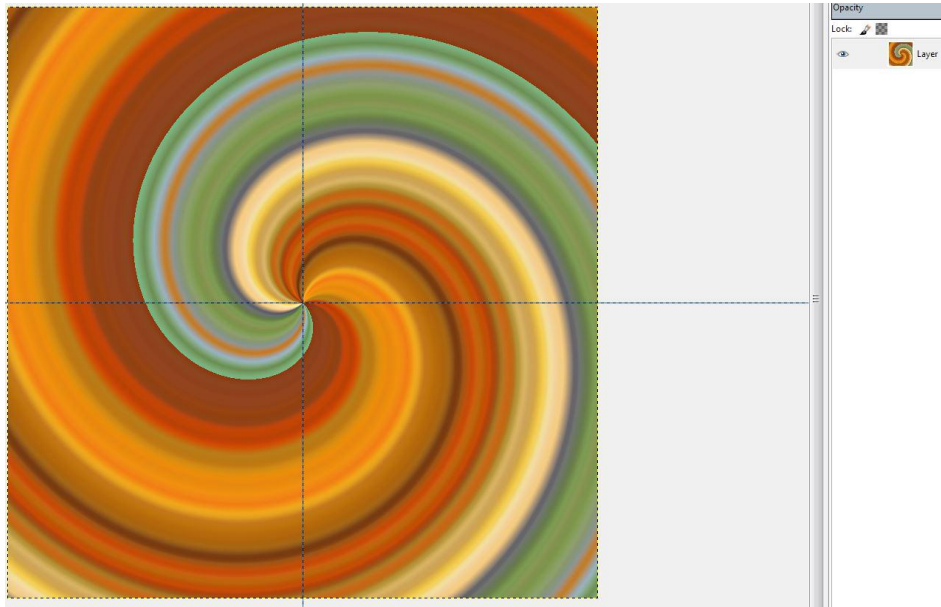
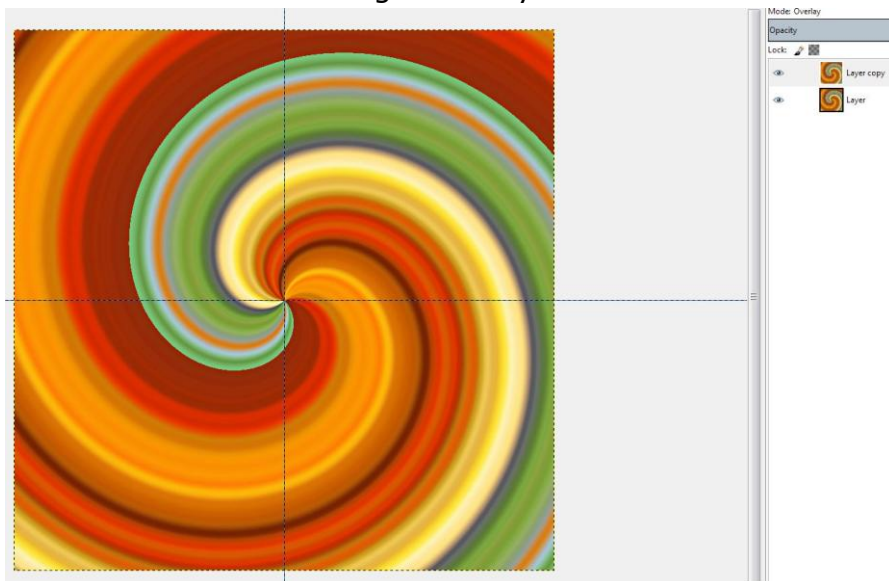


