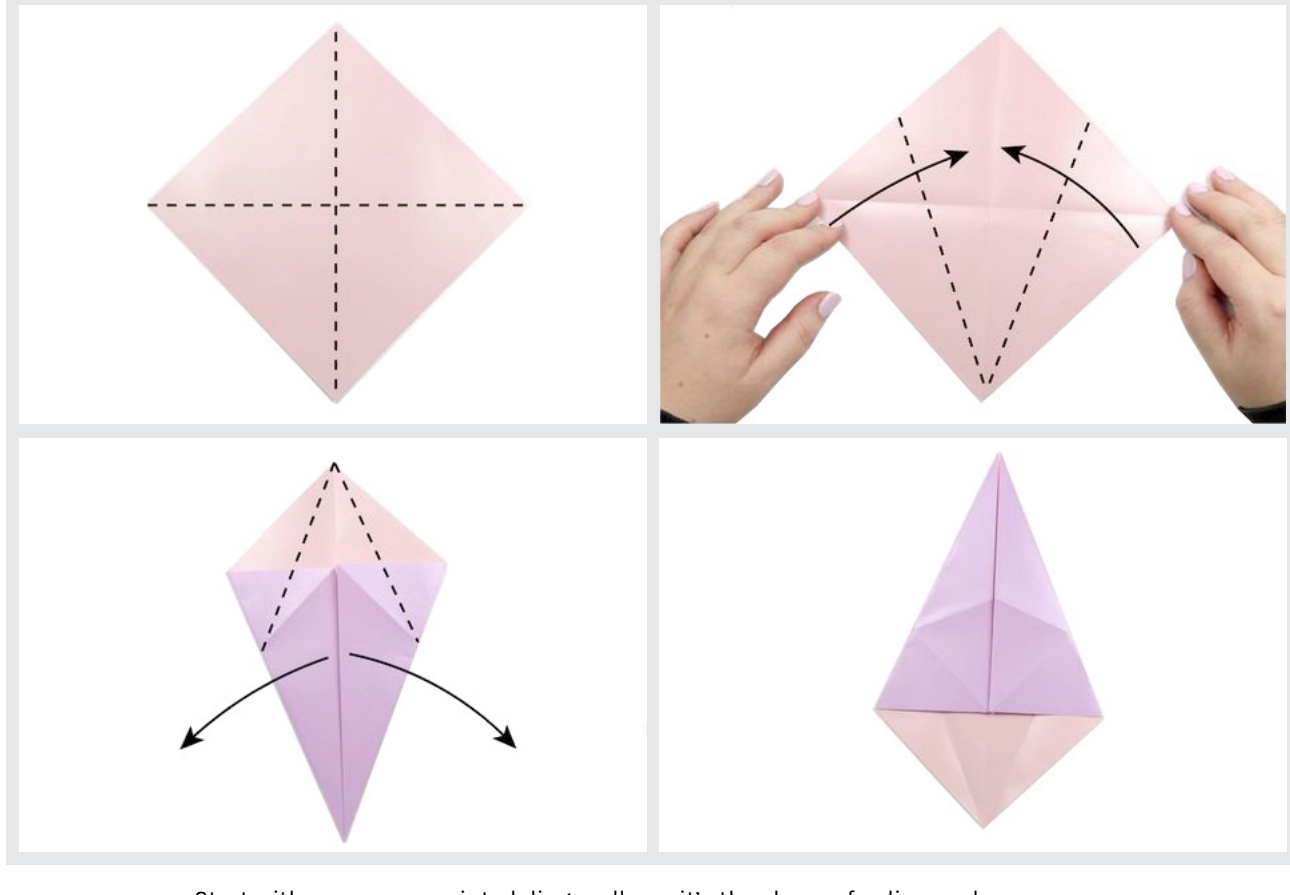


HOW TO MAKE AN ORIGAMI MOUSE



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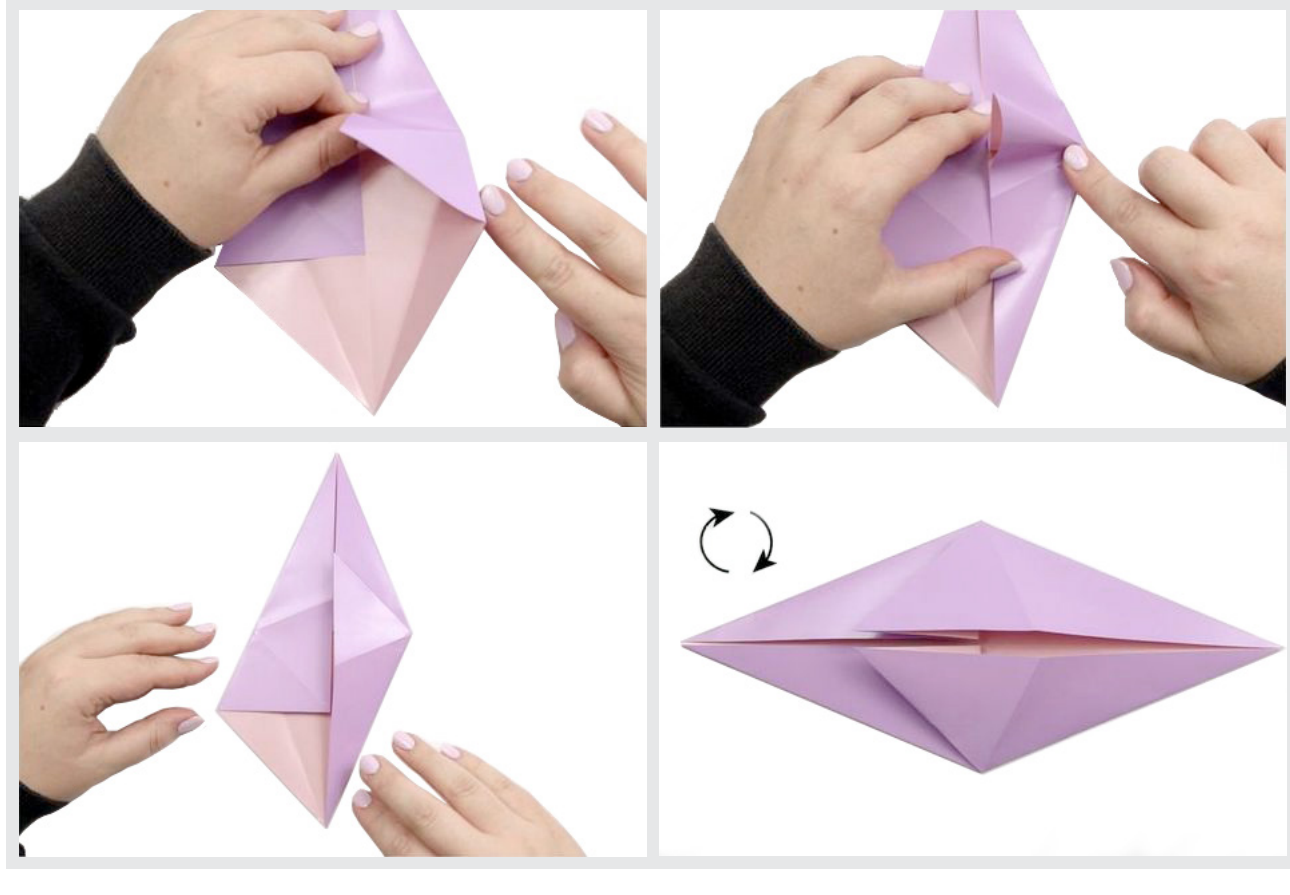
Step 1



- Start with your paper pointed diagonally, so it's the shape of a diamond. If your paper has a white side, have the white side facing up.
- Bring the bottom corner up to the top corner, crease well and then unfold. Next, fold the right corner over to the left corner and unfold.
- Fold the lower left and right edges to the central crease. If your paper is thick, leave a tiny gap in between the two edges.
- Unfold the previous step. Fold the top left and top right edge to meet the central crease. Again, if your paper is thick, leave a small gap in the middle.

