Dymo Label Text Effect.

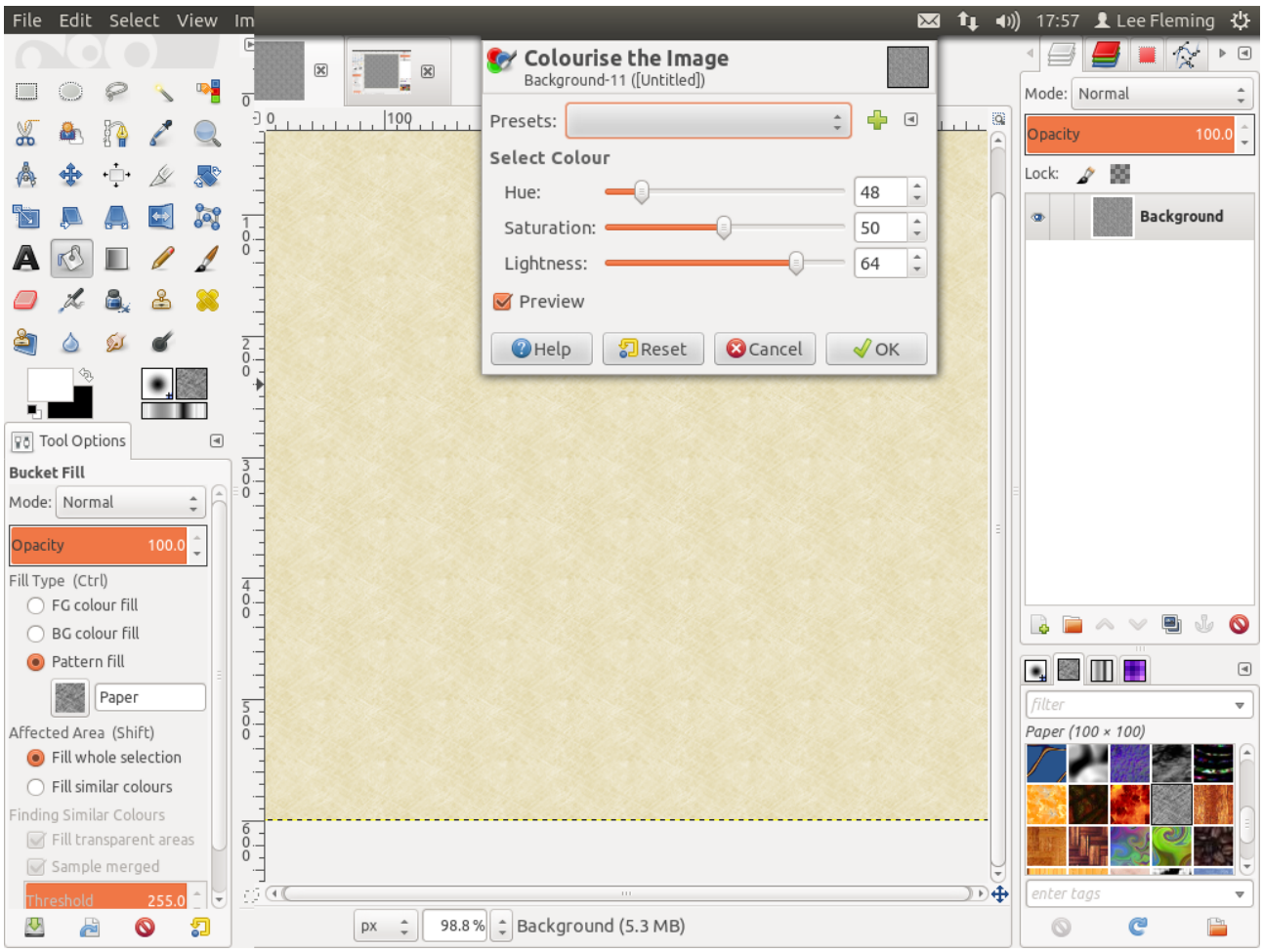
This tutorial will show one way to achieve a text effect that looks and resembles the old plastic dymo labels which used to punch the text into a strip of plastic.

Here is the final image we are hoping to achieve.....



Step 1

Open Gimp and create a new image 600px * 600px, fill the background with the pattern “Paper”, then go Colours>Colourise and adjust settings as seen in the image below.