How to create nice decorative circled frames for photos

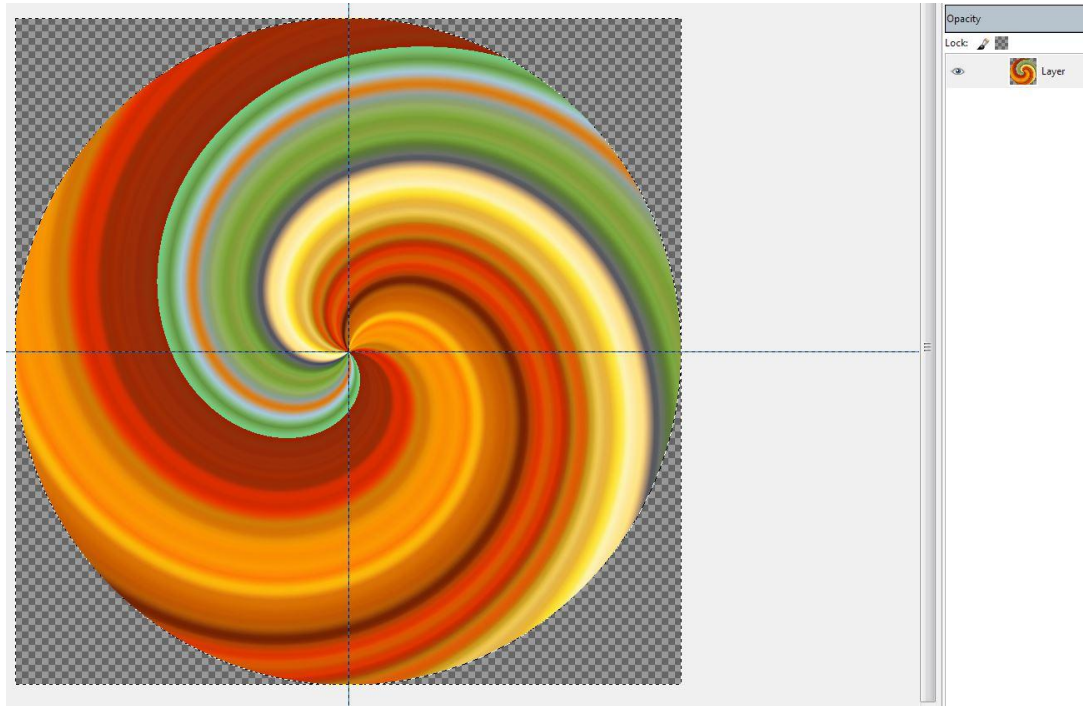
1. Open a background layer in transparency. 800 x 800 size, but 600 x 600 is right too. It depends as you need it. But if you want to add more frames to make a collage, you'd better not create it too big.
2. Selection Blend Tool. Set it at shape Spiral (CW), choose a nice gradient and apply it from the very centre of the canvas until a corner. If you want, you can enhance it applying -filters- enhance- Unsharp mask or simply duplicate the layer and put the upper layer at overlay mode and combine these two layers.



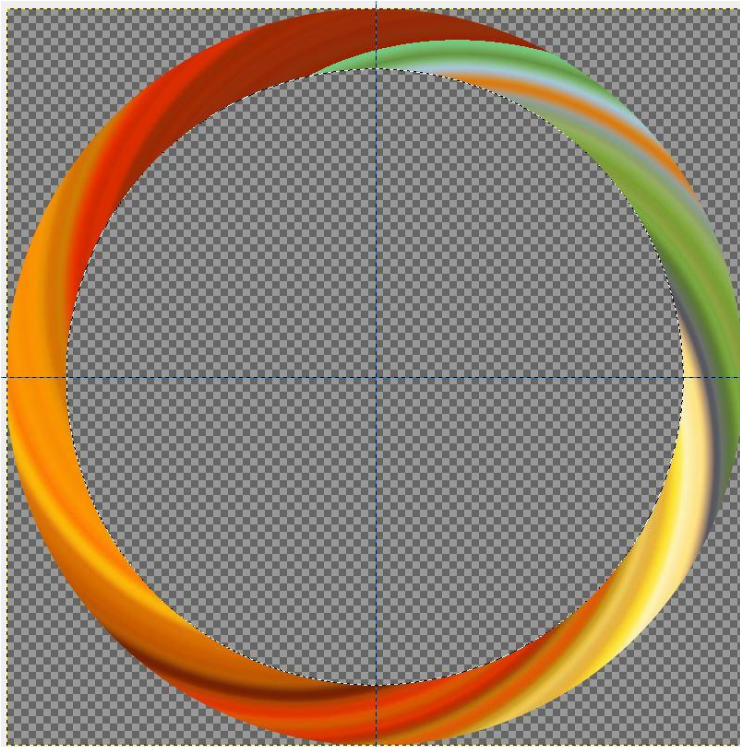
3. Duplicate the layer, close the eye to the duplicate layer and move it at bottom and name it background if you want.



