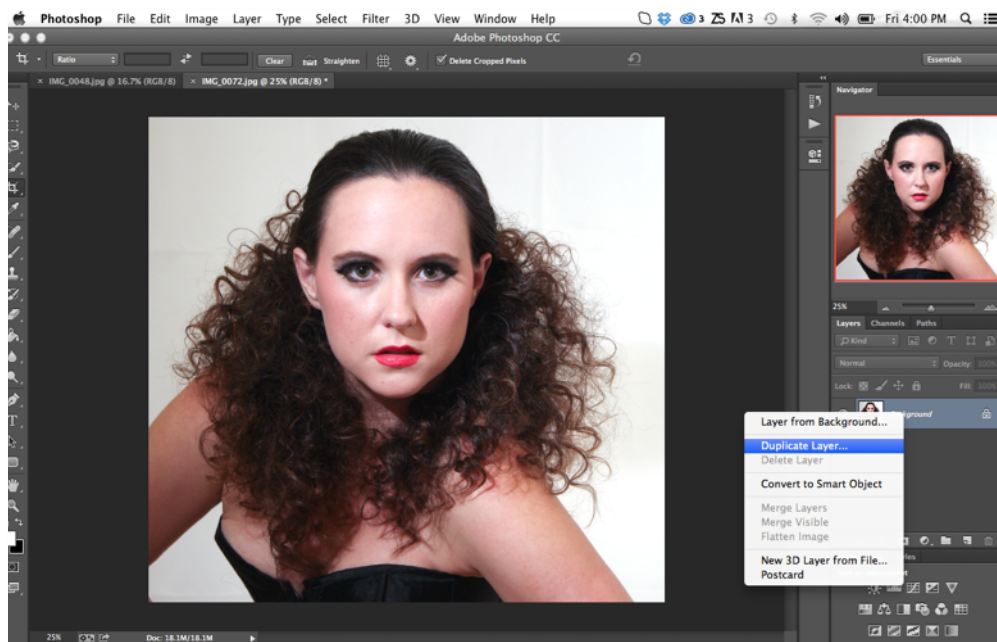
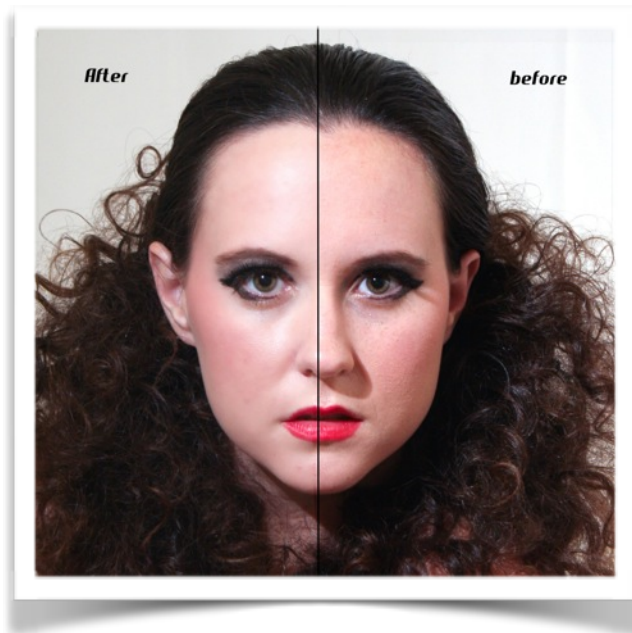


