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I would like to make a moon

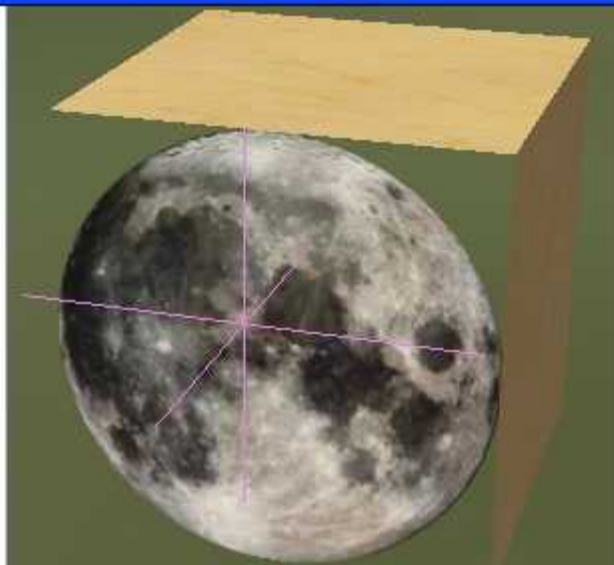
Easy find yourself a nice moon image on internet and put it on a cube prim

Loog at the GIMP tutorial I have. Just cut the moon out of the picture and add transparency



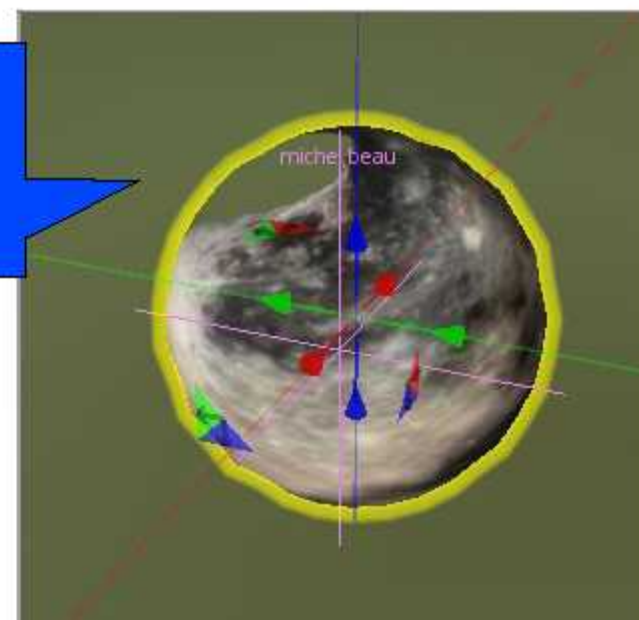


I would like it to be round



Ya and on a cube its not turning round is it?

I have tried to do the same on a sphere look it does not look good



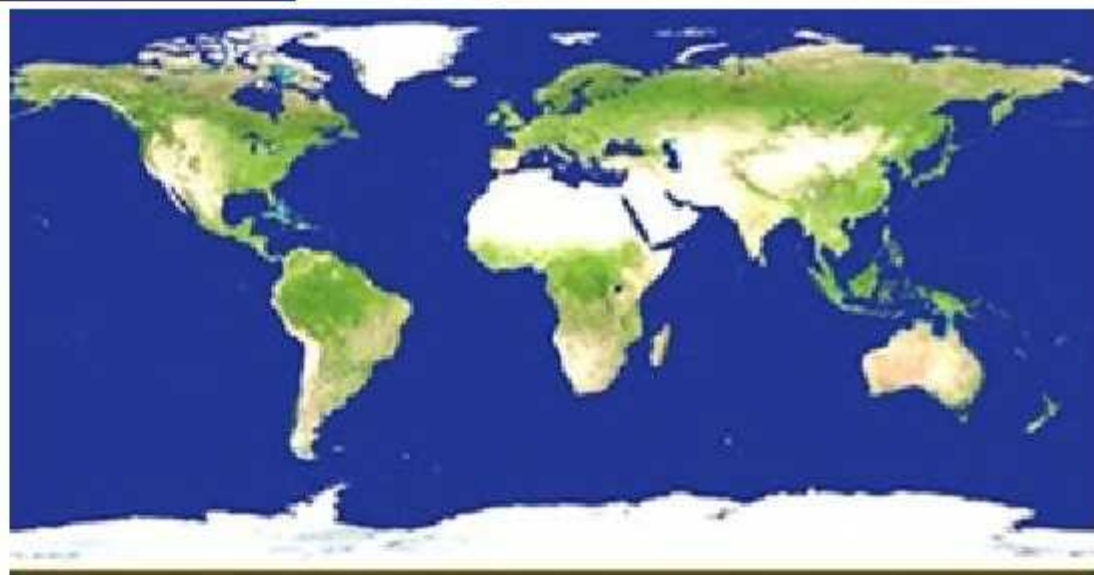


Would we do that with
blender

Yes you could use blender with
a scupty map and texture look
at the turo on texturing with blender