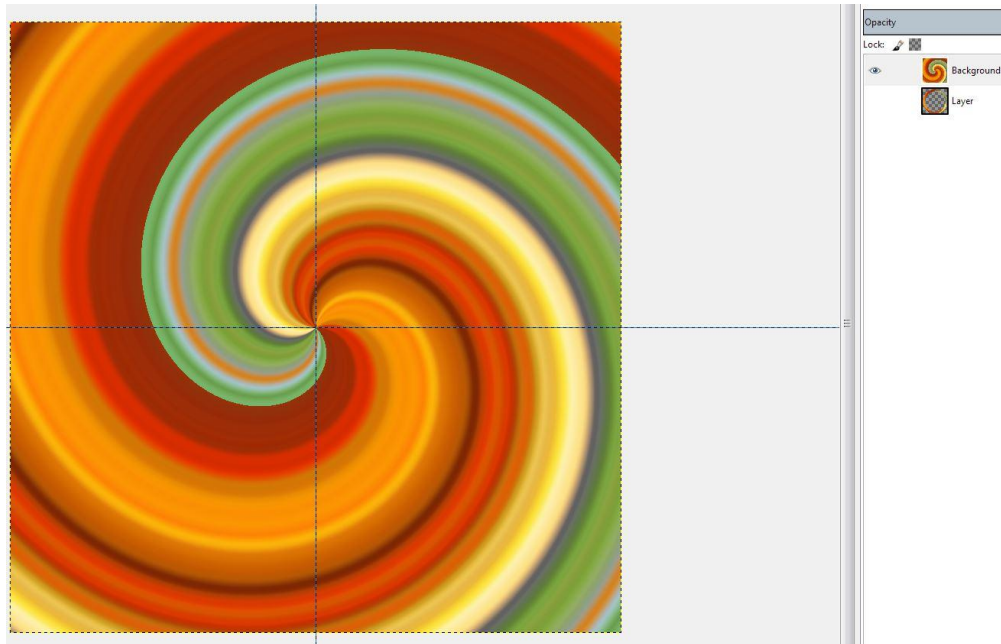
4. Take ellipse select tool and create a perfect circle 800x800 in size. Then Select – invert – edit – clear. We get a large circle. No remove the selection and return to Select – Invert. Ants are around of our circle.