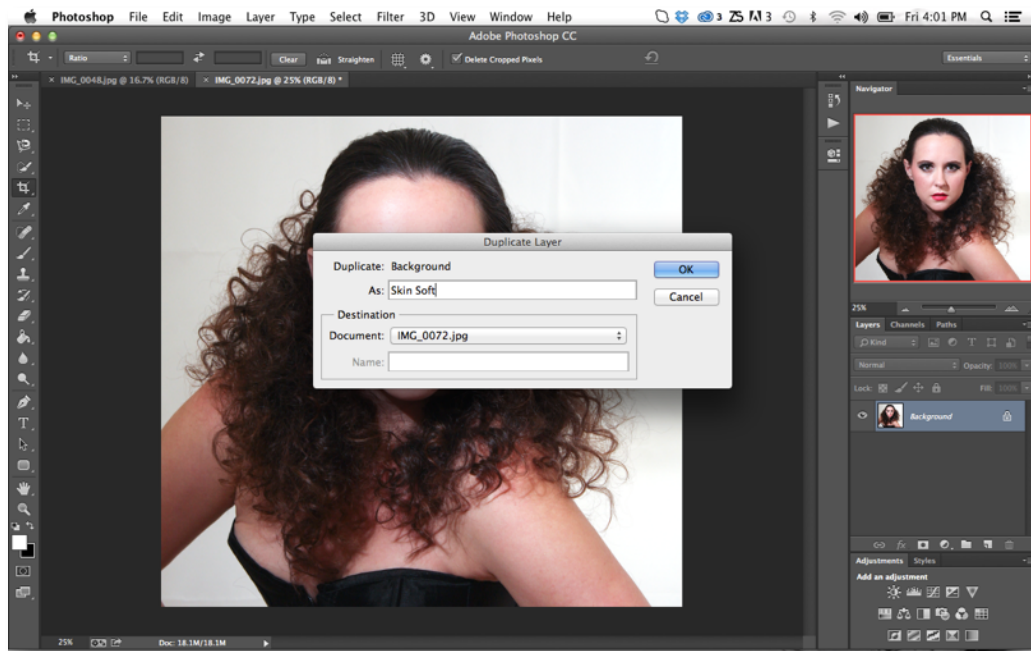
Tutorial: How to Smooth Skin in Photoshop

In this tutorial I will show you how to use the filters in Photoshop to smooth out skin and leave it looking natural.

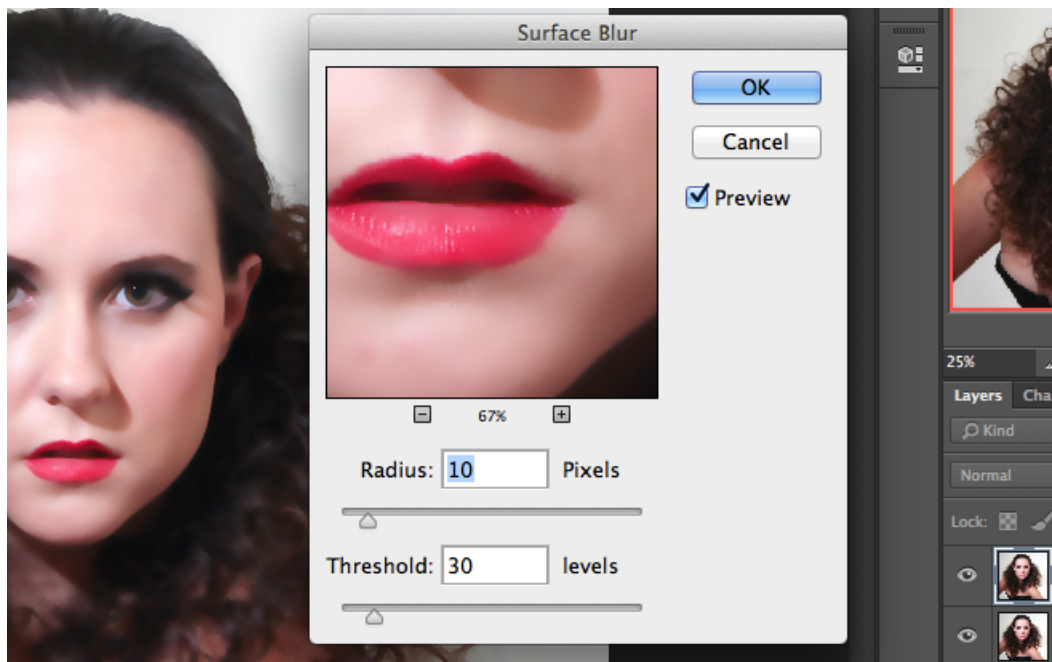
Here is an before and after example of the picture we will be working with.