I would prefer to use a sphere
prim in SL is it possible

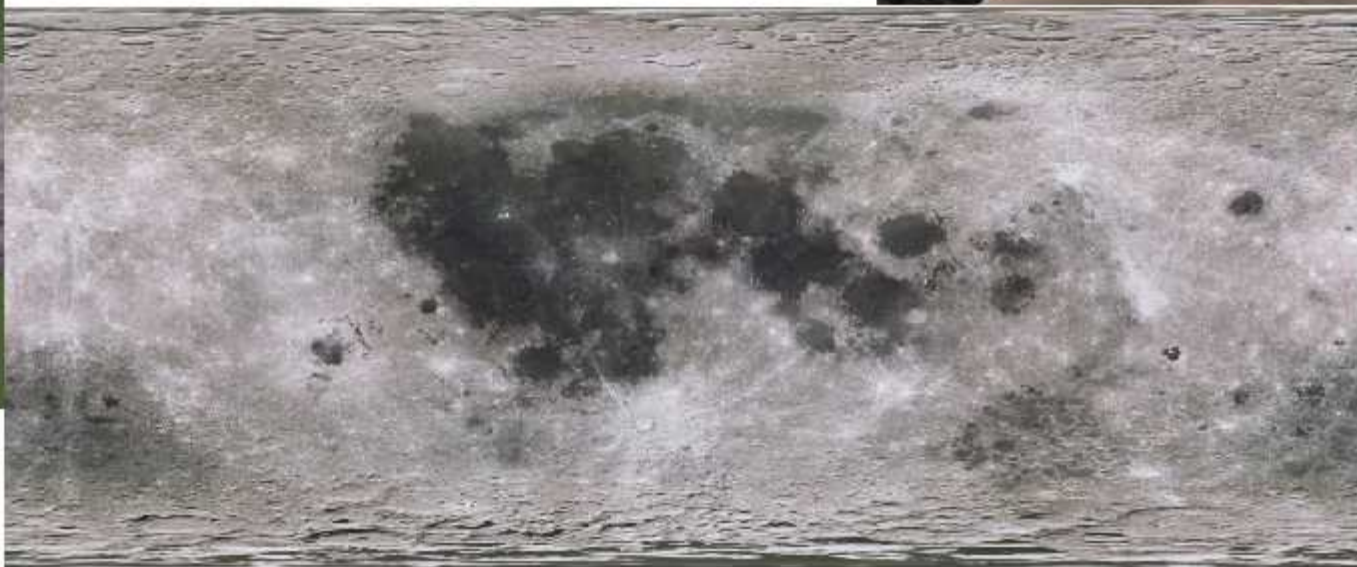
Sure but you need to do a
projection of the moon like what
you see with the earth like the pic





Can I find on internet

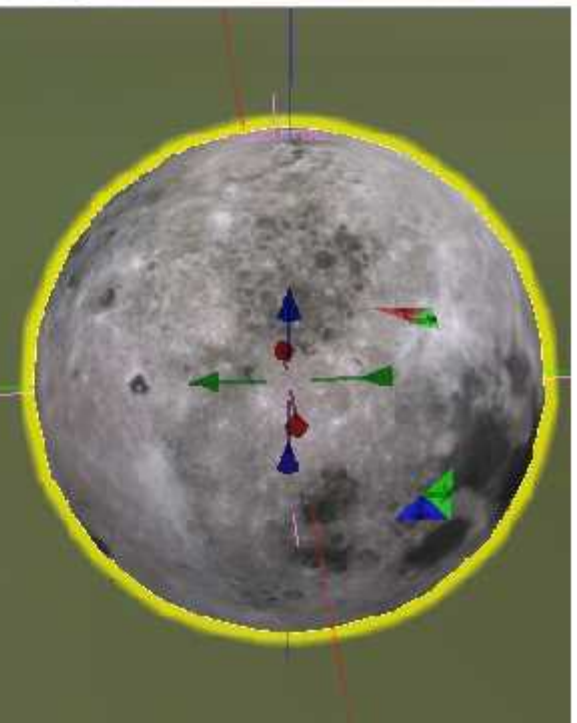
Sure just like this one





And then how to exture in SL

See the picture below .
1.00U 1.00V and 90 rotation





I want moon quarters

He, he you like to make things complexe!!!. So we have to modify our projection.

