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Let F be a closed genus 2 surface in S^3 , disjoint from a knot $K \subset S^3$, and equipped with the hyperelliptic involution τ . A genus 2 mutant of K is obtained by cutting M along F and regluing the two copies of F via τ . We will realize diagrammatic Conway mutation of knots as a specialization of genus 2 mutation in S^3 , and explore some examples and properties of both, in particular how the Khovanov homology and knot Floer homology invariants behave with respect to genus 2 mutation. (Received September 21, 2011)