

How To Build A Chicken Coop Out of salvaged cabinets



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Raising chickens in a coop at home is a fun and healthy way to contribute to a more sustainable planet. Follow these steps to have your own free-range chicken eggs.

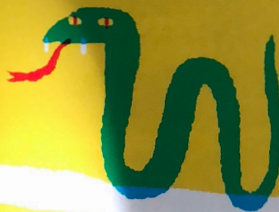
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Each chicken needs roughly four square feet of coop space. Pick out a cabinet with floor, ceiling, and drawers.



Build a predator-proof foundation. Dig 12" deep and cover the sides with $\frac{1}{2}$ " hardware cloth. Extend the cloth several inches above the surface on each side. Connect the sides with wire ties. Staple the hardware cloth to your coop after it is built.

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Elevate your coop at least 12 inches off the ground. Make some legs from an old 2 x 4. Refashion old laths into a ladder.



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Fix a drawer in an open position and cut out an entryway into the drawer for a nest.

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Use a 2 x 4 to build a roost (the perch chickens sit on when they're sleeping). Allow 10 to 12 inches of length per chicken.



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Almost anything can be repurposed into a feeder and water dispenser which should be affixed 6"-8" inches above the ground—an old electrical box, lampshade, or toilet paper dispenser. Get creative!



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For easy coop cleaning, remove the cabinet flooring and reattach with hinges on one long side and two eye-hook latches on the other side, creating a drop down floor.



OR remove the cabinet flooring and replace with half-inch hardware cloth. This can eliminate the need to build a foundation underneath the coop itself. Cut a piece of old plywood to fit, cover it in plastic and place it on the ground beneath the hardware cloth to catch the poop. Slide the plywood out for cleaning.



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You can turn your chicken roof into a garden. Or, use some old tile to decorate your chicken coop. Have fun with it!



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