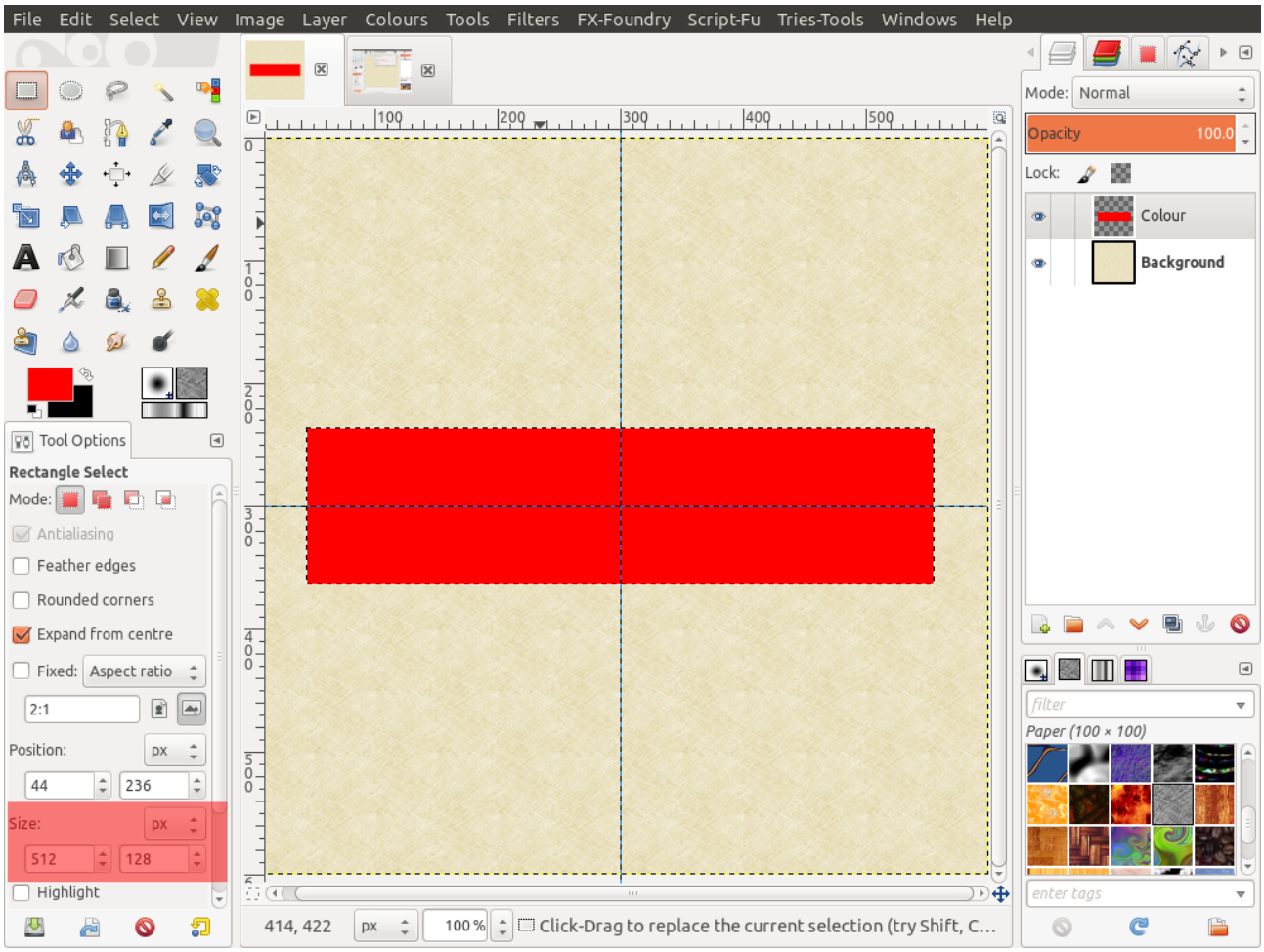


Step 2

Go Image>Guide>New Guide and create a Horizontal at 300px and a Vertical Guide at 300px.

Click on the Rectangle Select tool and check the box “Expand from Centre”, position cursor over the point where the two guides cross and start to drag out a rectangle selection, Over in the tool option dialogue you can then manual enter the size of your rectangle (See highlighted part of image below), I have entered the sizes 512px * 128Px.

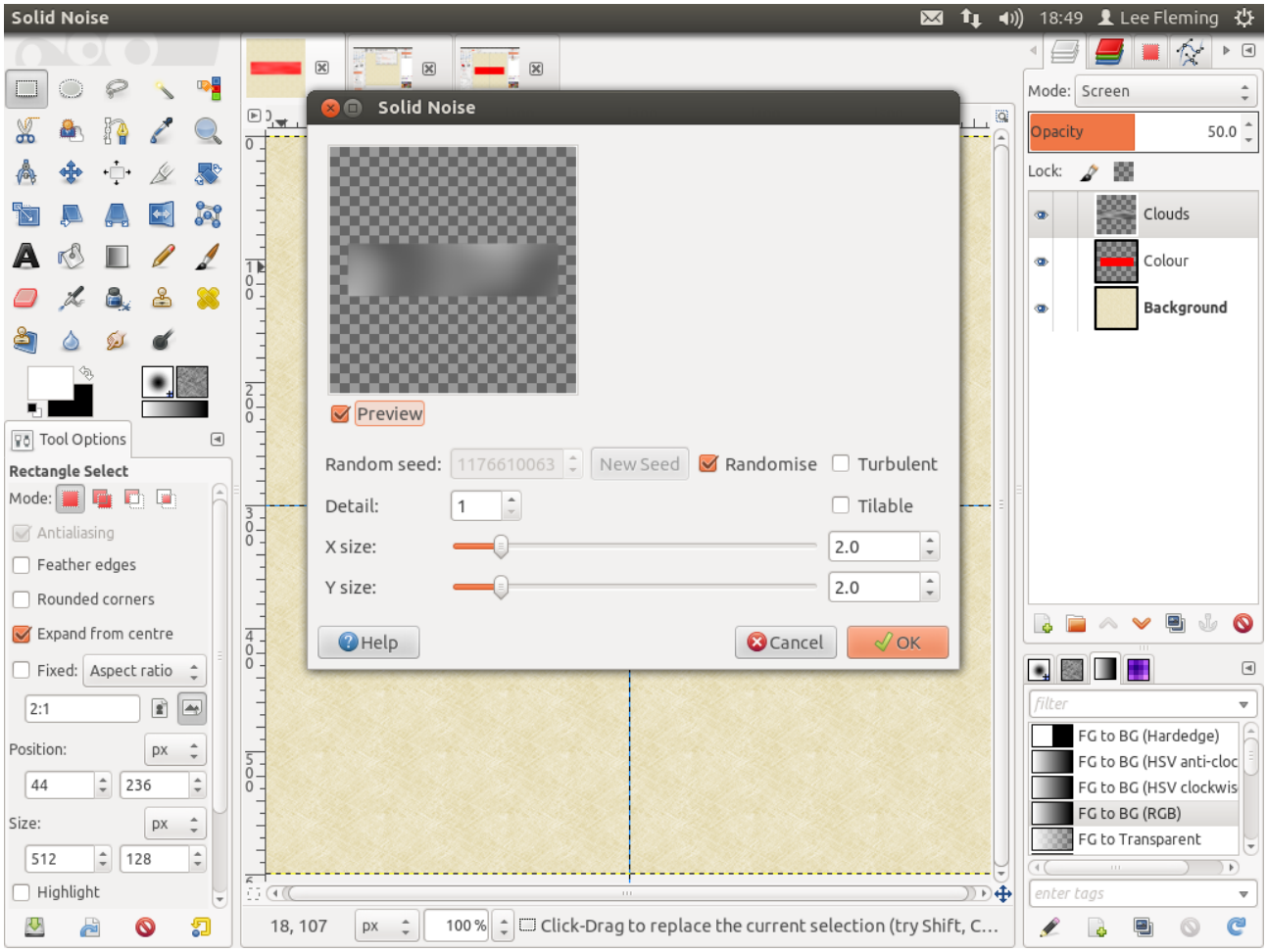
Finally create a new layer named “Colour” and fill selection with Red ff0000, **Don't delete selection.**



Step 3

Create a new layer named “Clouds” and go Filters>Render>Clouds>Solid Noise, Use settings as show in the image below and click O.K.

