

# How to use Photoshop CS5 - Part 29: Create a zoom effect in a photo

Use Photoshop's Radial Blur filter, along with some tips for the Layer Mask and Gradient Tool to create an image enlargement effect

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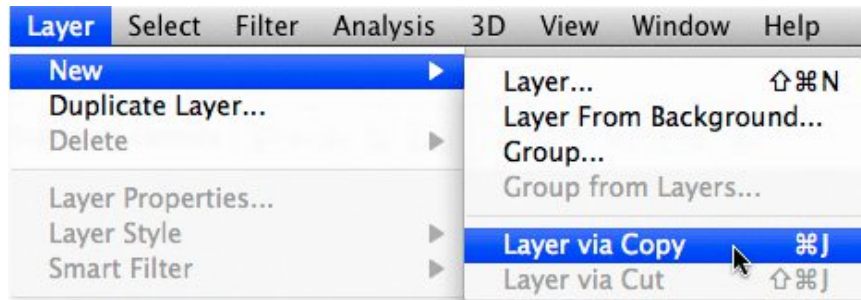
Sample images used in our test:



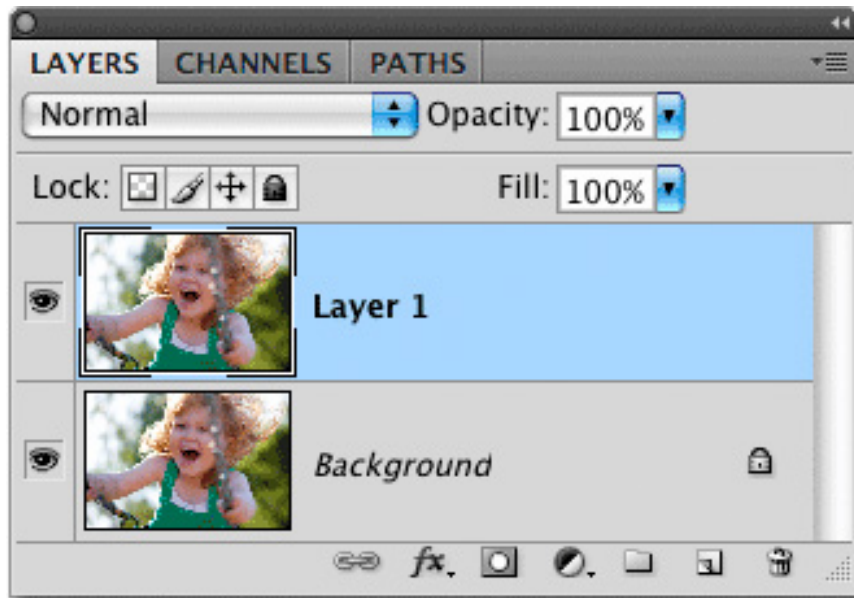
and results obtained after application:



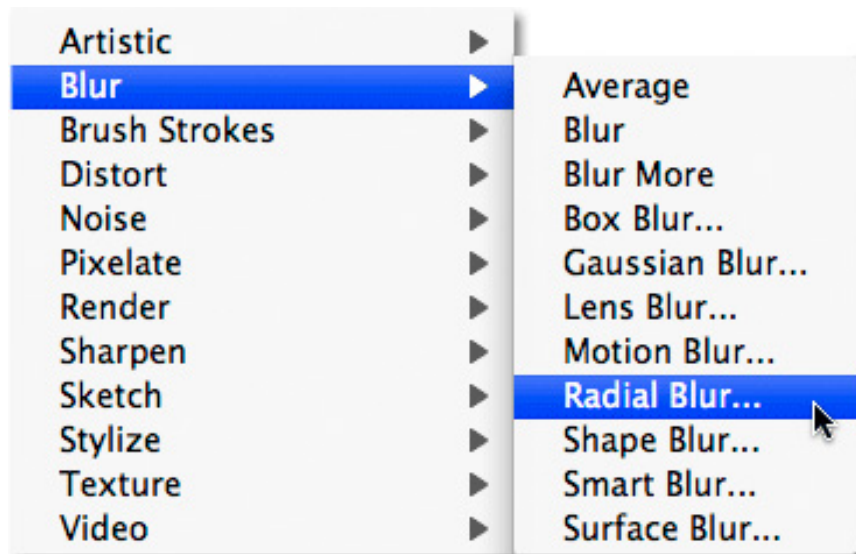
First, you have to duplicate the original Layer layer of the image, so that the following operations are applied on a separate layer. Select the **Layer** menu and **New > Layer via Copy**, or use the shortcut **Ctrl + J (Windows) / Command + J (Mac)** on the keyboard:



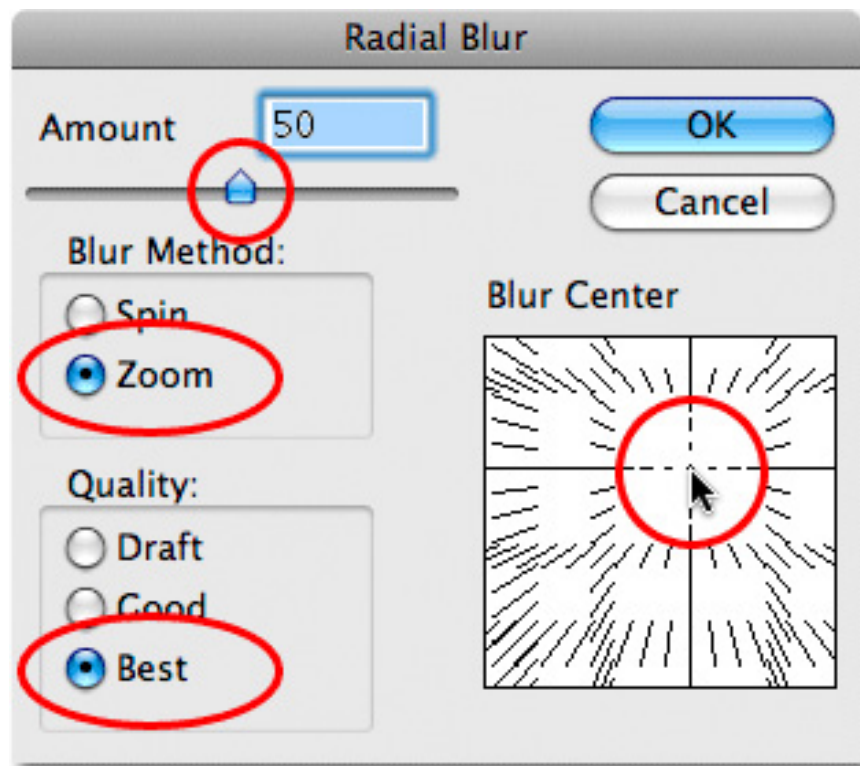
When looking at the main control panel, we will see two layers: one below (Original Layer) and Layer 1 (create new) above:



Select Layer 1 and open **Filter> Blur> Radial Blur** menu :



The **Radial Blur** control window of **Photoshop** displays with 2 main options in the Blur Method section of Spin and Zoom. Here, we will use Zoom with the **Amount** value of 50 and **Quality - Best**:

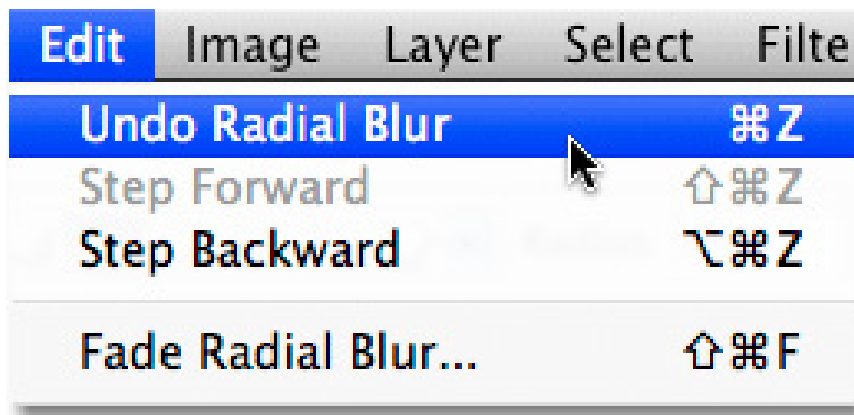


Click OK to apply the effect and close this window, we will have the temporary work as follows:



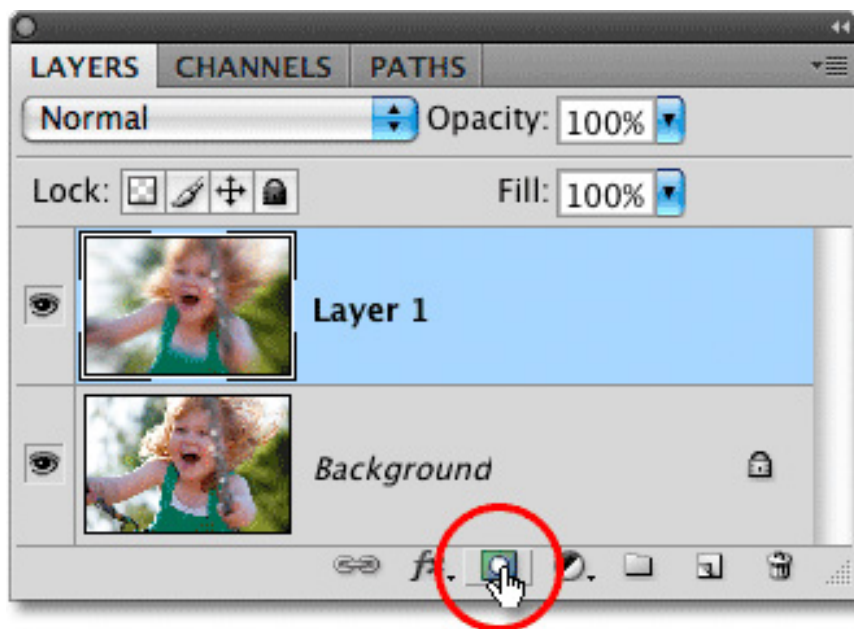
Depending on the computer configuration and other settings, this application process will be quick or slow

If you are not satisfied with this result, use the **Undo Radial Blur** function in the **Edit** section or press the shortcut **Ctrl + Z (Windows) / Command + Z (Mac)**:

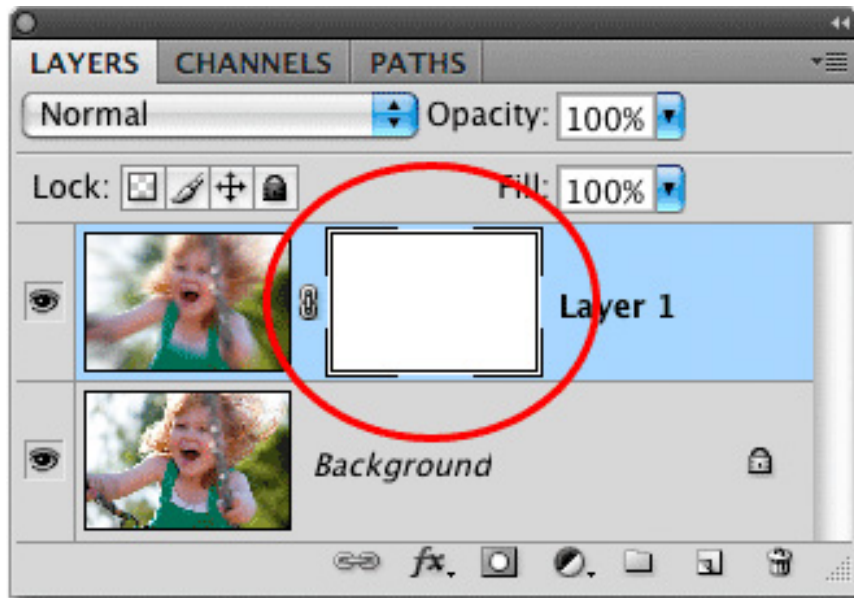


Then, apply the effect again with the key combination **Ctrl + Alt + F (Windows)** or **Command + Option + F (Mac)**, select another **Amount** value, change the position in the Blur Center box. done These steps until you feel satisfied.