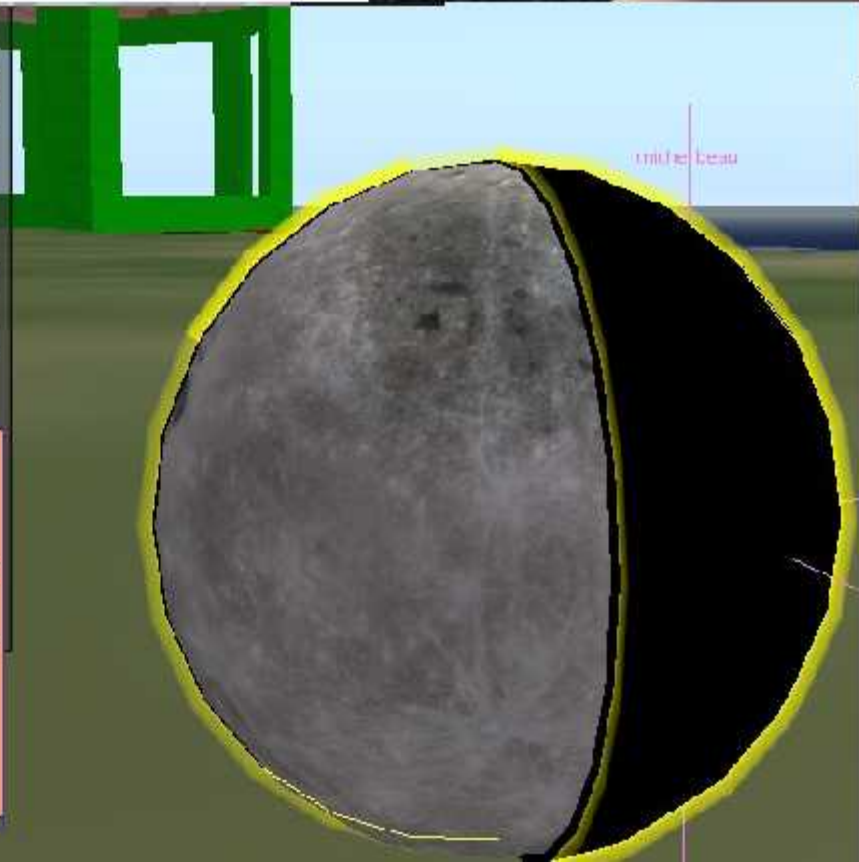
I want the 4 quaters I will need 4 projection



Full, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, and no moon that is 4. Well no!!



Look at the picture aside
I just added a black sphere prim. You see the problem is that the quarter of the moon you see is because the moon is far from the earth. In SL the sphere you will be doing is not at 384400km from you. You will allways see half black



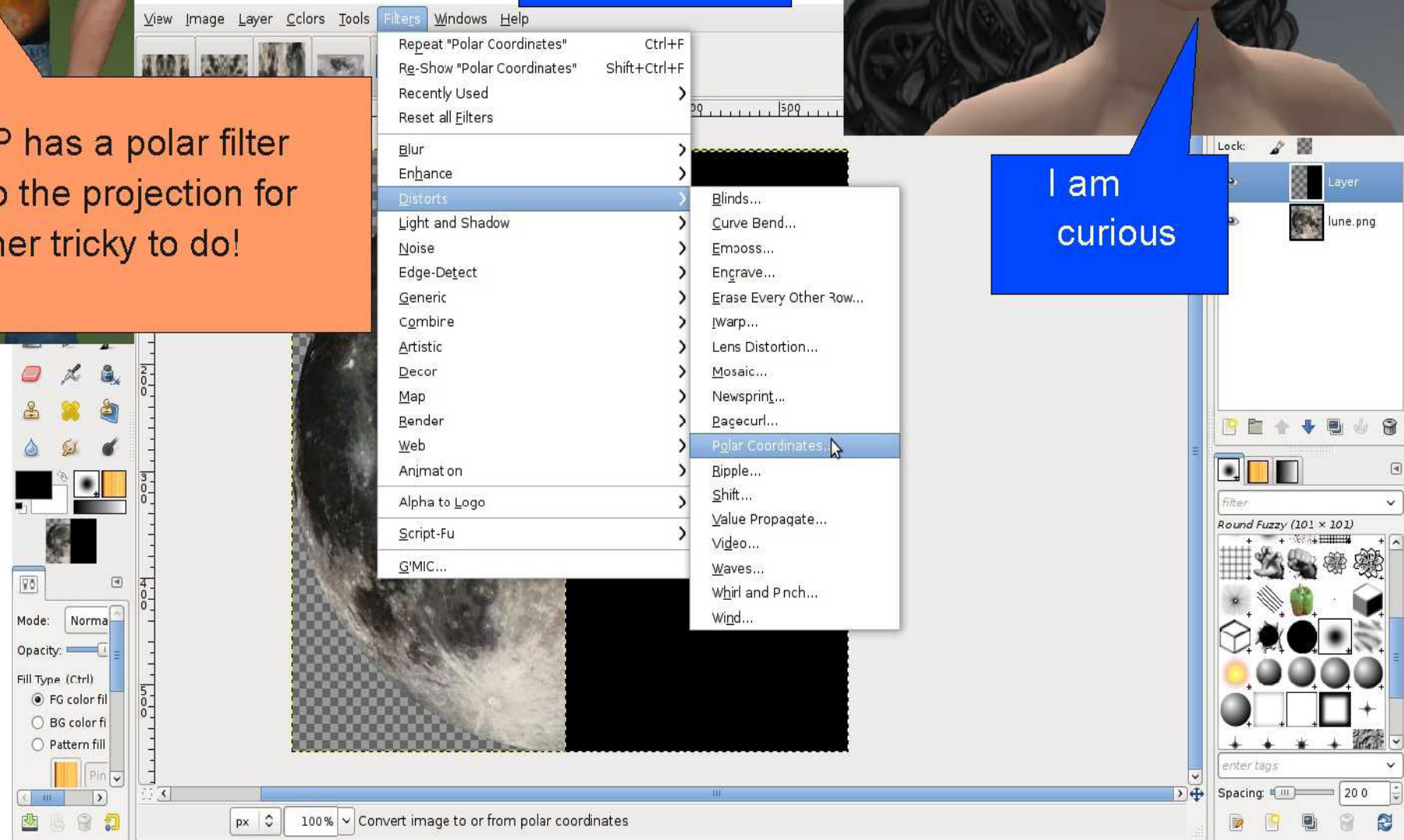
OK , I prefer to and texture then prim so lets do the projection

