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Things you should know about [chicken coops](#)

When building a chicken coop, there are guidelines that one should follow in order to attain a successful endeavor.

First and foremost, you have to know the design and its appearance. You can sketch out your design on a sheet of paper and think of the colors you will paint the roof and the walls. Always take note that if the chicken coop is clearly visible to the neighborhood, it should not be a distraction or deface of its utmost surroundings. So you have to ensure that the design is aesthetically looking chicken coop so your neighbors do not complain of a detracting appearance. Once you have finished, remember to always remove and dispose any types of garbage or weeds surrounding the coops. Also, it is best that you maintain an appealing landscape around it to promote overall appearance.

Another element you have to consider is that you have to use your sound judgment. When designing the coop's structure, you may want to use building materials that makes cleaning and disinfecting quick and easy. The door is recommended to be opened inwards. Also it is best that you install sliding windows too for their comfort. Moreover, slightly sloped flooring towards the door is easy to hose and spray down without much hassle as the water will flow out on gravity.

Also, when you build your very own chicken coop, always make sure that the key factor of doing such is its safety. You have to protect the coop against hazardous elements. A well-built chicken coop will definitely protect your chickens from harmful elements such as the heavy rain, hale, snow, cold climates, and hot climates. More so, this will protect them from hungry predators lurking nearby that might eat them or protect them from thieves and injury.

In order to accomplish a secure and safe coop you will have to build a draft free chicken house that has windows and doors that can be opened and closed as needed. Ensure that the windows and the doors have proper screening systems installed. A wire-mesh screen is highly recommended. You can also build the coop on a high yet well drained area to make sure that dampness can't be stuck in the coop. it is best that you build a coop in a place where it faces the sun so that it will be kept warm and dry the soil and coop itself after a rain.

In protecting your chickens from predators, you will have to bury the outside runs with chicken wires surrounding the coop for about a foot deep. This will help prevent some hungry predators from getting

in.

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