



TO BUILD A BETTER MOUSE TRAP...

ELECTRIC MOUSE TRAP



This more recent type of mousetrap delivers a lethal dose of electricity when the rodent completes the circuit by contacting two electrodes located either at the entrance or between the entrance and the bait. The electrodes are housed in an insulated or plastic box to prevent accidental injury to humans and pets. They can be designed for single-catch domestic use or large multiple-catch commercial use.



SIMPLE MOUSE TRAPS

One of the simplest designs consists of nothing more than a drinking glass placed upside down above a piece of bait, its rim elevated by a coin stood on edge. If the mouse attempts to take the bait, the coin is displaced and the glass traps the mouse. Another is to make a half-oval shaped tunnel with a toilet paper roll, put bait on one end of the roll, place the roll on a counter or table with the baited end sticking out over the edge, and put a deep bin under the edge. When the mouse enters the toilet paper roll to take the bait, the roll (and the mouse) will tip over the edge and fall into the bin below.



BUCKET TRAP

Bucket traps have a ramp which leads to the rim of a deep-walled container, such as a bucket. The bucket contains a liquid to drown the trapped mouse. The mouse is attracted to the top of the container where the bait is fixed just out of reach. The mouse overbalances and falls into the bucket and drowns.

RUBBER BAND TRAP



The NOOSKI mouse trap kills mice with a biodegradable non-toxic green rubber band. When a mouse puts its head into the trap, it sets off a switch that releases the band around the mouse's neck, swiftly strangling it. Nooski claims that the trap kills quickly and humanely, and the traps are reusable by just loading another green band.