Start by opening your image in Photoshop and Duplicate the original layer

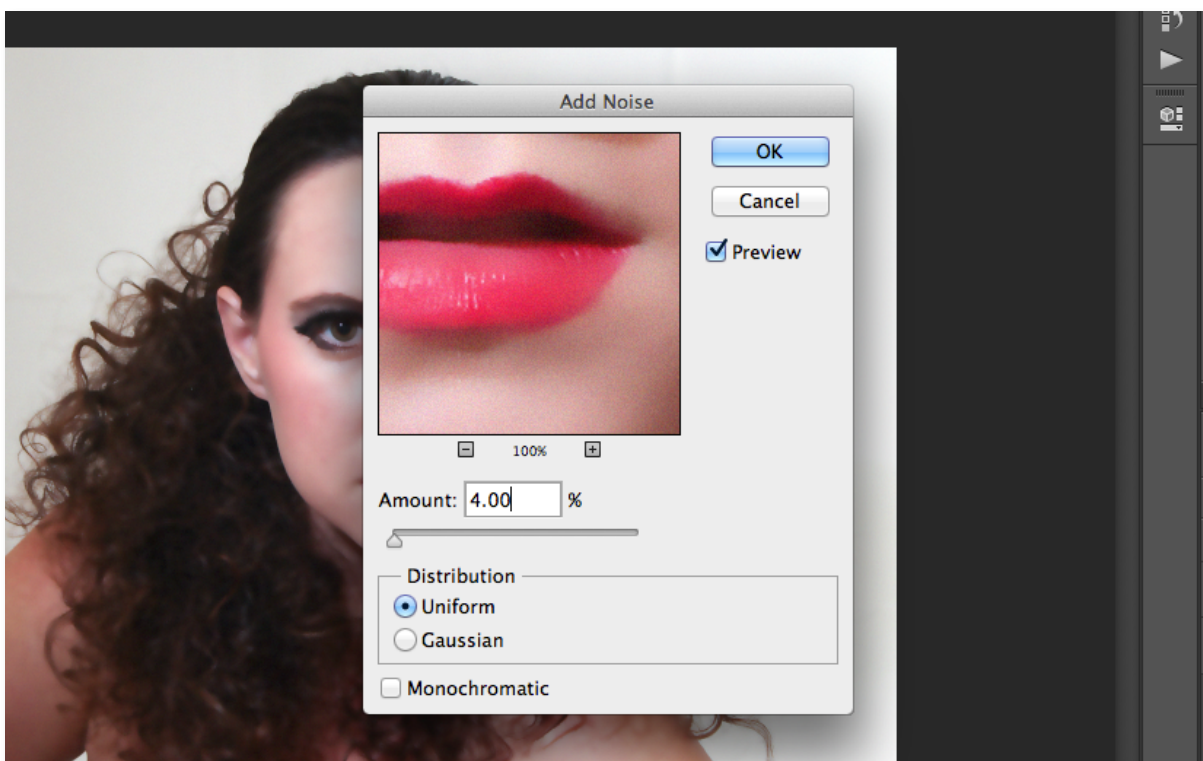
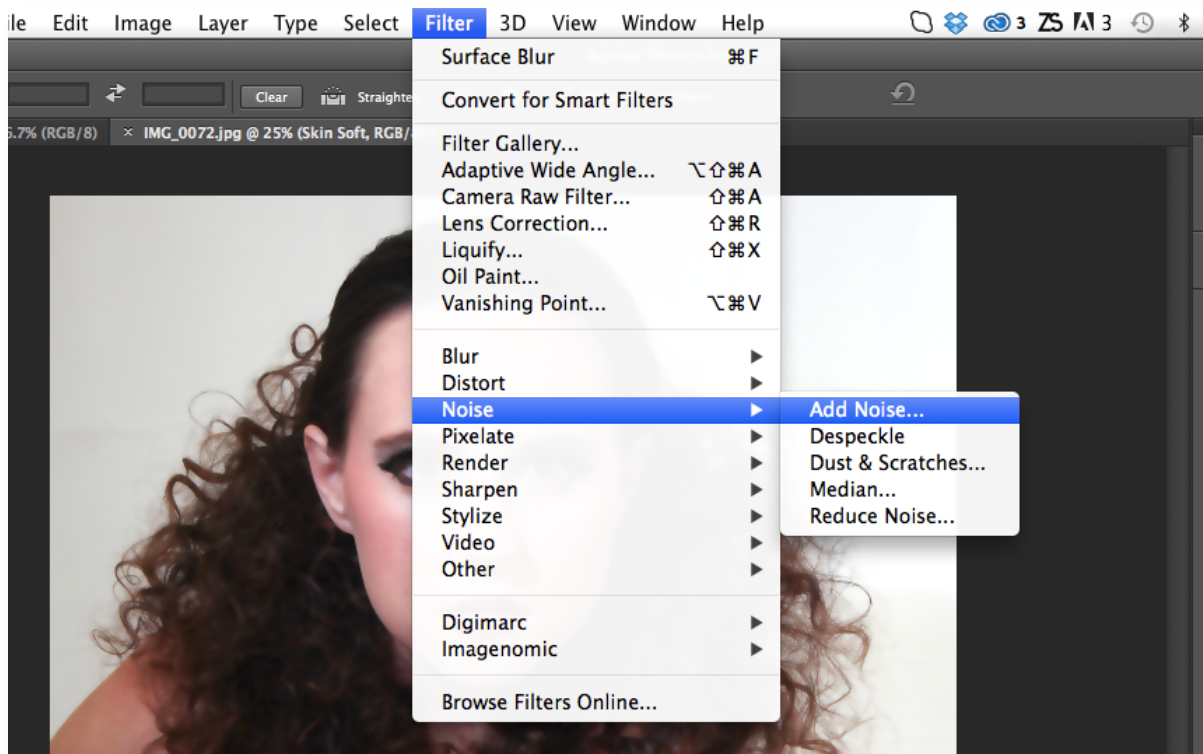