However, the main problem when we use this effect is that Blur has covered the entire image, not really in line with the idea of ??the experiment. Specifically, here, we need to clarify the face of the baby, not all scenes. Still select Layer 1, click on the Layer Mask icon under the system tray:



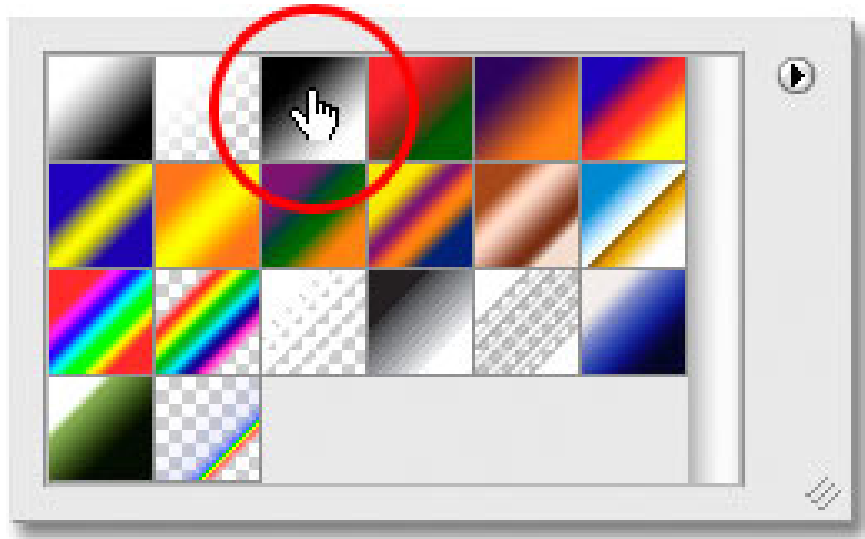
When looking at the main picture, people will not see what happens. But in the main control window of the Layer, you will see a white rectangle next to it, that has successfully created the Layer Mask layer:



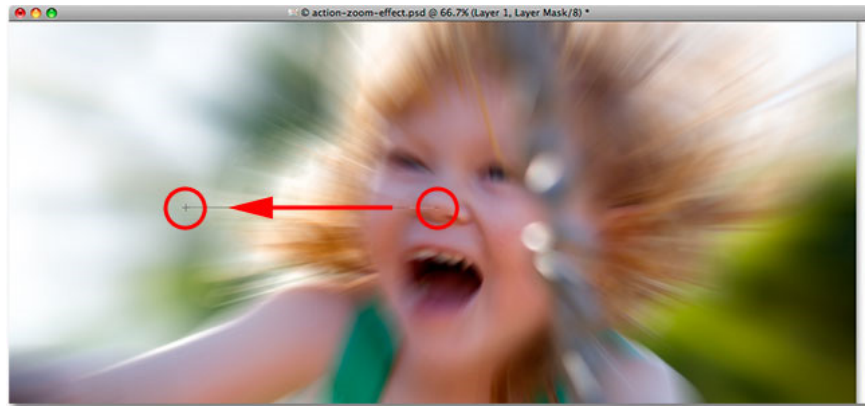
Next, select the **Gradient Tool** from the Tools panel or press the G button on the keyboard:



After that, right-click in Windows or Control + click (Mac) anywhere on the image to display the Gradient Picker table, here you select the **Black to White** section (ranked 3rd from left to right, row on top of):



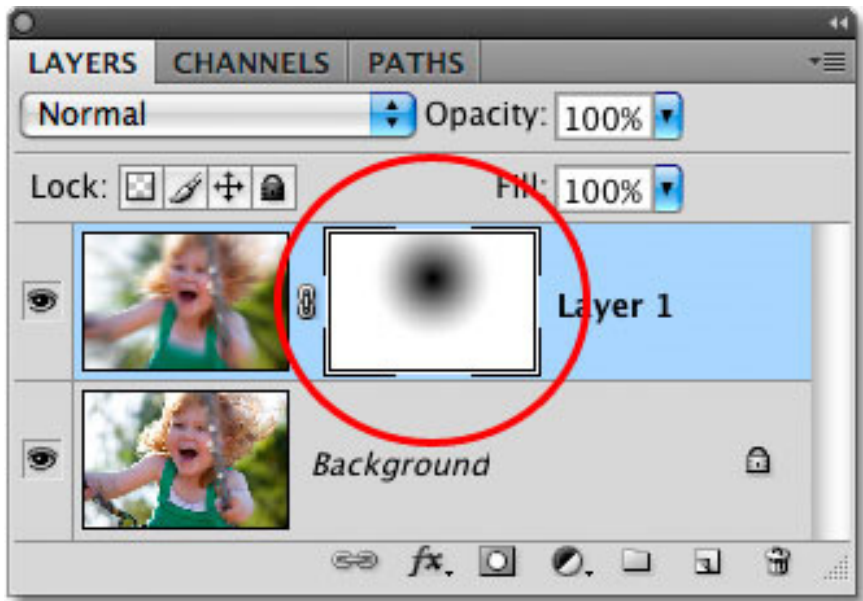
To make the face clearly visible, we will have to drag the mouse from the middle to the outside. Specifically, here the nose is selected as the central part, slowly drag the mouse from here to the left (as shown below):



