How to soften wrinkles using masks in Adobe Photoshop CS5

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Task Description: How do I use masks to soften up wrinkles?
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Duplicate the Image

Do this by right clicking on the original layer, select 'duplicate layer'
Select "Filter"

1. Select "Filter" from the menu.
2. In the filter options, select "Blur".
3. From the sub-menu, select "Gaussian Blur".
Select a "Radius" of 18-20.

Move the tab left to decrease the blur and right to increase the blur.

Click on "OK"
Select "Add a Mask"

Make sure that the correct layer is selected.
Invert the "Mask"

Make sure that the mask is selected. Select mask > invert.
Select the "Brush Tool"

Click and hold down on the icon and then select "Brush Tool"

Change the "Opacity" to around 30%

Change the "Flow" to around 30%
Change the foreground color to white.
Paint over the wrinkles.

- Change the "Opacity" or "Flow" if you need to make the brush strokes stronger.
- You are not trying to get rid of the wrinkles; you are only trying to soften them.
- If you need to bring back the image then change the foreground color to black and paint over the parts that you want to change back to the original.