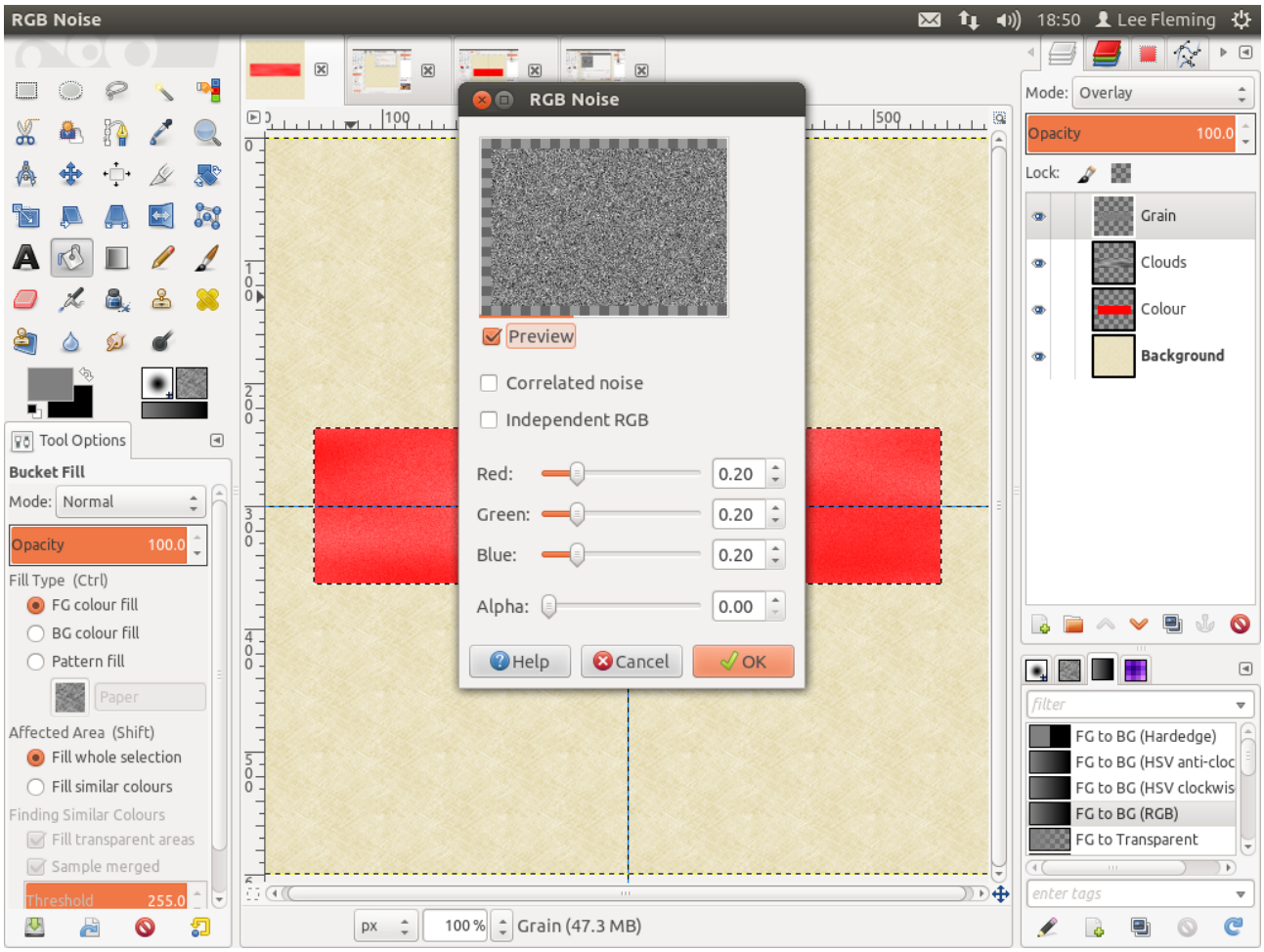
Change layer Mode to “Screen” and set Opacity to “50”.



Step 4

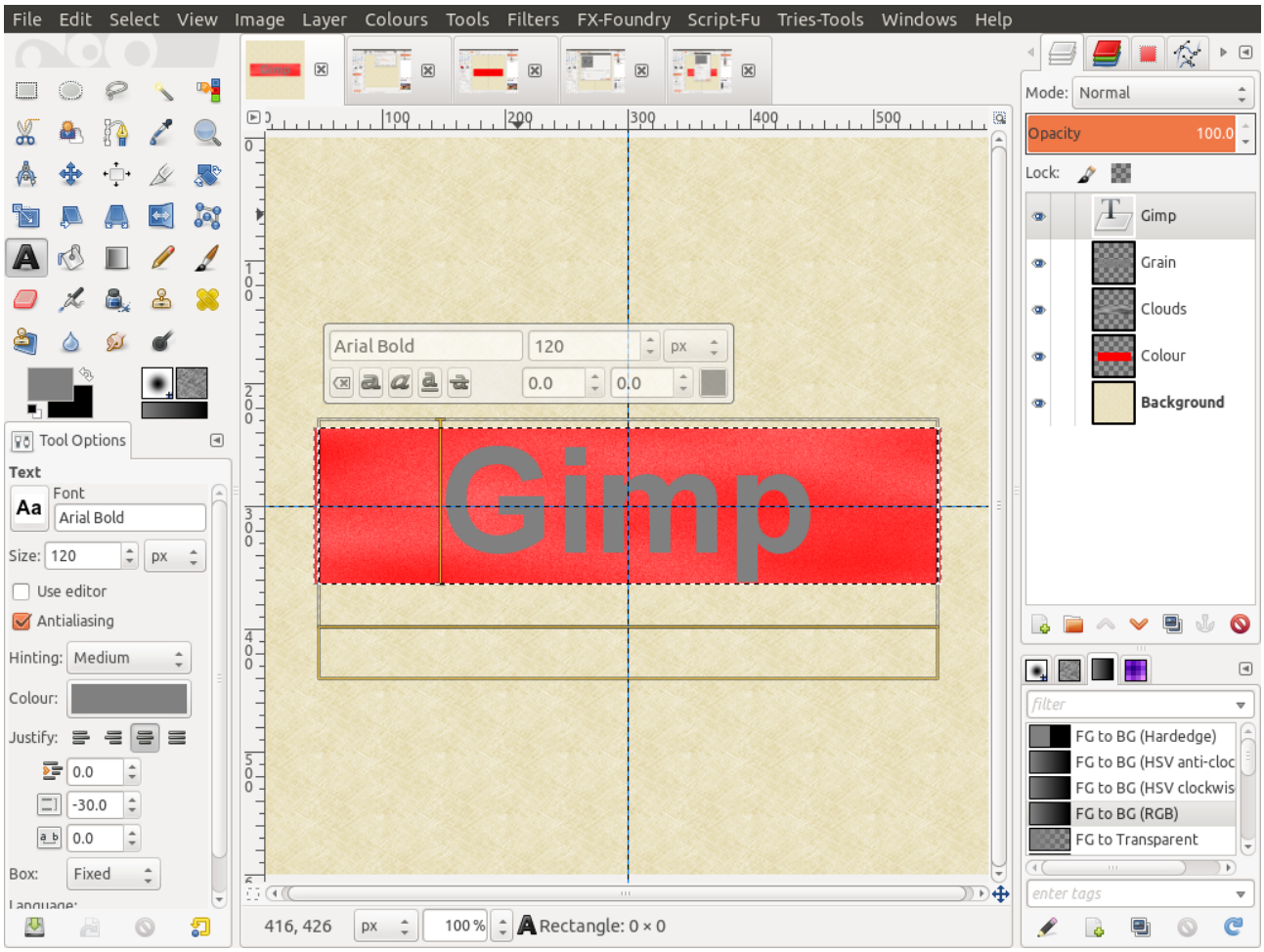
Create a new layer named “Grain” and Fill layer with grey 808080 then go Filters>Noise>RGB Noise, Make sure the two boxes are unchecked and the settings are the same as the image below and click O.K.