We will do that with GIMP.

GIMP!!!!

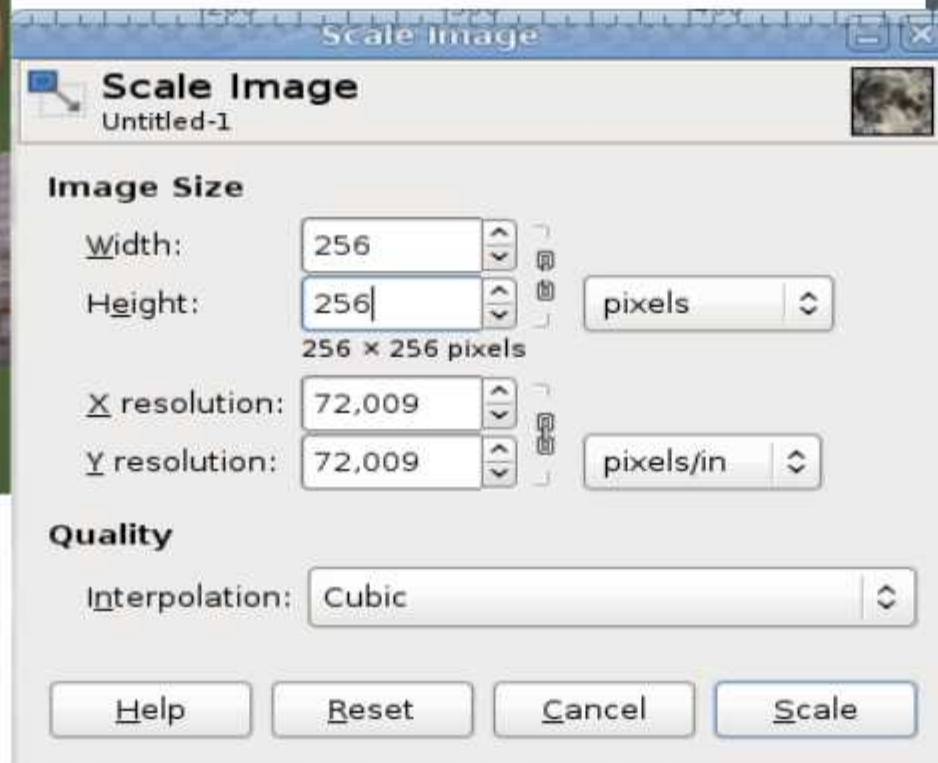
Yes. GIMP has a polar filter that will do the projection for us. Its rather tricky to do!

