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Before you make a chicken house

Chickens need a chicken house for them to feel safe, a place for them to lay their eggs, and a place for them to retreat whenever they want to sleep. It is important that the chicken house is tall enough for you to open a door and walk into it. Your hen literally lives all year round inside a chicken tractor although they don't have any idea about it. Having such will let you find that it is accommodating and easier to maintain your chickens.

It is best that the coop is at least four square feet per chicken so if you owned four of them, you will need a coop that is 4' x 4'. Some people will settle on a three square feet and if you have it, show it. A coop that is eight inches wide and eight inches long and 6 inches in height provides a very comfortable digs for six chickens.

Moreover, the size of the chicken coop should contain the nests and roosts and this need to be accommodate the number of chickens you have. It is important also that the coop is large enough for you to walk into it and turn around. It can be smaller too as long as you can get into it to clean and collect eggs. You can hinge the roof so it will lift up or you can have exterior doors into the nest that is surely satisfactory.

You can also set up a window and have it screened to provide ventilation. Cross ventilation is also important so you might as well include vents on the wall opposite the window. Doors of some sort are good too. Some owners like solid while others prefer screened doors. More so, your climate will determine the type you are to use. Adding two doors at different points for easier access can be great especially if the design is on the small side. You can include a door that opens a ramp so your chickens can easily access their coop.

The materials needed for the coop can be bought in hardware stores so it is easy for you to buy one. You can also suit your own aesthetic style and design it on your own and construct it with your skills. A well-designed and maintained chicken coop is a credit to the owner. That is truly rewarding.

You can use a two by four chicken wire as they are the customary materials but other wire can be fine too as long as your chickens can't get out of it or keeps unwanted visitors out. You may build the chicken house using concrete blocks and have a solid wood flooring so as to prevent rats and snakes from getting in and eat your chickens.

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