Change layer Mode to “Overlay” and set Opacity to “100”, depending on the original Colour used you may want to lower the opacity value.



Step 5

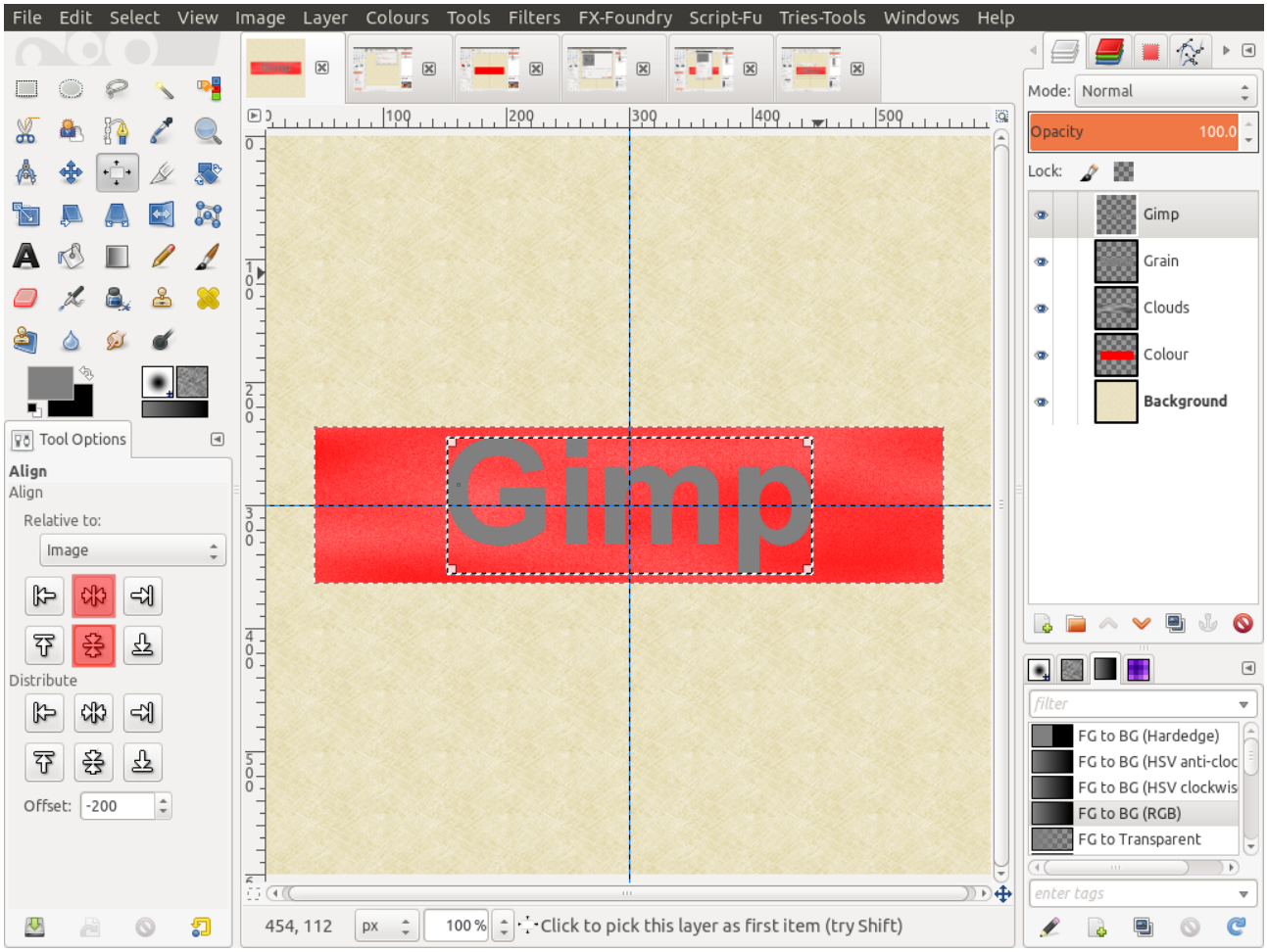
Change Foreground colour to Grey 808080, then select the text tool, I'm using “Ariel Bold” with a font size of “120px”, Enter desired text. Note text needs to be smaller than the red rectangle.



