

Saltbox Coop and Run Set-Up Instructions

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The coop needs to be installed on level, firm ground. If your site is sloped, consider staking a landscape timber to the ground on the lower side of your slope, and backfilling to create a level area at least 5x5 feet. Please note: the large yellow and red screws used for assembly work best with a square-drive bit and not with a Phillips bit.

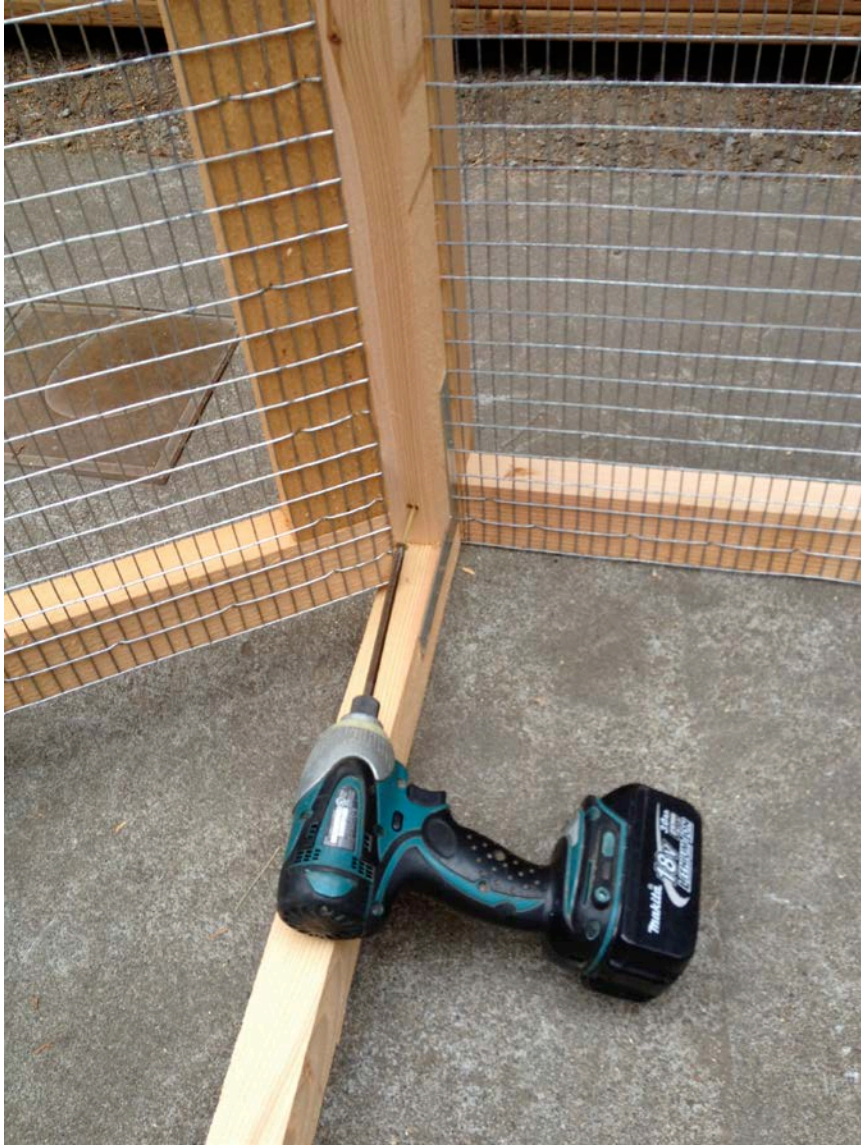


1. Remove packaging and all contents from inside coop. Lift coop off frames below and set aside.
2. Decide which direction you would like the lower door that access the run to face. It can be in one of two places - either underneath the egg door, or underneath the larger coop access door. (in the photo above, the lower run door is located below the woman's left hand - underneath the coop access door, which is recommended). Set aside the door frame to install last.

3. Locate the frame with the galvanized angle flashing attached to the top rail, this frame must be used underneath the planter. In the photo above, you can see the flashing just underneath the planter, underneath the woman's right hand. This is where it must go.
4. Assemble the three frames (not the door yet) by driving the yellow, pre-set screw into the corresponding post. The frames with the screws are to be recessed 1" in from the outside face of the post., as shown in the photo below. Look for the pencil line on the post for proper alignment. Also, be sure that the top of the two connecting frames (where the thumb is in the picture) are flush. It is very important to get the alignment accurate before you drive the screw, because if you have to back the screw out it may damage the wood.



5. After the three frames are screwed together, square them up and install the door frame. The door needs to be opened to access the pre-drilled holes (see picture below). The screws are provided in the fastener and hardware bag that it shipped inside the planter box. The frame should be set 1" in from the face of the posts as well. Assemble this last frame and close the door (you can carefully hold up the in the open position by propping it up under a 3" block of wood).
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Now square the assembled run by measuring the diagonals and adjusting until the two diagonal lengths are the same (should be about 83 5/15")



7. Next, make sure the run is level. If not, you can lift up the low side and place a thin paver or a stone until it is level across the top of all four frames.
8. Next, lift the coop house on top of the run. The alignment the outside of the 2x2 frame of the coop (behind the cedar siding) should line up with the outer face of the posts in the corners.
 7. There are four pre-set screws to attach the coop to the run. Two just inside the larger coop access door and two just inside the egg door. Make sure the coop is sitting square on the run and drive these four screws.
 8. Attached the planter by screwing the pre-set screws in the back corner of the planter into the coop.
 9. Re-attach the nest box door that was removed for shipping by driving the screws into the pre-drilled holes (hinges go down).
 10. Re-attach the gate latch on main access door.

11. Set the two nesting boxes nest to each other just inside the nest box door, with the long axis facing the door.
12. Lower the ladder and make sure the cord feeds up through the mesh floor, between the nesting boxes, out through the hole above the nest box door and to the cleat.