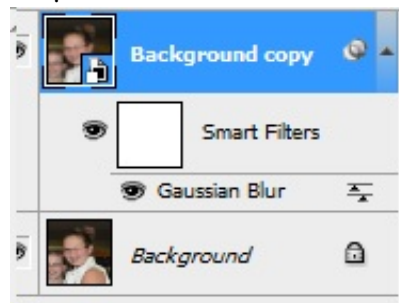


Soft focus

Make sure your color palette looks like this:



1. Choose picture and duplicate the layer.
2. Use healing brush tool to get rid of blemishes or imperfections.
3. Next, choose FILTER -> convert for Smart Filters.
4. Choose FILTER-> Blur-> Gaussian Blur about 15%
5. Your layers palette should look like this:



6. Double click on the lines with arrows next to *Gaussian Blur*.
7. Change to 50% opacity.
8. Click on the white square next to Smart Filters. You will get a frame around the square.
9. Click Control-I which will change that white square to a black one and all of your blur will be gone.
10. Take your paint brush and, with a medium to large brush, paint the area you would like to have a soft focus. Do not paint eyes, mouth, hair, etc. Usually, cheeks, chin, neck are good targets for soft focus.