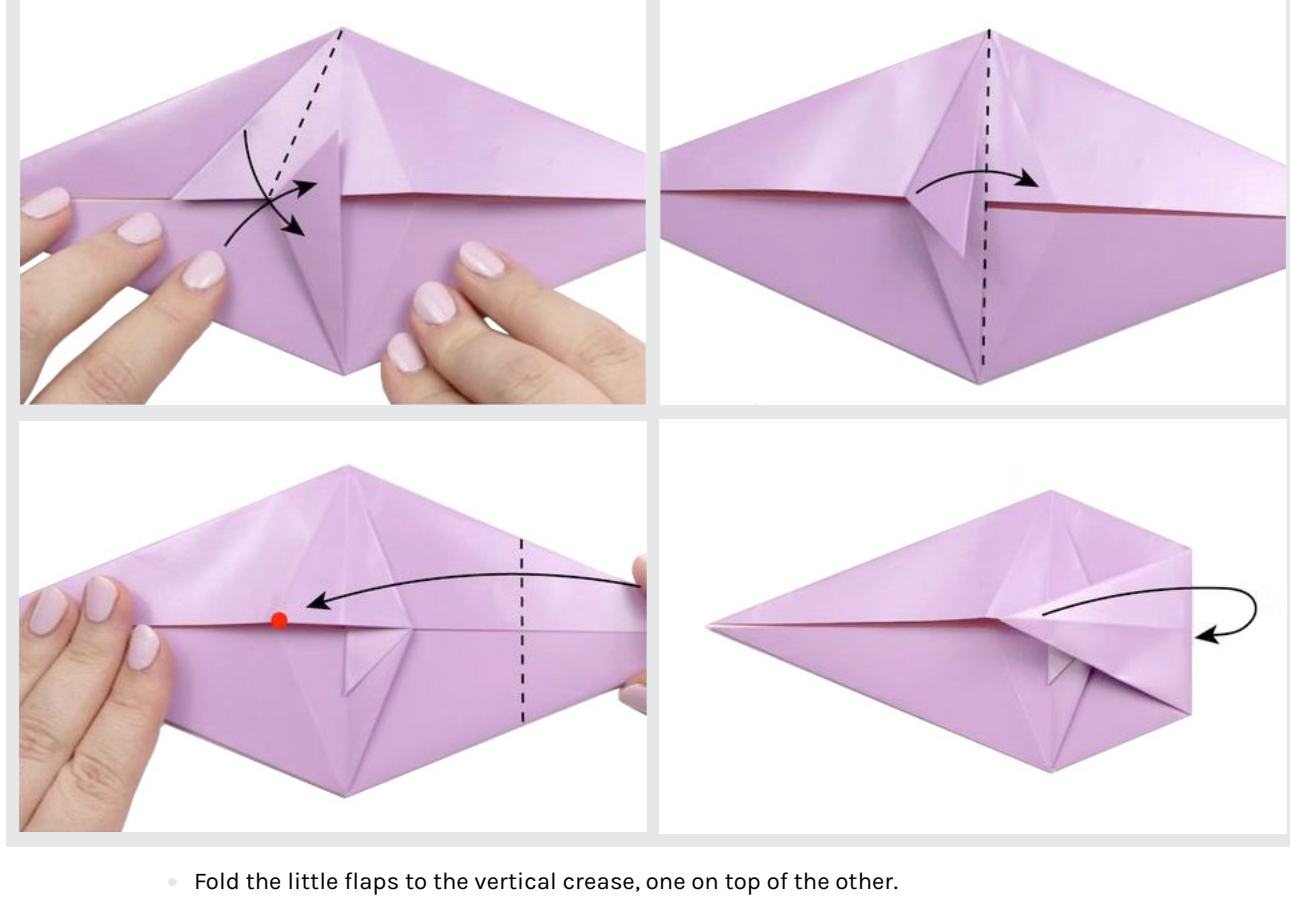
Tip: Make your folds as precise as you can, this will ensure the result is crisp and clean.

