



Chicken Coop Build Planner Checklist

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Plan smart. Build once. Keep your flock happy.



1. Coop Basics

- Number of chickens planned
 - Breed(s) and size (bantam, standard, large)
 - Space per bird (2-4 sq ft inside, 10 sq ft outside)
 - Type of coop: fixed / mobile / walk-in
 - Design sketch or layout printed
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2. Ventilation & Light

- Roof vents for airflow
- Lower vents for intake
- Windows for natural light (with predator screens)
- Draft guards near roosts
- Adjustable vent covers for winter

3. Predator Protection

- $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hardware cloth on all openings
 - Wire buried 12 in. deep or skirted outward
 - Secure latches on doors and nest boxes
 - Covered run or netting for aerial predators
 - Night-time door lock or automatic door
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4. Building Materials

- Pressure-treated lumber for framing
 - Exterior-grade plywood or siding
 - Non-toxic paint or sealant
 - Metal or asphalt roofing
 - Weather-proof screws and hinges
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5. Location & Setup

- Elevated site with good drainage
- Morning sun / afternoon shade
- Level foundation or pavers
- Access to water and electricity (if needed)
- Pathway clear for cleaning and egg collection

6. Cleaning & Maintenance


- Removable droppings board or tray
 - Wide doors for easy access
 - Deep-litter bedding setup
 - Cleaning caddy and disinfectant spray
 - Drainage or hose access near coop
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7. Legal & Future Planning

- Checked local council or HOA rules
 - Neighbor distance requirements verified
 - Allowed flock size confirmed
 - Expansion space planned
 - Supply list budgeted
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Notes & Sketch

(Use this space to draw your layout or jot measurements.)

 **Pro Tip:** Keep this checklist handy during every stage — planning, building, and finishing touches — so your “dream coop” actually *stays* dreamy.