How to Use Quick Mask Mode in Adobe Photoshop CS5

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Task Description: How do I use the Quick Mask Tool?

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Start with your image...
Double click on "Edit Quick Mask Mode"

Select "Selected Area"

- That means what you are painting will become the selected area.
- "Masked Areas" will select the inverse of what is painted.
Change the "Color"

- Change the color that you want to paint with.
- Pick a color that you will be able to see so it won't blend into the image.

Change the "Opacity"

A smaller opacity will let you see the image behind the area that you will be painting.
Click on "OK"

Select the "Brush Tool"

Click and hold down on the icon and then select the "Brush Tool"
Paint over the area you want selected.

If your foreground color is white it will remove the painted area. If your foreground color is black it will paint normal.
Click on the "Edit In Standard Mode"
Selected Area.

Being out of quick mask mode turns the area that I painted into a selection.