

• Special Effects

The Monte Zucker Soft Focus Filter by Eddie Tapp

1. Open and retouch file
2. Duplicate background in Layer window
3. Filter -> Blur -> Gaussian Blur (pixel amount depends on file size and desired soft focus effect)
4. Set duplicate layer (background copy) options to:
 - a) change mode from "normal" to "darken"
 - b) opacity to approximately 40%
5. Duplicate "background copy" layer
6. Change "background copy 2" layer options to:
 - a) mode from "darken" to "lighten"
 - b) opacity to 60%
7. Use eraser tool on background copy layers to enhance and sharpen areas i.e. eyes etc.
9. Flatten image
10. SAVE the file....