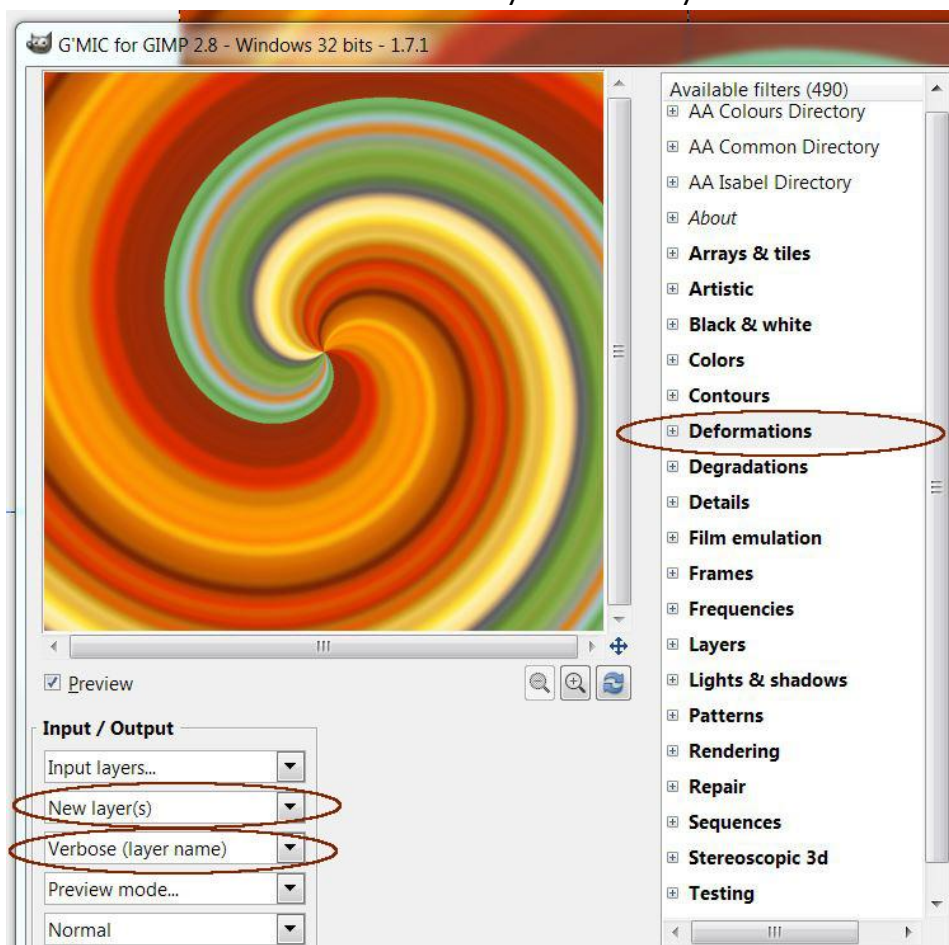
5. Return to Select – Shrink and set it at 65 px. Then, go to Edit – clear or simply press delete. We get a nice ring. Call the layer; Ring Base and close its eye (We will use Ring Base Layer later).

