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Smooth Skin Technique

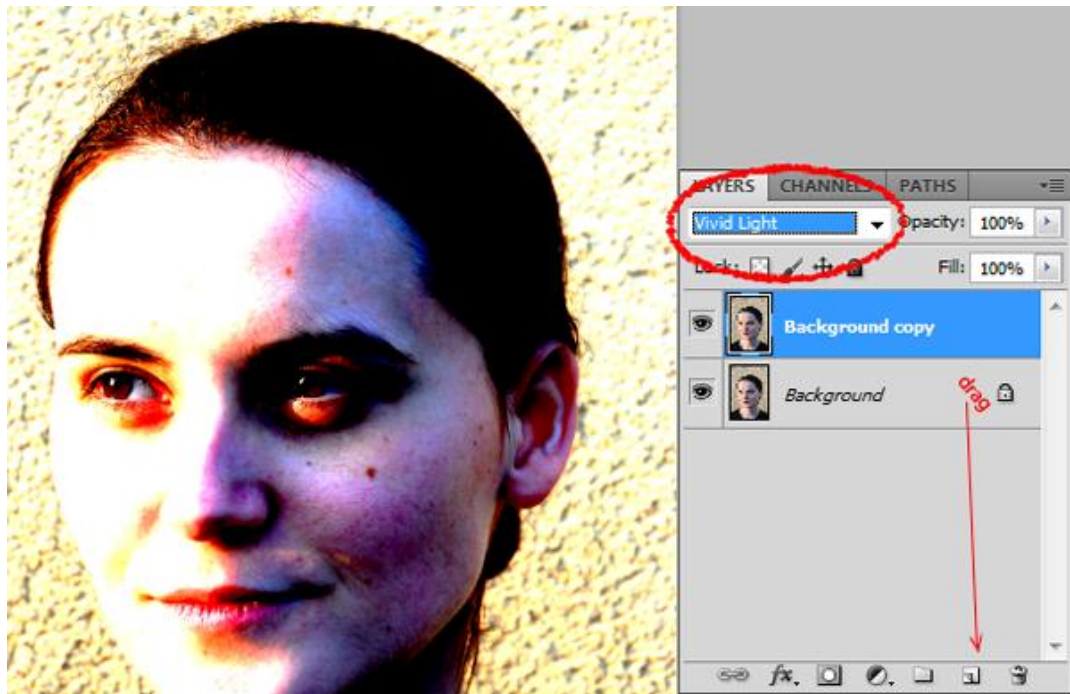


Original Image

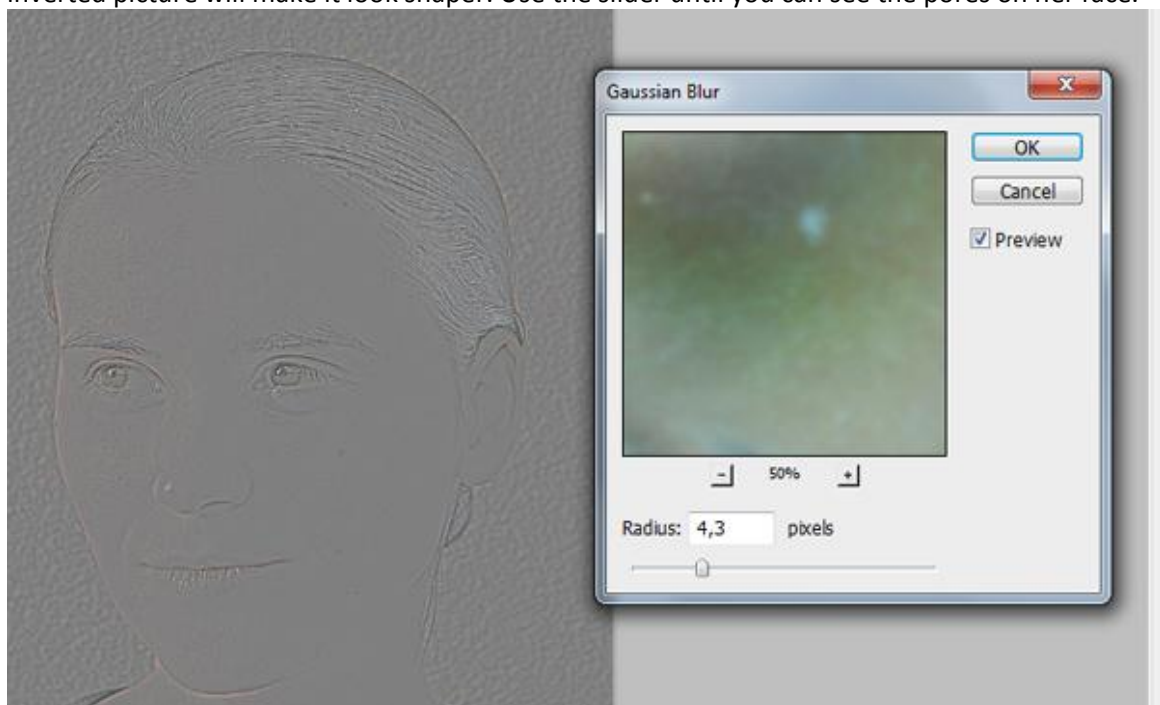


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1. First, open your image and duplicate your background layer. Simply drag the layer onto the new layer icon in the bottom right of the layer palette. Now set the blending mode of this newly created layer to "Vivid Light."



2. Now, let's invert this layer. Do this by pressing Cmd + I or Image > Adjustments > Invert. Then, apply a Gaussian Blur by selecting Filter > Blur > Gaussian Blur. Applying a blur filter to an inverted picture will make it look sharper. Use the slider until you can see the pores on her face.



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3. Go to Filter > Other > High Pass. Move the slider until you are happy with the smoothing. You may notice some ghosting and other weird stuff around the eyes – just ignore it for now. Concentrate on the cheeks, forehead and nose.



4. Carefully erase the top layer to reveal smooth skin. Erase all areas except for the skin. If the skin is too unrealistic looking, decrease the opacity of the layer.