I am curious





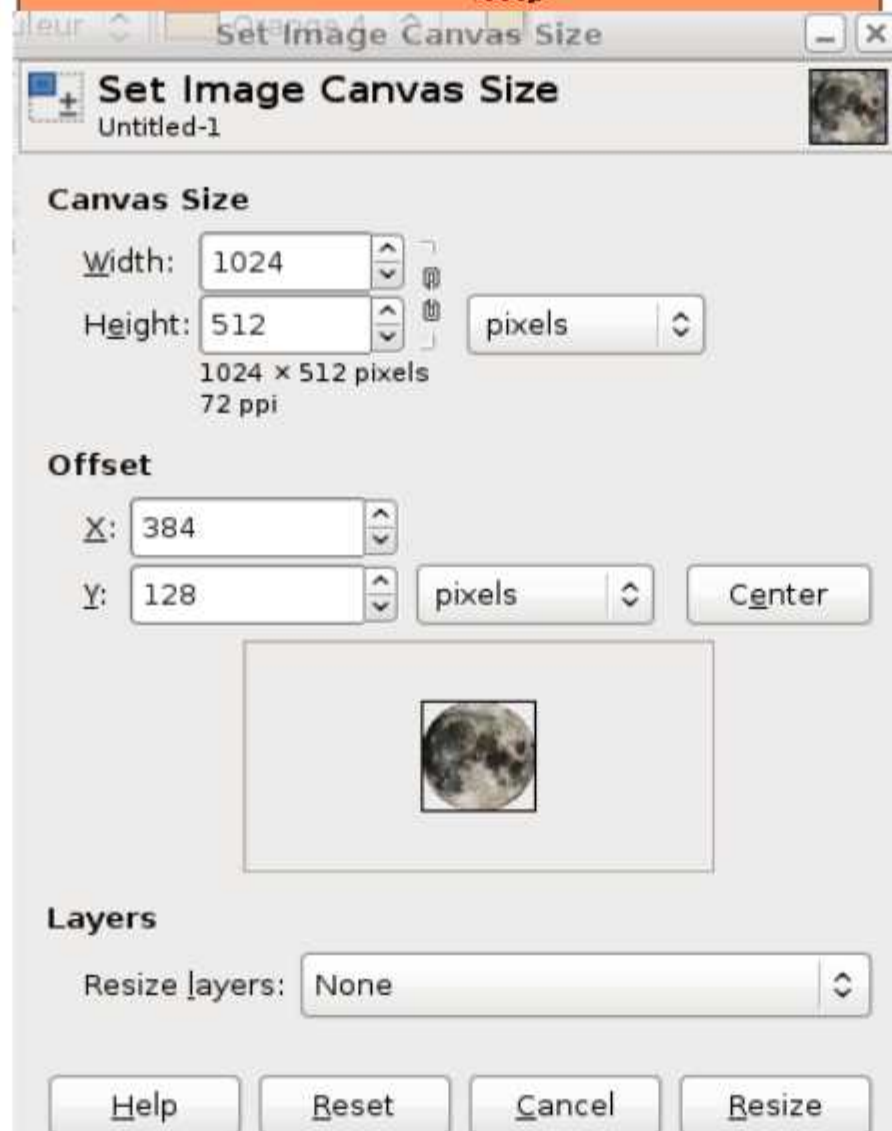
Hey Hey I am so suprise that you are curuious. Ok open the moon image and resize to 256 x 256





The moon is tiny

Yes and you also have to resize the caneva for the image to 1024 by 512 and clic center so the moon look even more tiny

