis or a website like it so that whatever happens, it will always be there - oso <3

Link to materials:

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