Rename the New layer so that you will know which layer you used to soften the skin
Once you have your new layer, go into your filters -> Blur -> Surface Blur



Set your settings similar to what I have above, you want your skin to look like plastic almost.

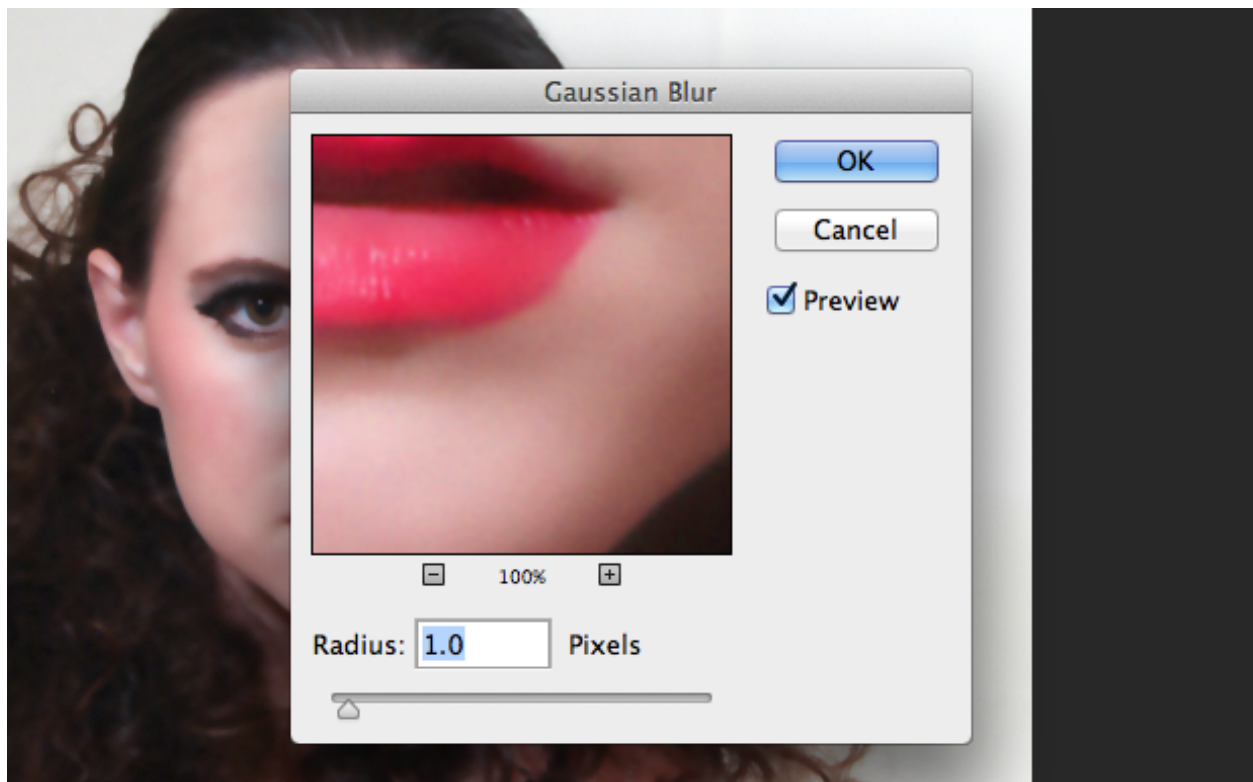
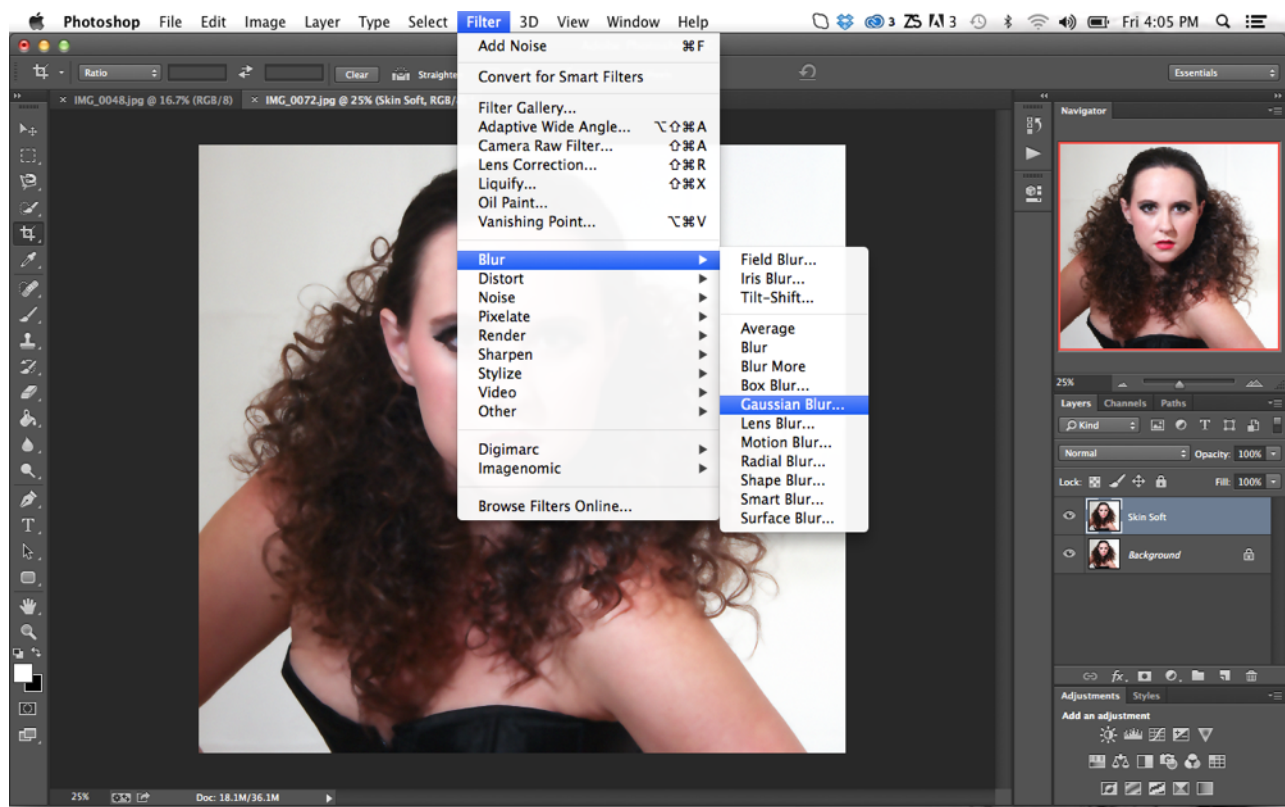
Next go to filters -> Noise -> Add Noise



Next you want to adjust your settings..