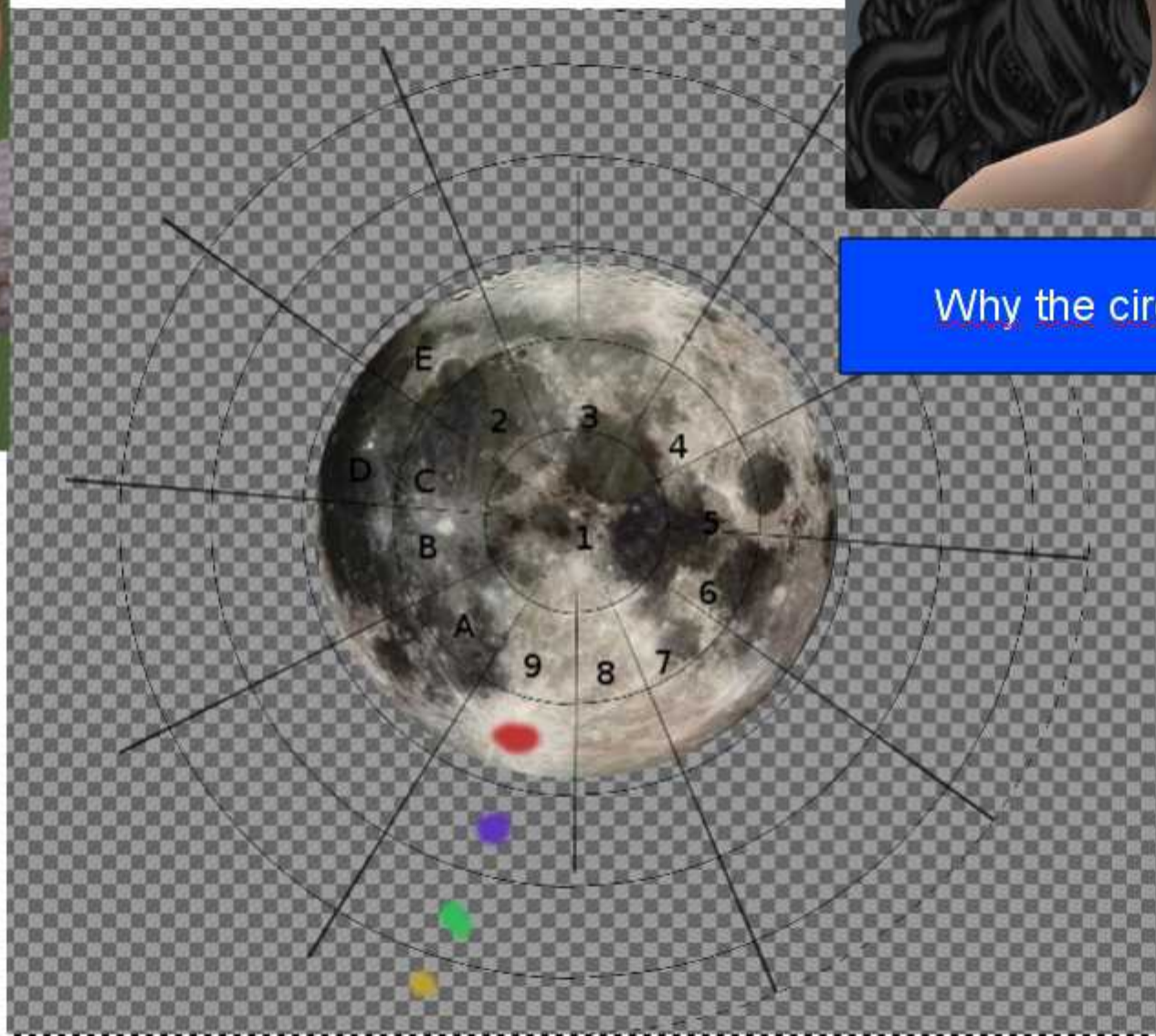




So take this in note
Image 1024x512.
Moon centered diameter 256.

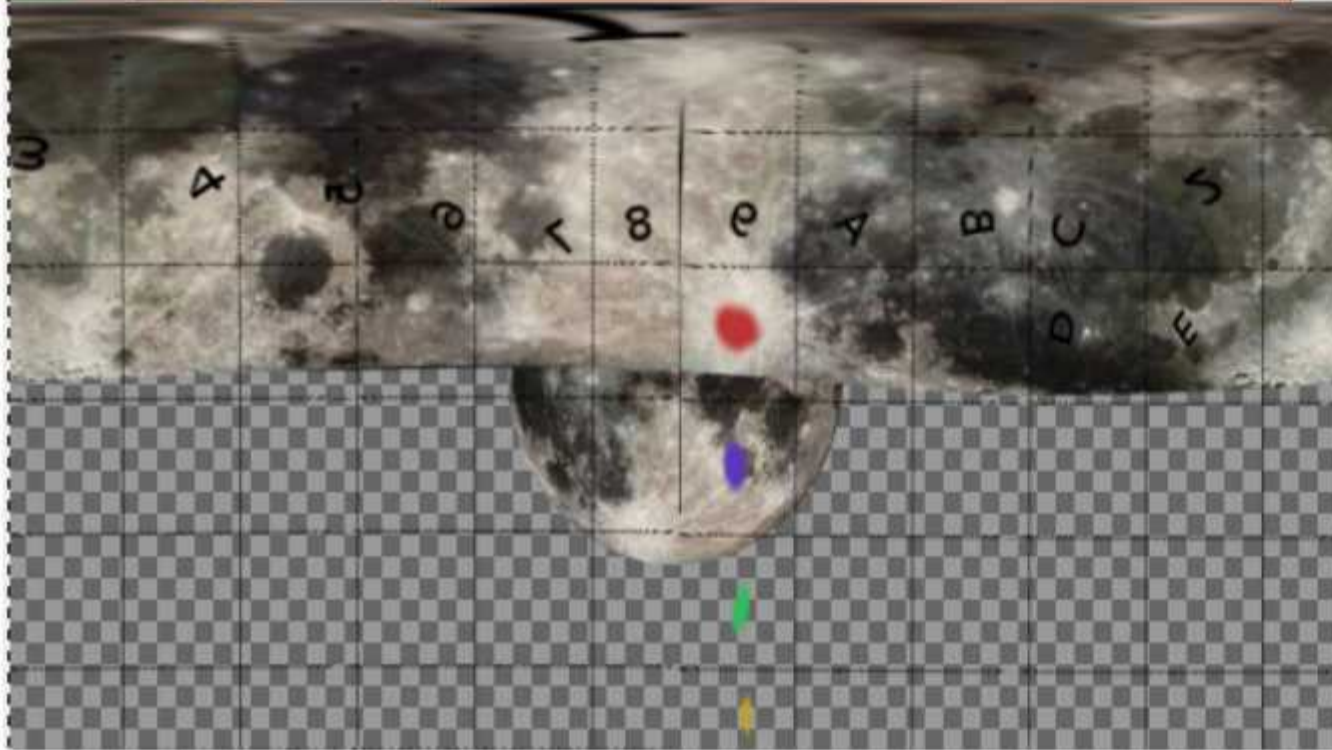


Why the circular grid





This is to show you what the filter does. See now the round grid is square and moon is stretched in a long strip. I have left the moon under the layer so you see the original