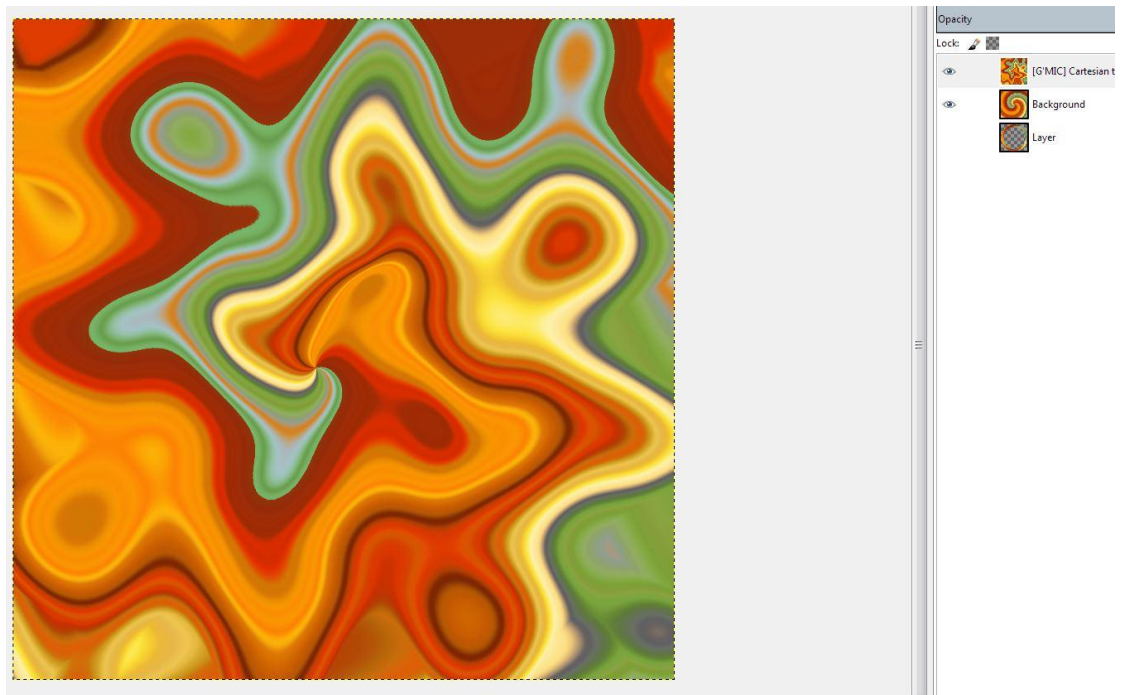


6. Select background layer and set it as the upper layer.

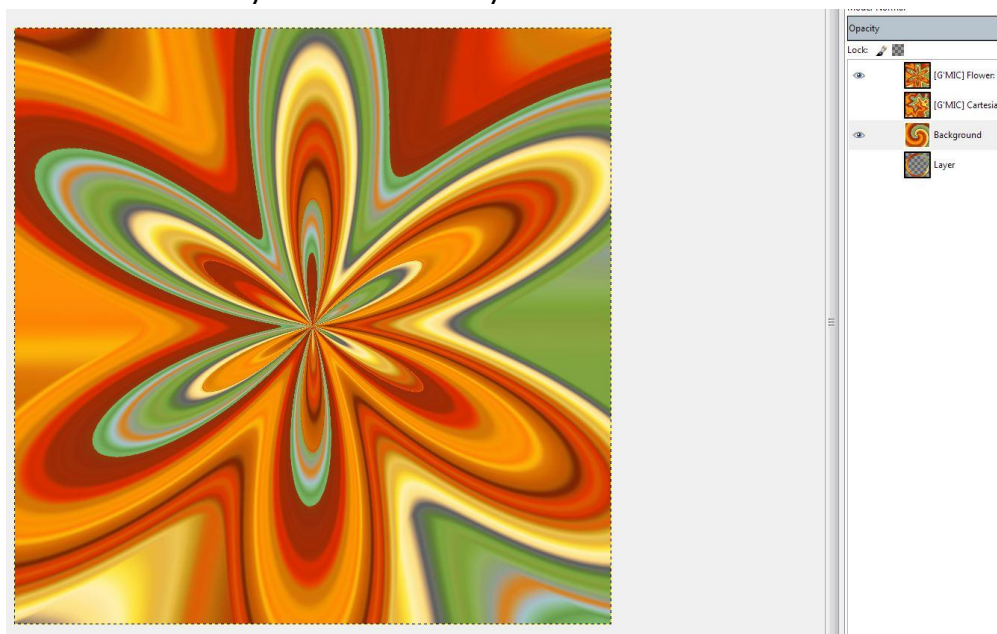


7. Go to filters – G’MIC – When the windows opens, set these settings; New layer and Verbose layer name on your left. Accept the settings by default at each deformation that you are going to do. Then choose on your right - Deformations – Cartesian Transform and click OK. You get a new layer with the deformation used. Close the eye to this layer.

