How to Use the Blur, Sharpen, and Smudge tool Adobe Photoshop CS5

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**Blur Tool**

The blur tool will allow you to blur parts of your photo.

**Select the "Blur Tool"**

You will know that the blur tool is selected because it will show the blur tool image in the main toolbox or there will be a little square black box next to the tool.
Click and hold down the mouse in the area that you want to have blurred.

Sharpen Tool

The "Sharpen Tool" allows you to make the edges of a selected area of your photo stand out.
Select the "Sharpen Tool"
Click and hold down the mouse in the area that you want to have sharpened.

The "smudge tool" is helpful when you want to remove dust and scratches on old photos. This can also be used to make a photo appear as a painting when used across the entire image.
Select the "Smudge Tool"
Click and hold down the mouse in the area that you want to have smudged. Make strokes in the direction you would like the smudge to be going.

These are the result of upward, downward, left, and right strokes.
The arrows indicate what direct the strokes were made.
The background lily with the smudge tool applied to it.