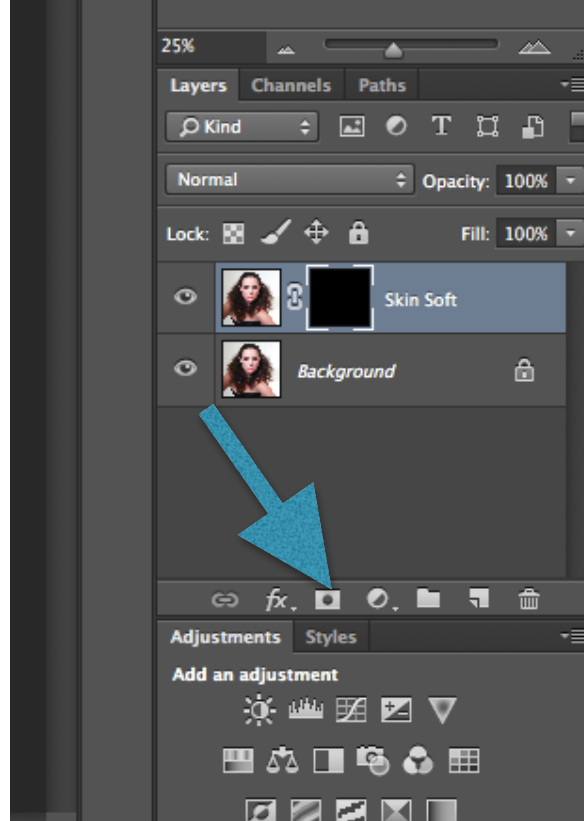
Make sure "Uniform" is selected...Set your amount to the same as above.