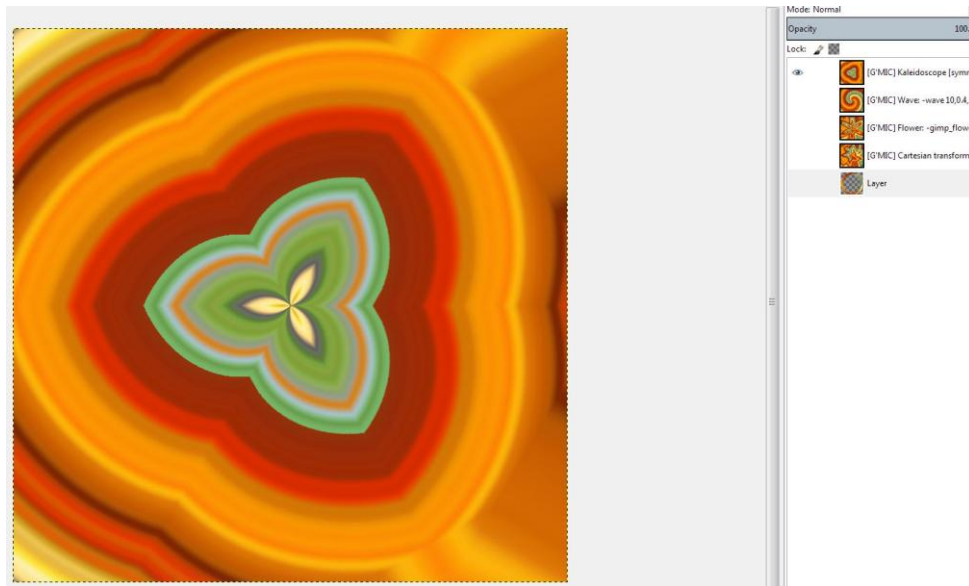




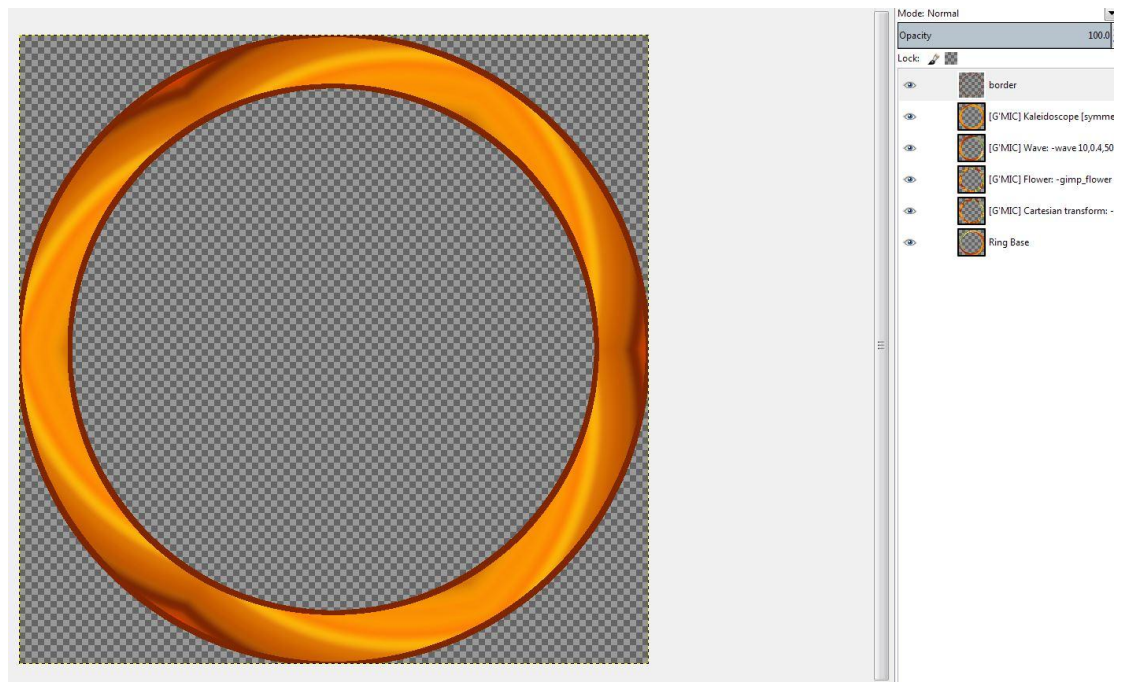
8. Select background layer – go to Filters – G’MIC – Deformations – Flower and click OK. Close eye to the new layer.