Step 2



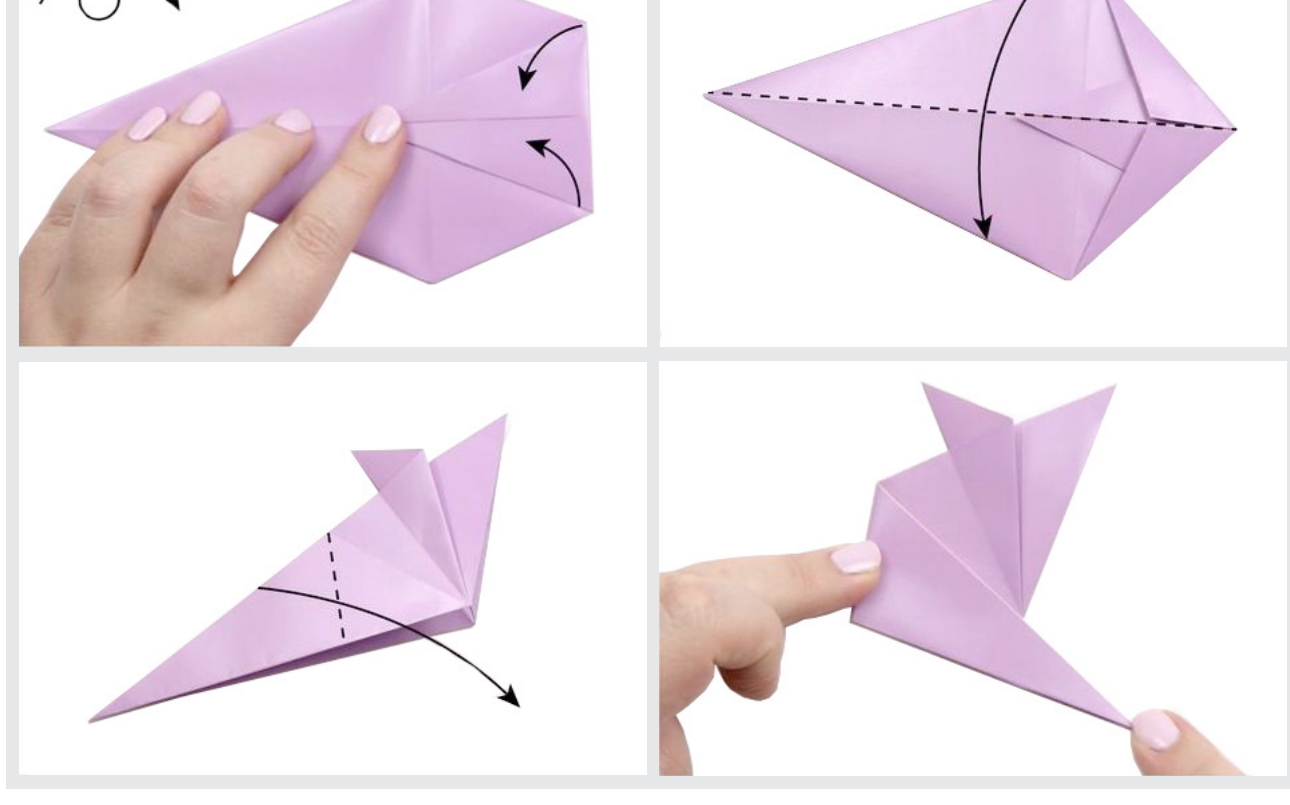
- Focus on the flap on the right side. Pull the inside corner up and at the same time, push on the lower right side.
- Flatten the flap that's now formed in the middle.
- Repeat the same process on the left side.
- Rotate the paper to the left.

Step 3



- Fold the little flaps to the vertical crease, one on top of the other.
- Then, fold them both over to the right. The little flaps which are trapped there will end up being the mouse's ears.
- Take the very right corner and fold it over to where the little red dot is (refer to image).
- Unfold the last step and fold that flap behind.