Next go to filters -> Blur -> Gaussian Blur

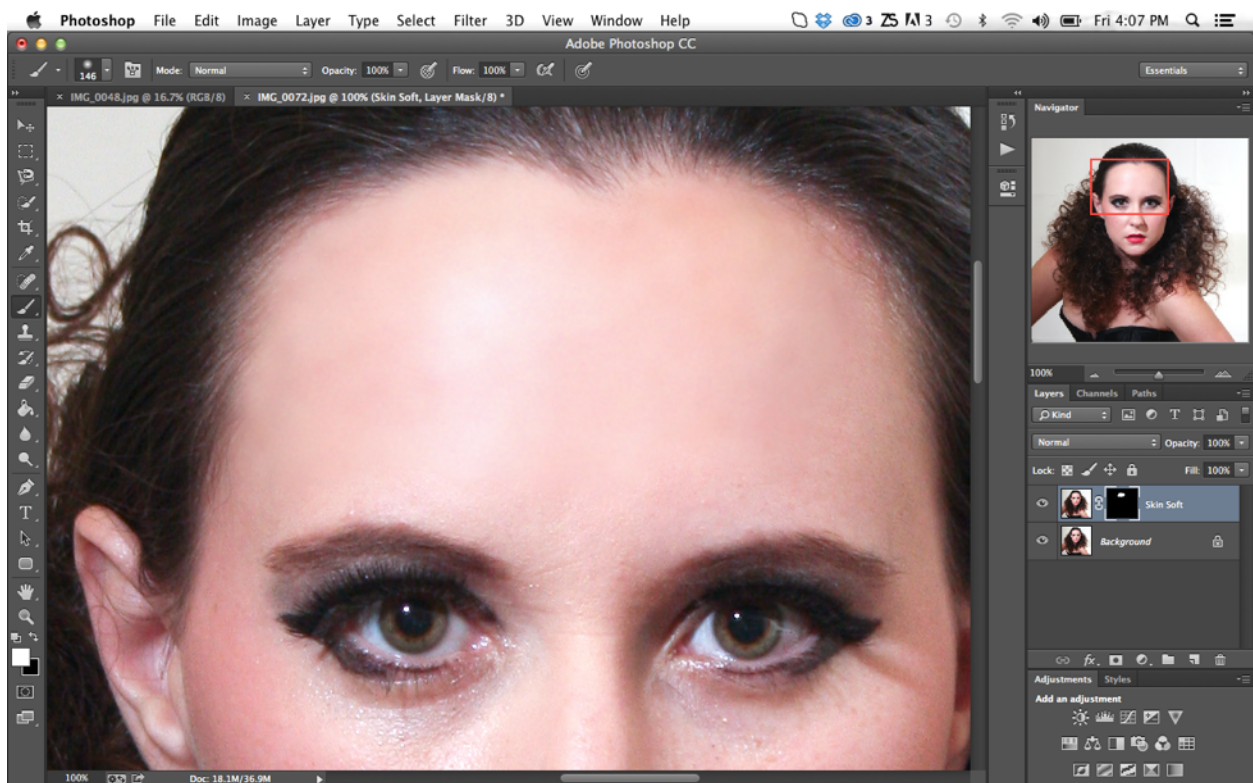


Then adjust you setting to match above. You want to still see the noise you added but have it look like smoothed out pores.

The next step is very important to remember, your going to add a mask layer



Make sure you press “alt” or “option” on a mac while you choose the mask layer. This makes it black and reverts your image to its original while the image with all of your adjustments is under



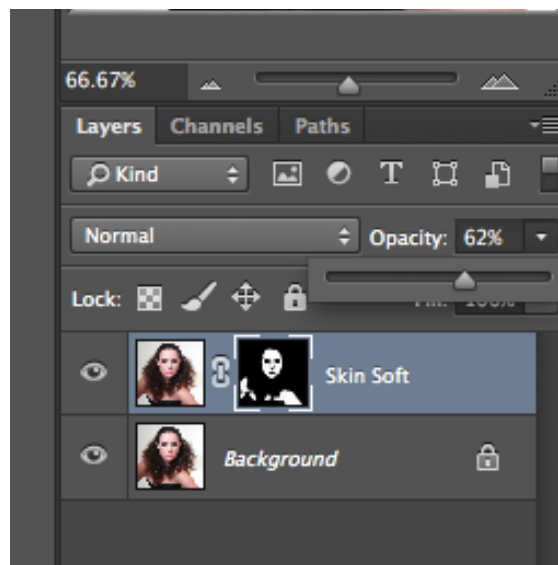
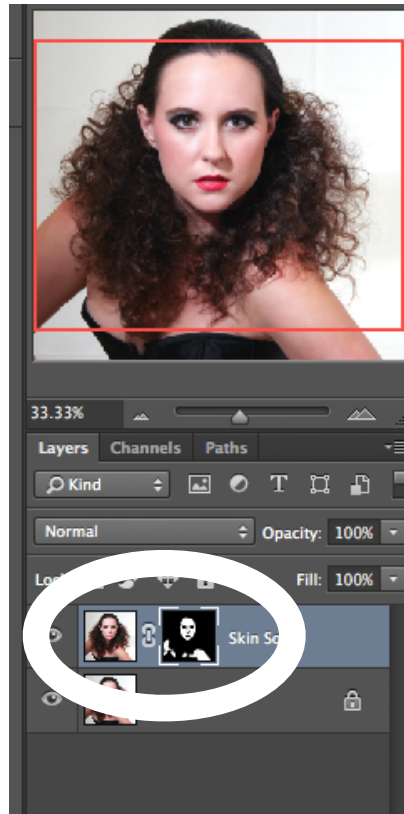
the mask.



The trick to making this look as natural as possible is to use a soft edge brush..Make sure white is selected in your colors..

Avoid all edges of the face
the eyes mouth and nose and

including right at the edge of
right before the hairline.



Notice where the mask is removed..

The final step is to adjust the opacity up and down until the smoothing looks just how you want it. Usually between 40% and 70% is ideal.



And once again you have your final image.

I hope you find this tutorial useful, please come back for more helpful tutorials and tips coming soon.