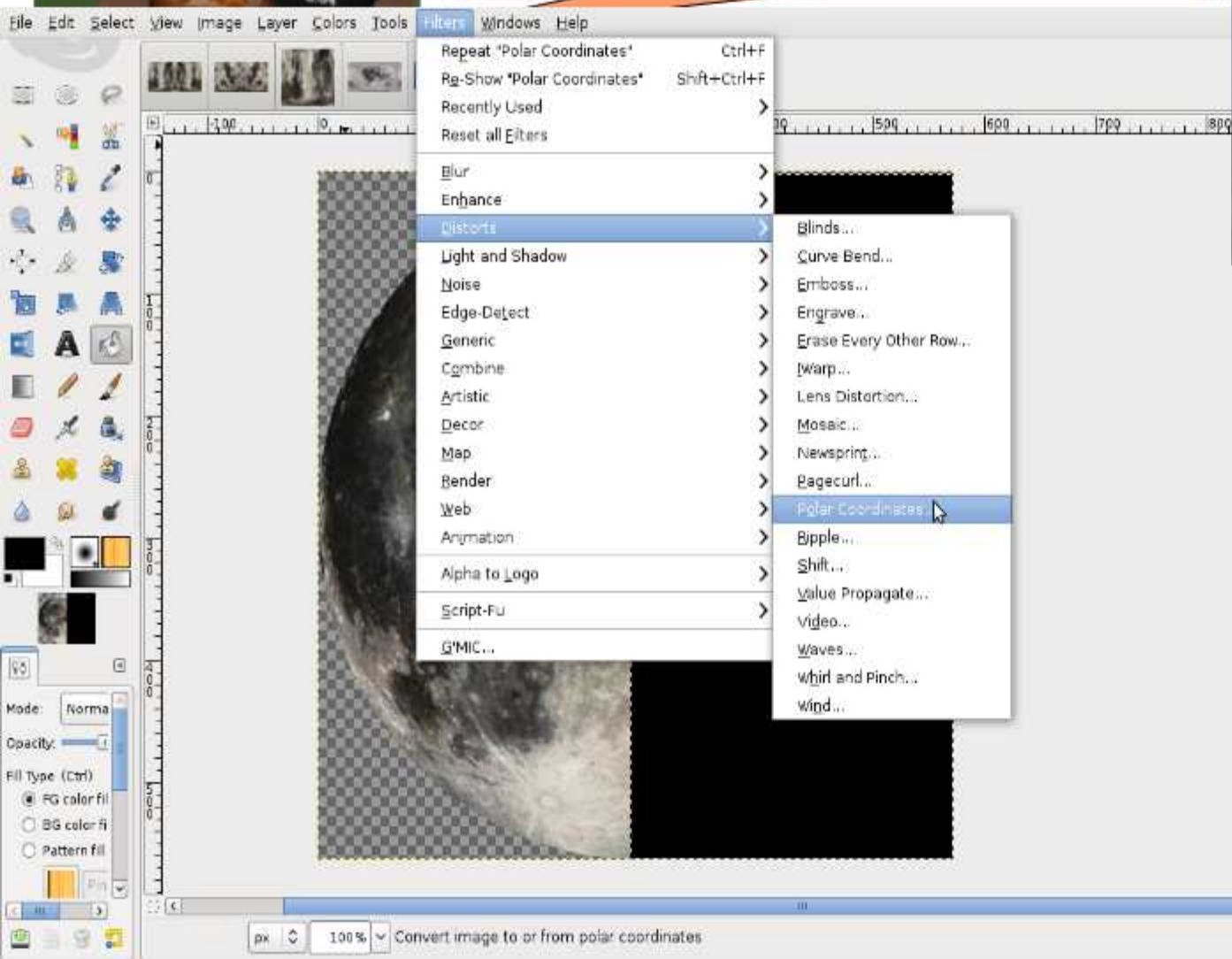
The image is only half covered

Yes we have only on face of the moon out of the sphere. The other hidden side is going to be dark .



Ok lets do this

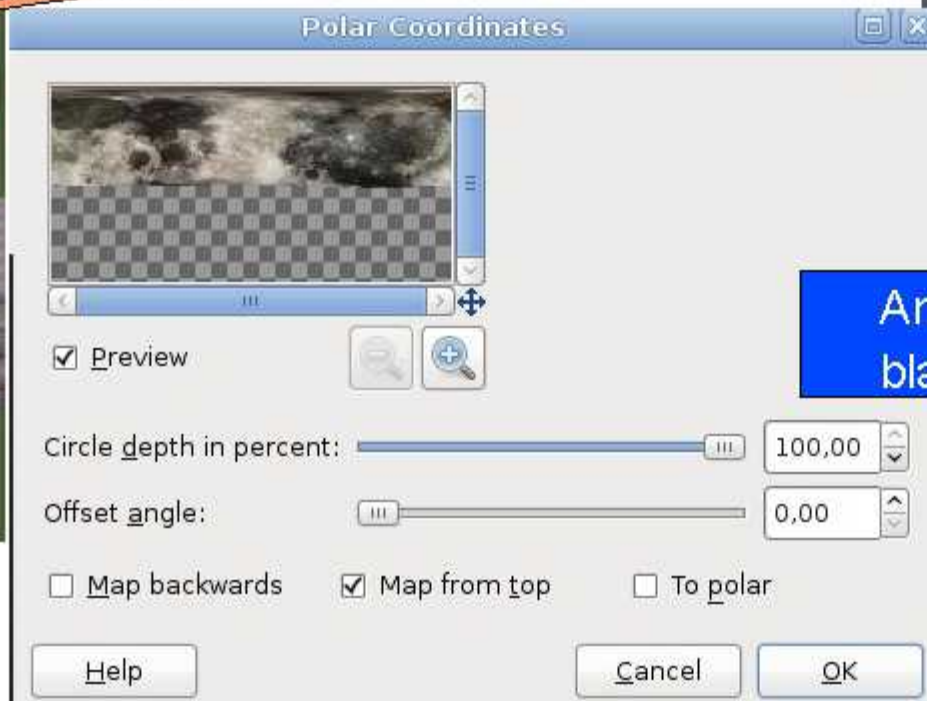
First do a new layer from visible. Then save your work. Then use the filter , distortion, polar as show