Step 6

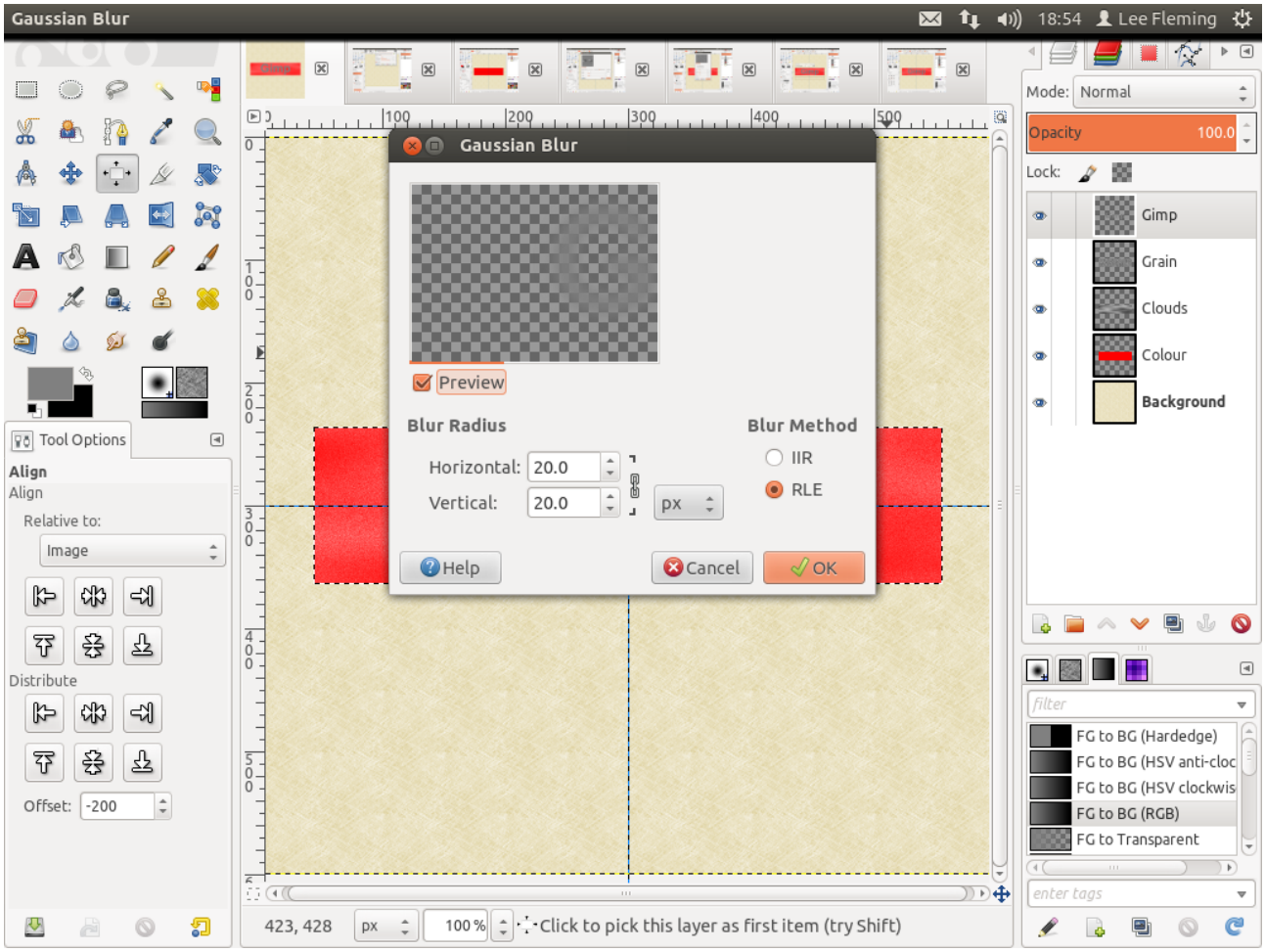
Go Layer>Autocrop Layer, then select the Align tool from toolbox and click on text layer, you should notice four white squares appear, one in each corner. Then in the Align tool dialogue click on the two centre boxes to align layer with centre of image (Shown highlighted in image below).

Then go Layer>Layer to Image Size.



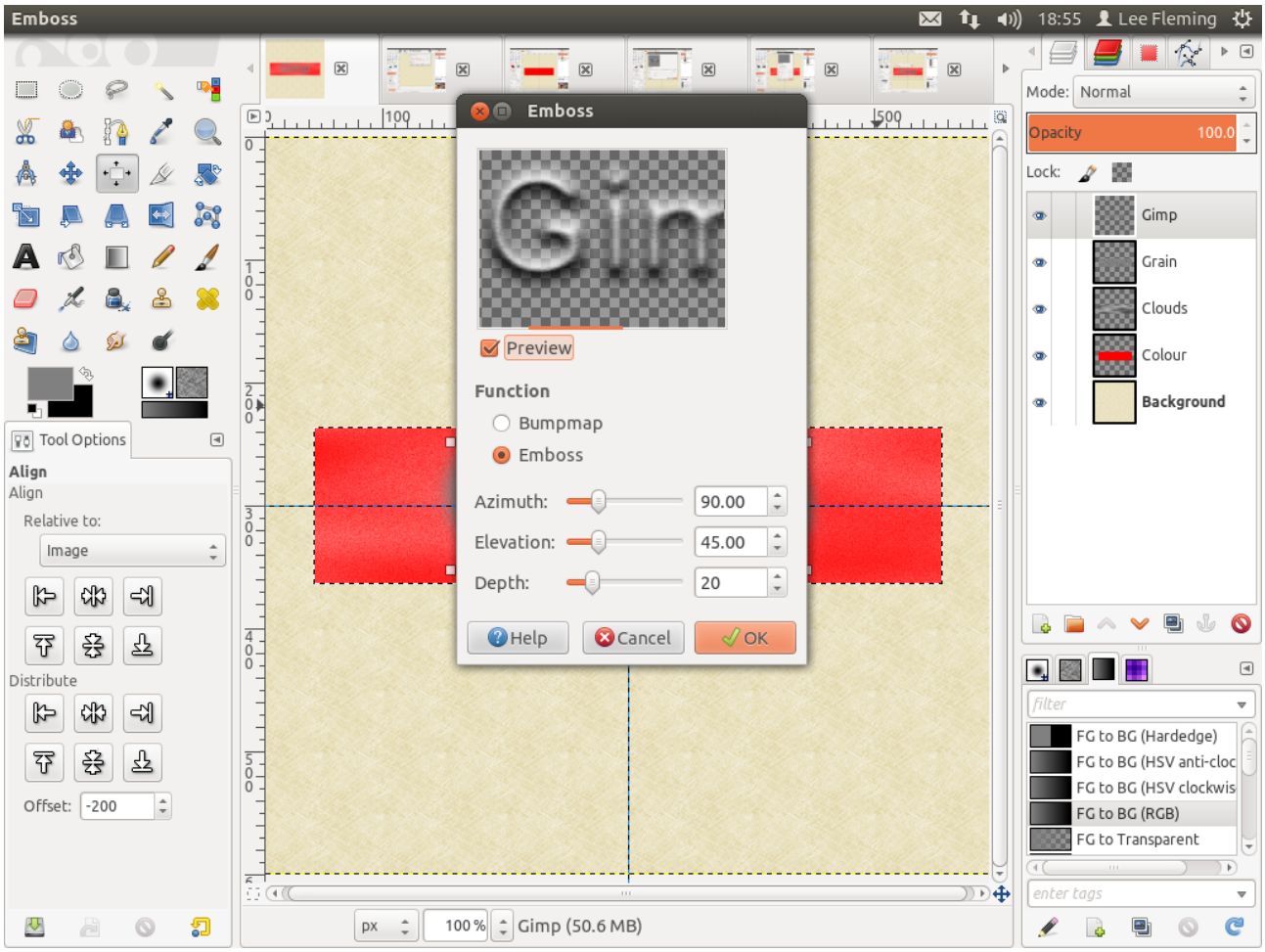
Step 7

Go Filters>Blur>Gaussian Blur, set X & Y to 20 and click O.K.



