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DIY Chicken Coops: The Complete Guide To Building Your Own Chicken Coop



Synopsis

"The chicken coop plans I got from you were great! They were easy to follow and the coop turned out to be the envy of all of my friends. I love my new hobby. Thanks so much for giving me every thing you promised." David Hess, USA This comprehensive book contains the top ten most popular chicken coop plans for the author's website www.ChickenCoopGuides.com.

ChickenCoopGuides.com is one of the most popular sites on the Internet for coop design and information because of its practical, easy-to-follow advice. The author and builder, John White, has combined his ten most popular chicken coop designs into one book, and he's also added practical coop information and explanations about each feature. More than six thousand chicken farmers have purchased these plans for two reasons: 1. They're so simple to build that even a novice woodworker can build them in a single weekend, and an experienced pro can tell at a glance what to do next. Most designs require a wood shop full of tools and a lot of experience with construction. Not these designs! 2. Cost matters to us all. These designs are not only easy to build; they're easy on your budget. You can use wood you have already, or find or purchase all the supplies you'll need without spending a fortune. Easy, affordable and professional. It doesn't get any better than that. In addition, you'll also learn: What you need to consider before selecting and building your coop and why placement of the coop is so important to your family as well as your chickens. Once you understand why you're building the coop a certain way you'll see why these designs are perfect for anyone who wants happy, healthy chickens. The basic essentials of chicken coops, like: roosts, ramps, ventilation, nesting boxes, chicken runs, what makes the best (and safest) chicken litter, hint it's not straw. Why you need to slant the top of your nesting box, and why it needs to be off of the floor of the coop, but not higher than your roosting perches. When you understand why a feature is important you're more able to determine how changing, expanding or even eliminating that feature may affect your flock. And finally, find out what makes the best wire (it's not chicken wire) for wrapping your coops run in to make it the safest it can be.

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Customer Reviews

This book had all I needed to build my own coop. I like to follow John's blog so some of the information wasn't new to ME, but it's good information to have. I also noticed that the plans in here have been redone and some of the previous typos and things were fixed which makes this great for me because not only are the errors fixed but now I have it in a hard copy with big, clean pictures to follow. And I know from experience that if I ever need anything I can just email John directly through his blog. He may take a couple of days, but he always gets back to you if you have a question. I've asked several in the past few months myself haha.

A mostly excellent book. Numerous styles and sizes of coops described. I would have appreciated the footprint size of each coop described, and how many chickens recommended for each. Some designs include the info, some don't.

Firstly I have no experience building anything before, (I am a woman building this with my MIL and two toddlers.) I bought this book several months ago and it sat around before I got brave enough to start building the Olde Shack plan. While I am not finished with construction I have made good progress. What I can say is that the directions are not always clear, or perhaps the author expects you to have at least a little construction knowledge. The authors choice of words are confusing at times too, i.e. The author states to make the foundation from 4x4x10s and the 8 foot planks which I thought meant 2x4x8s so my foundation is now built wrong but I realized this too late. Also the materials list is very generalized, I need L backers but no idea how many is one example. I am now at construction of the roof of my coop but confused about the directions as it states to make an 8x7.5' frame to mount to the outside of the walls so that the inner beams will rest inside of the frame (this doesn't work mathematically as the constructed walls measure 7.5x8'4"). I wish the book was spelled out much simpler as I have zero experience.

This book is very well written, with clear easy instructions. We were able to really get a good sense

of which house we would like and able to build it with ease. I love all the pictures and the measurements and just the clear plans laid out!

Excellent book. Very easy to read and understand. Great pictures with step by step instructions and materials list.

I thought I was getting specific instructions and different ideas on different coops. I have seen this and not impressive.

We built the Chicken Fun Run (first design in the book), but we found a number of errors and omissions in terms of the cuts, measurements, and details in the instructions. If you are an experienced carpenter, this book does have some nice ideas, but you really need to use this book as an idea starter, rather than a step-by-step guide. If you are not an experienced carpenter, get detailed plans online or buy a coop (or some other structure and modify it). Also, the coop designs in this book are really not suitable for hot climates - the designs are for colder weather coops.

Found a good plan for 5 chickens, but just wish there was more specific data about designs, materials and dimensions. Had to figure many things out on my own

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