What are the options to use

See the pic Map from top will put the projection on top



And for the dark side I use black background

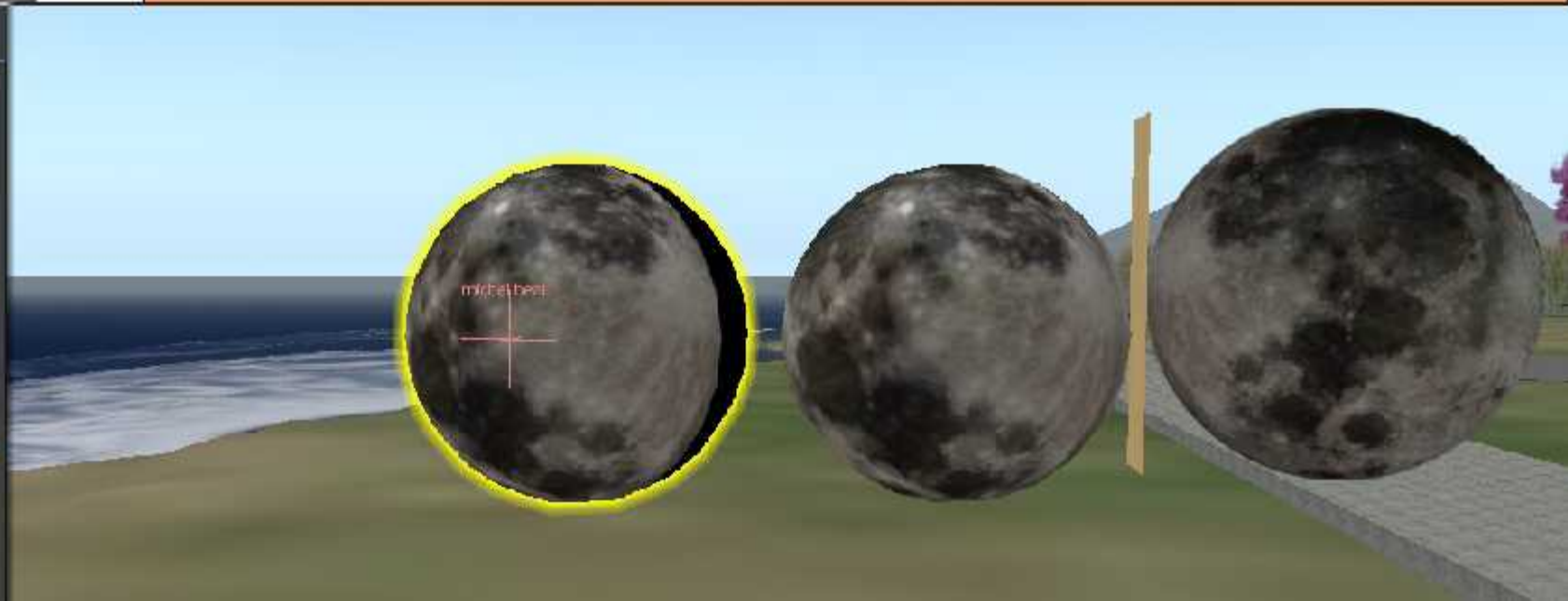
Yes and if you had available the hide face of the moon picture you could use same tool and uncheck the Map from top to project the bottom.



Here



Great import on SL that is what we have settings quarter and full moon
I have added the flat cube projection you were right round is nicer



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- We will do a flat projection of the disk using gimp polar filter
- The image dimension is 1024 x 512 or a multiplier.
- The disk must be 256 in diameter or a multiplier (half the height)
- The disk shall be perfectly centered on the image.
- Use deformation / polar in filter menu with map from top selected.
- If you have the other side or the sphere repeate the process with that side unselecting the map from top
- Join the two layer and importe in SL in png or tga.
- Apply the texture to the sphere with $U=1.00$ $V=1.00$ and rotation 90 deg.

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