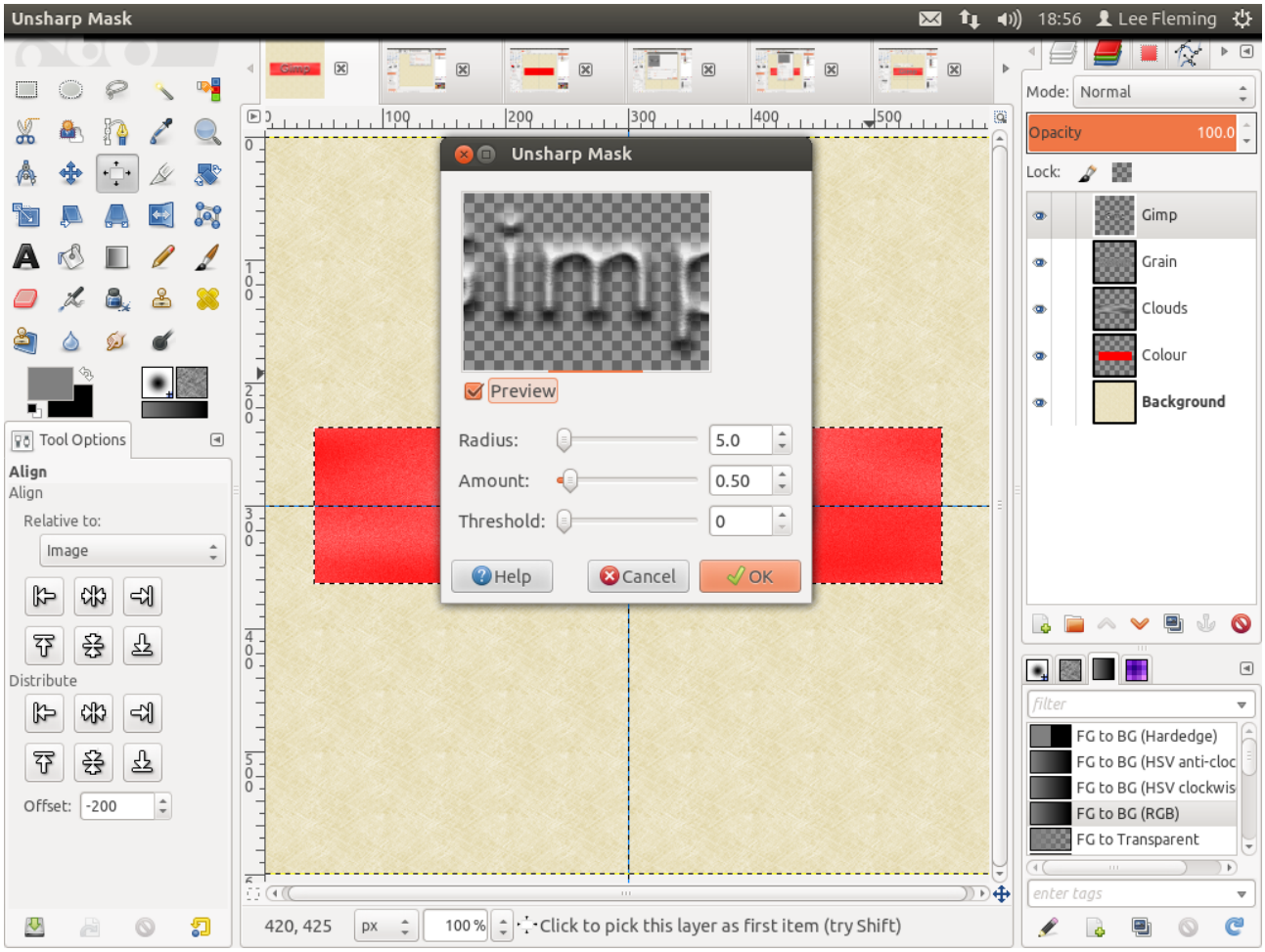
Step 8

Go Filters>distort>Emboss and use settings as shown in image below and click O.K.



