

In GIMP 2.8:

-Open GIMP

Arrange the windows so that you have TOOLBOX window and LAYERS window

Using the stacked and calibrated images for outer and inner area of M42

Say outer.jpg and inner.jpg

- Top menu bar main screen **File select OPEN** outer.jpg
- Top menu bar main screen **File select OPEN as Layer** inner.jpg
- On **LAYERS window select** (Make it blue) Inner layer.
- **Right click on the Inner layer** – On drop down **select ADD Layer Mask**
- On **ADD LAYER MASK drop down select WHITE(full opacity) click ADD** button
- On the **TOOLBOX menu select Airbrush Double click** it.
- The tool options drop down allows you to change the size etc.
- **I change the size** to about 200
 - o Mode – Normal
 - o Aspect – 0
 - o Angle – 0
 - o Dynamics – Off

- Now start spraying in the outer and merging it to the core (inner) section of M42.
- You can check what is sprayed in on the mask by clicking the ‘eye’ symbol on the Outer layer.
- If you need to correct the mask just select the eraser brush to erase the mask in the same way as the airbrush.
- For really delicate sections use the **softer brushes** from the **Tool Options** brush selection.

CROP the final image down to size and save both the project and a finished M42.jpg