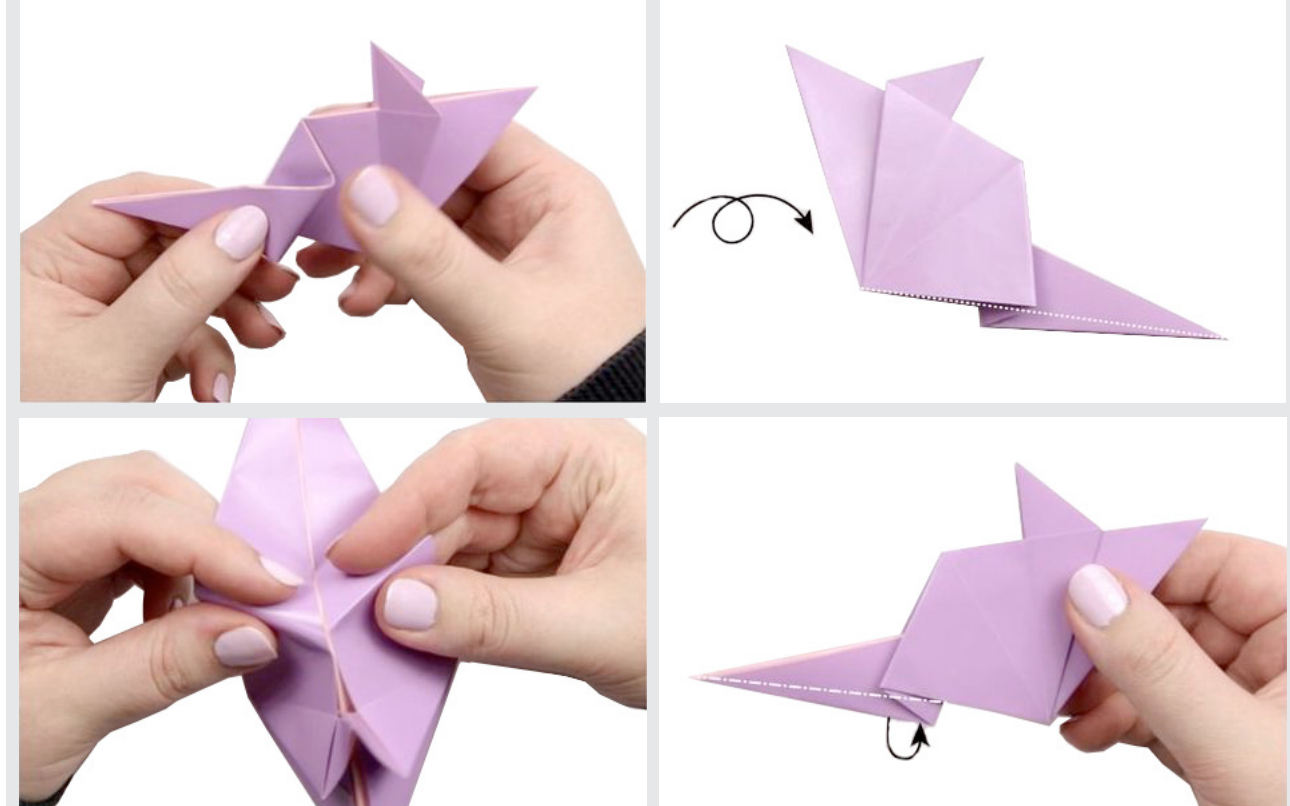
Step 4



- Flip the paper over to the other side. Fold the top right and bottom right corners diagonally to the central crease.
- Fold the paper in half, from top to bottom, flattening the flaps inside (the top right corner is the mouse's nose).
- Fold the left corner (the tail) diagonally down to the right, aligning the new right edge of the tail with a crease that was created earlier.
- You should now have a shape that resembles the fourth image in this step.