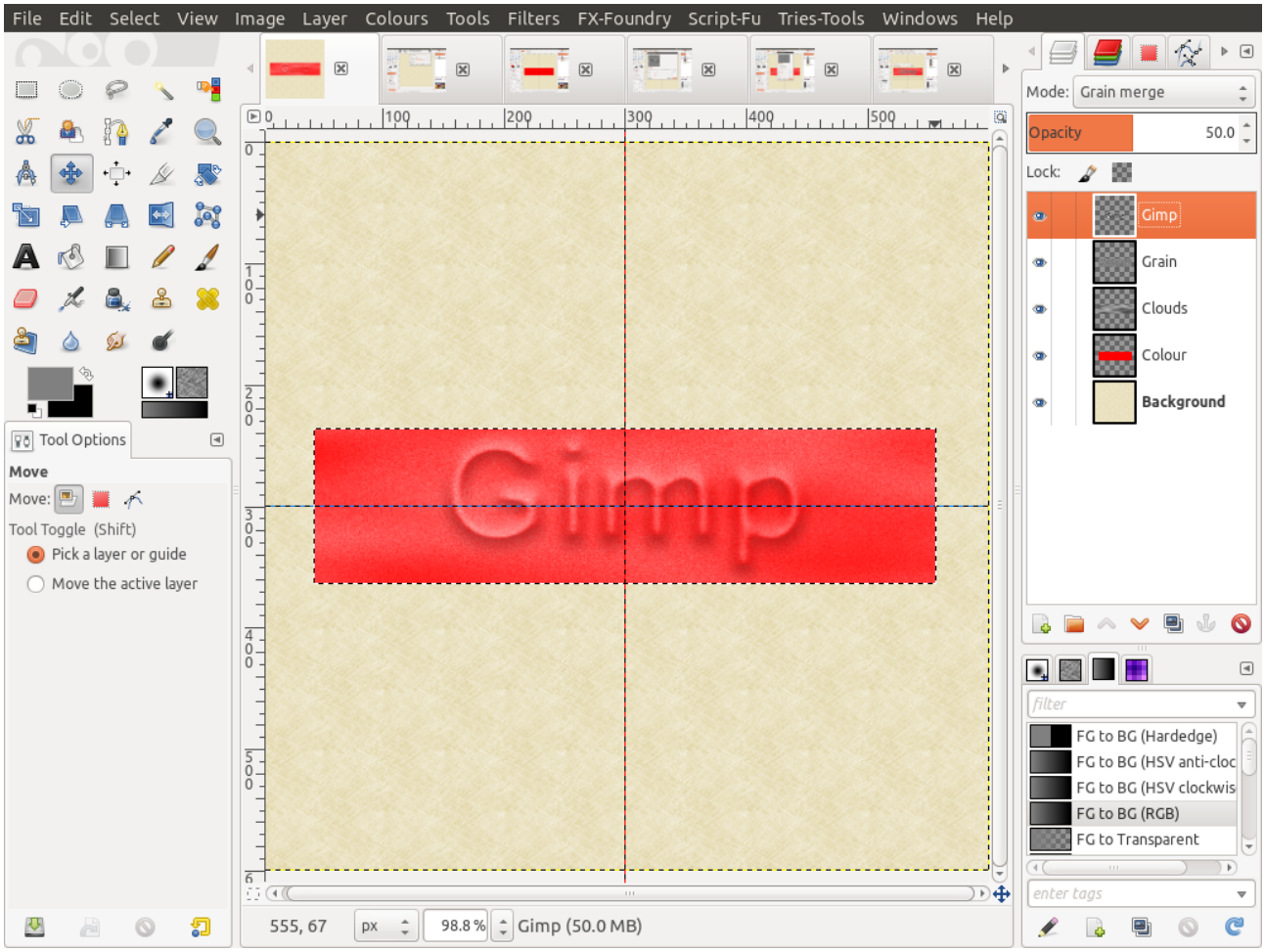
Step 9

We just want to pull out the white colouring a bit more and just slightly tidy up the image a little bit, Go Filter>Enhance>Unsharp Mask and use settings as shown below and click O.K.



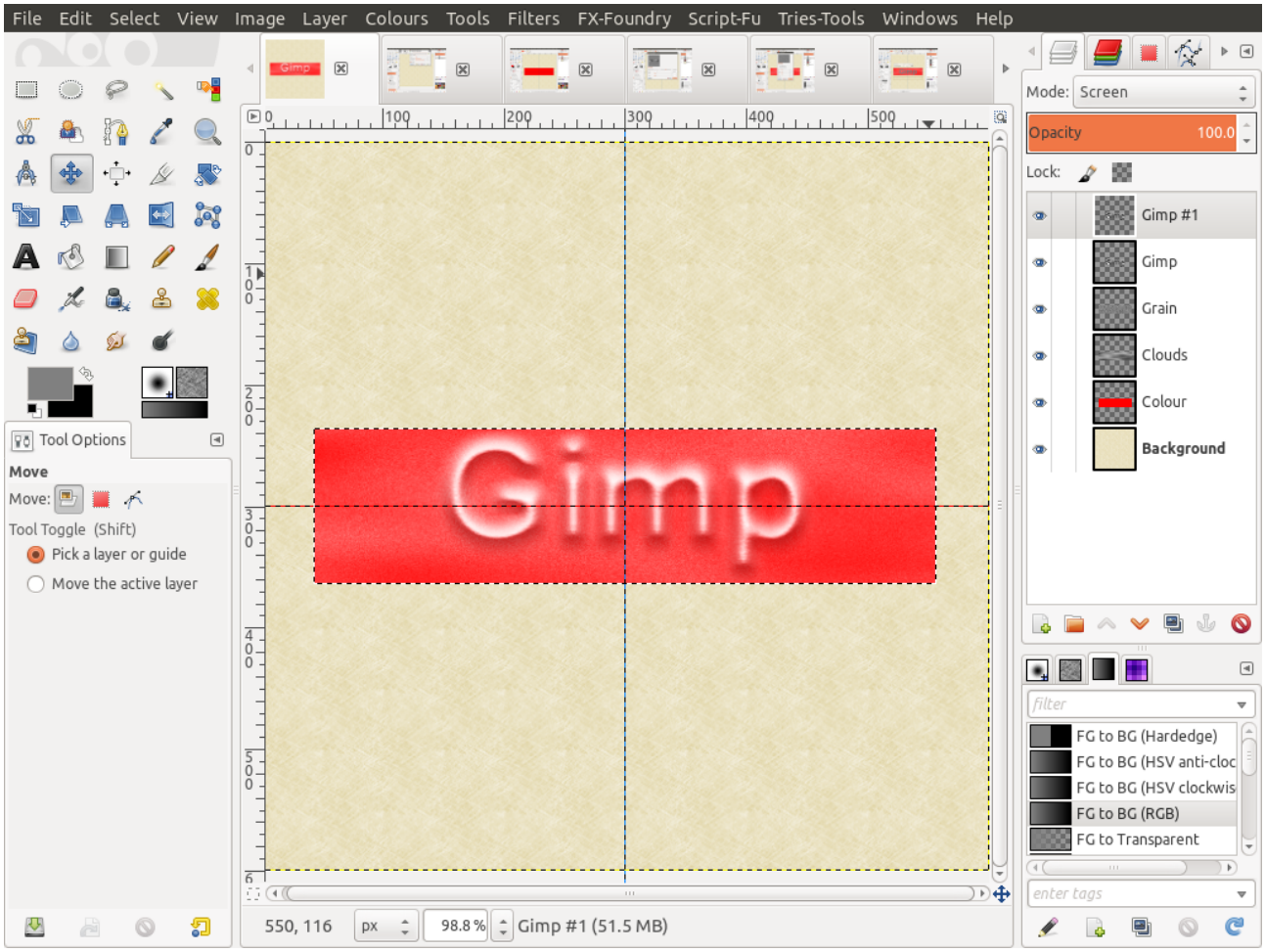
Step 10

Change layer Mode to “Grain Merge” and reduce Opacity to “50”