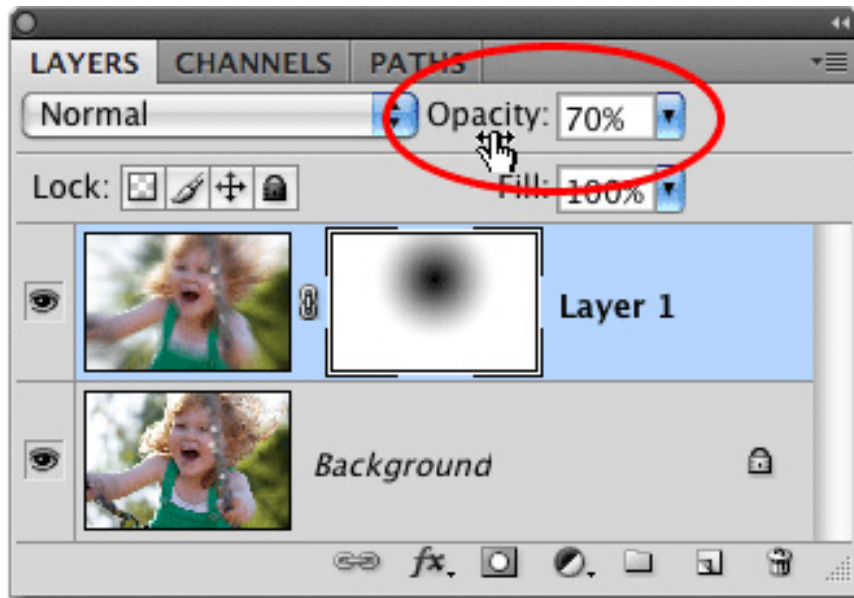
Since this operation is performed on the Layer Mask, there will be no changes on Layer 1. Instead, this result will be displayed directly on the newly created Layer Mask:



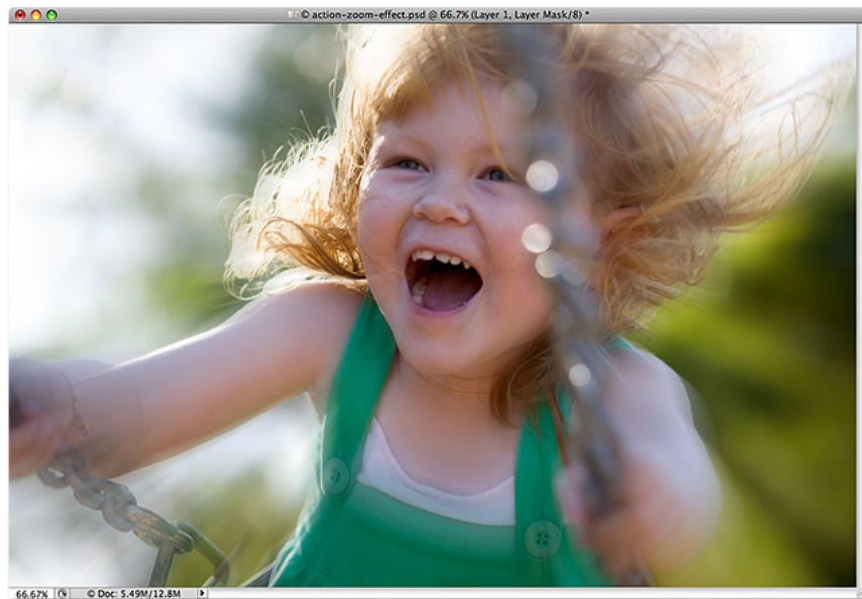
Although we cannot see the Gradient part in the main window, it is very clear through the Layer Mask. The inner black area is hidden, and these gradient elements become brighter about the corners, and the whole white part is what we're seeing:



In case this Blur effect is too 'strong', reduce Layer 1's Opacity to the appropriate level. Specifically here, we change to 70%:



And this is our perfect result:



Good luck!

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