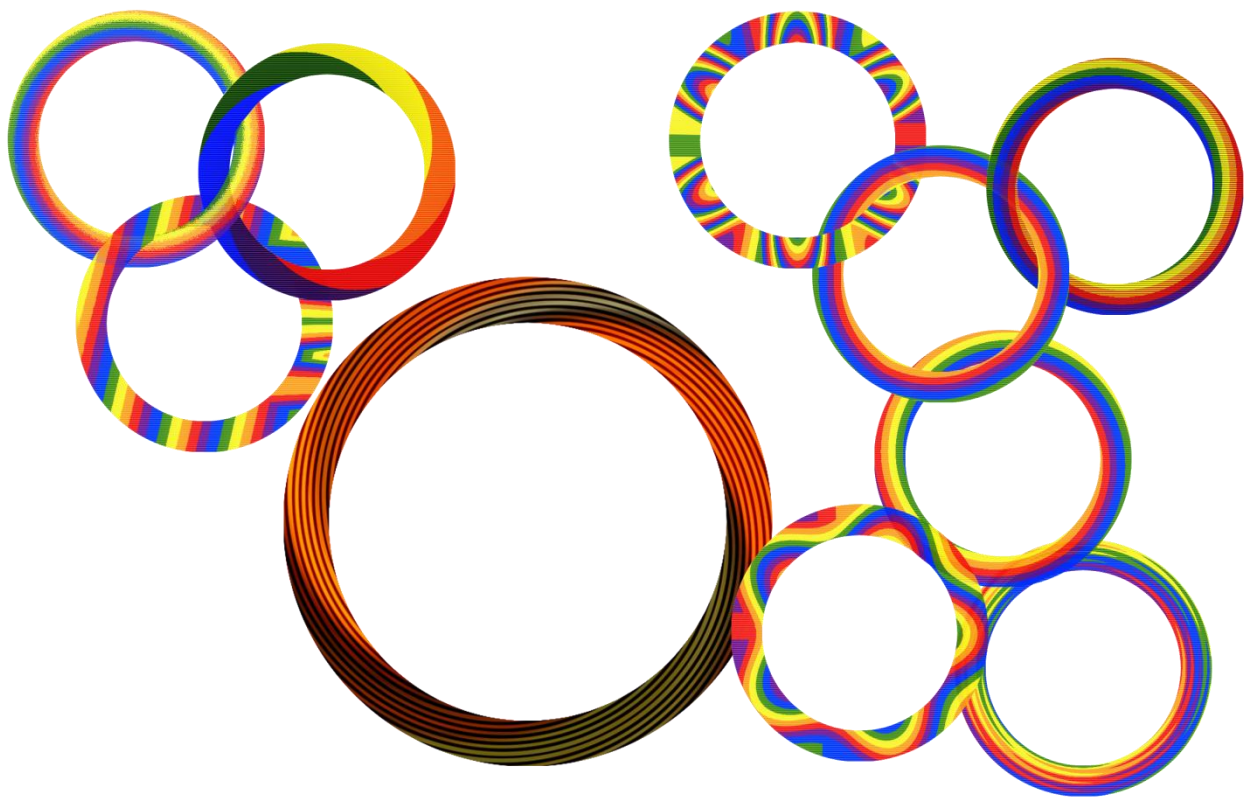
9. Select background layer – go to Filters – G’MIC – Deformations – Wave and click OK. Close eye to the new layer.



10. Select background layer – go to Filters – G’MIC – Deformations – Kaleidoscope (symmetry) and click OK. Leave its eye open.
11. You can create many more, but I tell you the most appealing results.
12. You can too throw away the background layer, as we aren’t going to use it any more.
13. Select Ring Base layer (without open its eye) and with right button – alpha to selection – select Kaleidoscope layer – go to Select – Invert - and press delete. (or edit clear) and close its layer eye. Don’t remove selection
14. Select the layer below – Wave. And directly press delete. Close the eye.
15. Select the layer below – Flower and delete, too.
16. Do the same action for Cartesian layer.
17. Create a transparent layer upper of layers and call it “border” Select Ring Base – alpha to selection go up on your new layer select this layer and go to Edit – Stroke Selection at 6px. In a nice colour. You can combine border layer to each circle created and save each one in .PNG so that it keeps the transparency.



18. You have 5 pretty rounded frames for your photos. Don't forget to add drop shadows to the frames. In filters – Lights and Shadows – Drop Shadows at about 6 px. And 75% opacity aprox.
19. Now it's your creativity to set them in a nice layout.





Enjoy it.

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