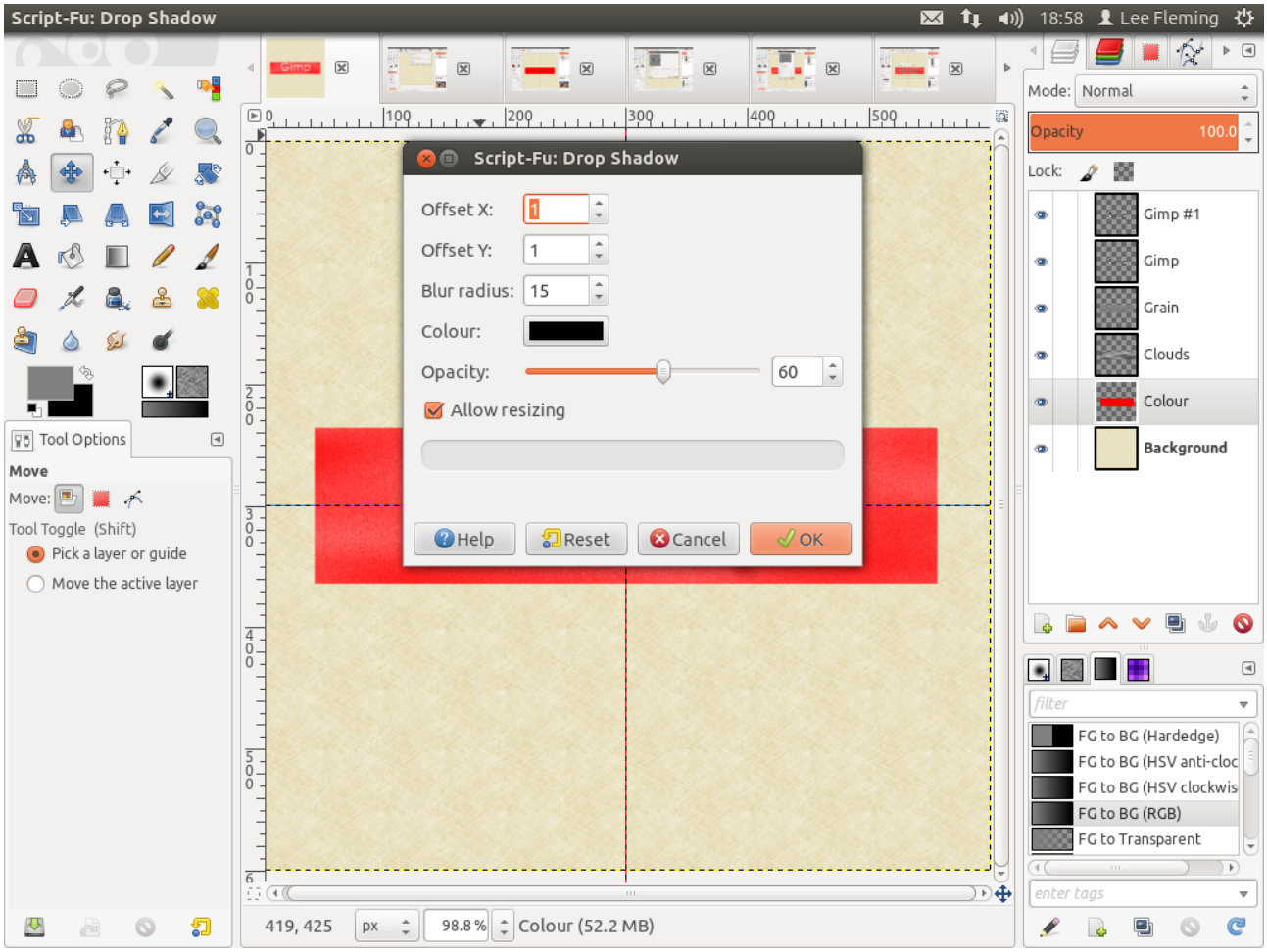
Step 11

Duplicate Layer and change layer Mode to “Screen” and Opacity to “100”

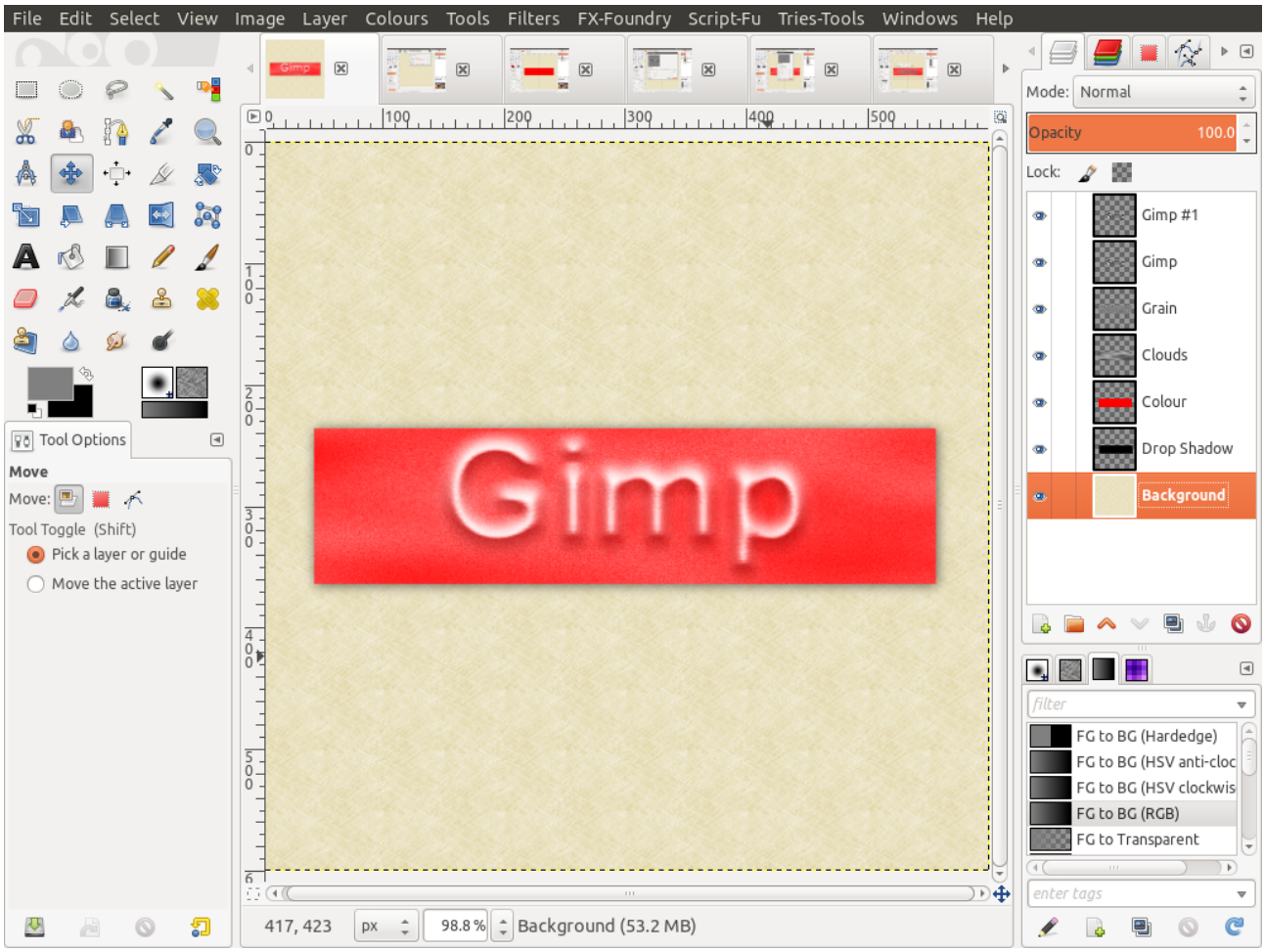


Step 12

Go Select>None then select the layer named “Colour”, Go Filter>Light and Shadow>Drop Shadow and using the settings as shown below click O.K.



That’s it done, your final Image and Layers should be the same as the image below.



Have fun and play around, I'm sure lots of improvements can be made.