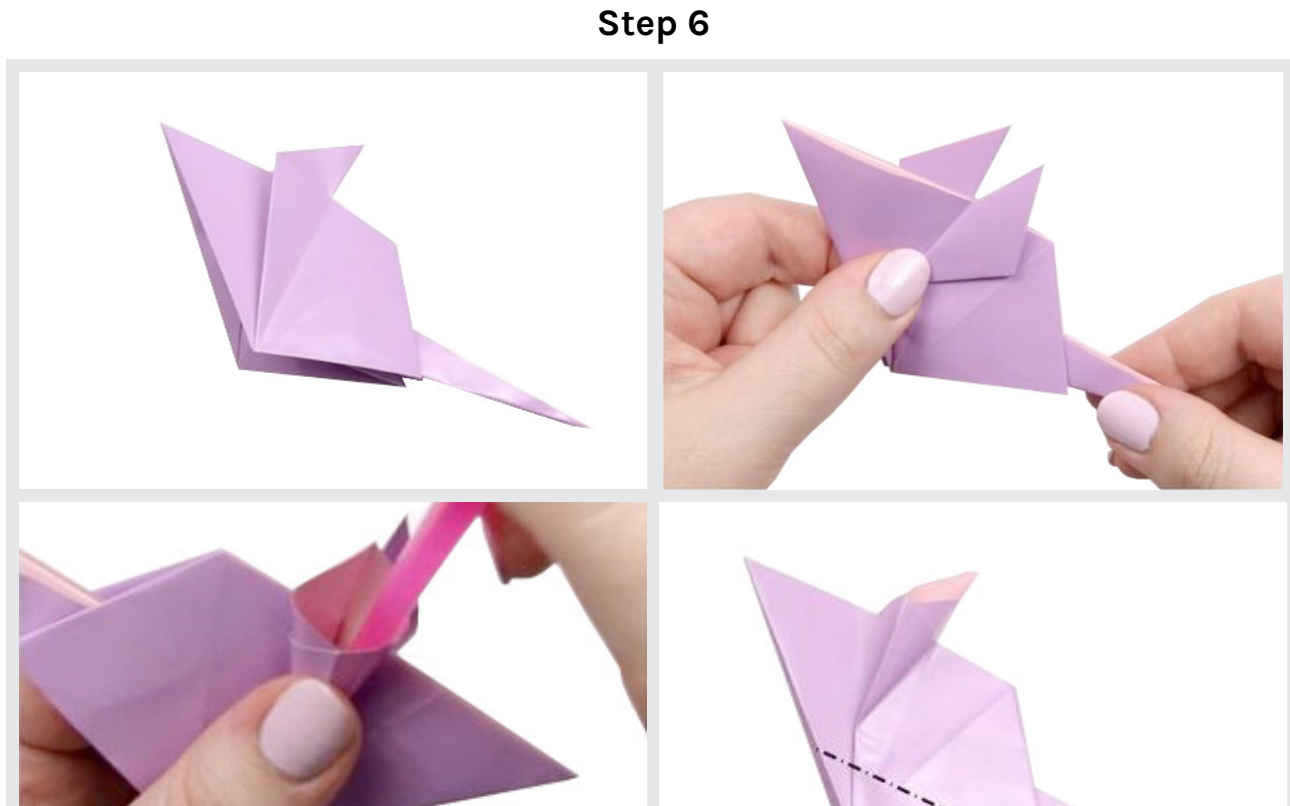
Tip: You can achieve many different body shapes and tail lengths by changing these folds.

Step 5



- Bring the tail back over to the left, making a new crease that is at the same angle as the left edge (the mouse's back).
- Flip the mouse over to the other side. If you want it to sit with its tail resting on a surface (not sticking up or down), make sure that the bottom edge of the mouse aligns with the very end of the tail.
- Open out the tail end of the mouse, and fold the back of the mouse inside, bringing the tail back out.
- Fold the remaining part of the tail underneath the mouse.

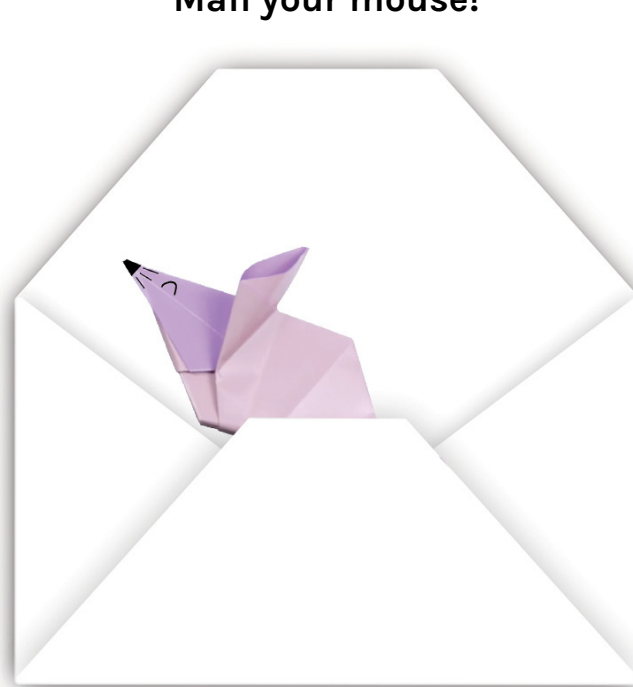
Step 6



- Now will fold the mouse's ears! Fold one of them back (you can do different angles here too).
- Use a pencil or chopstick to open out the ears. Use your thumb to push them into a rounded shape.
- If you'd prefer your origami mouse to be looking straight ahead instead of up, you can fold the lower section underneath as well.

Tip: If you're folding this origami mouse with kids, they can draw some eyes and whiskers to make it more fun!

Mail your mouse!



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