

Build your own Chicken Feeder

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This feeder is made using a sheet of plywood some deck screws and a 2x4



The chick shown is only a month old so I placed a scrap 2x6 in front of the feeder for her to stand on.

The feeder is built into the wall of the hen house, so it does not use any floor space and it can be as long as you need it to be. Mine is four feet long.

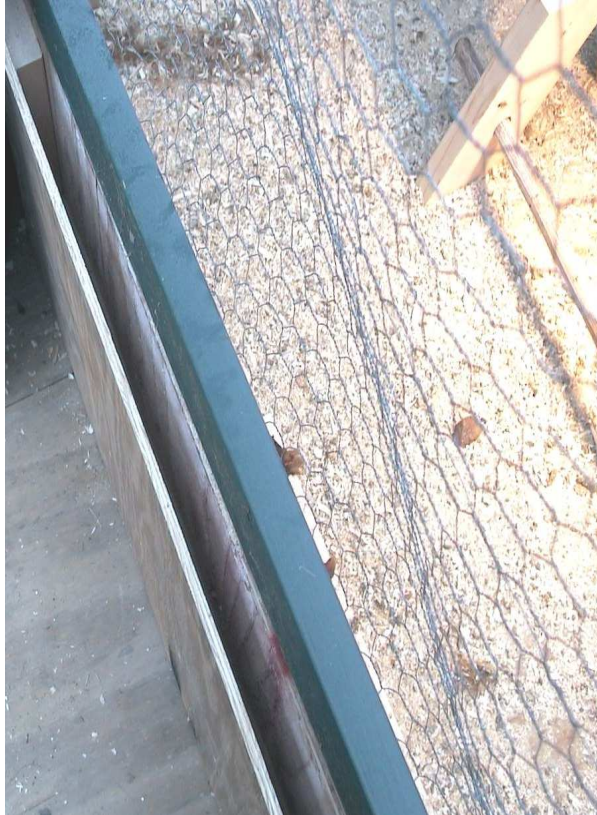
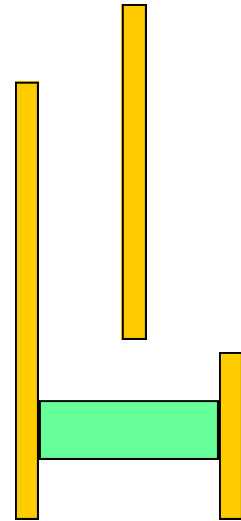
You can feed your chickens without opening any doors, but don't worry you'll still find plenty of reasons to enter the coop.

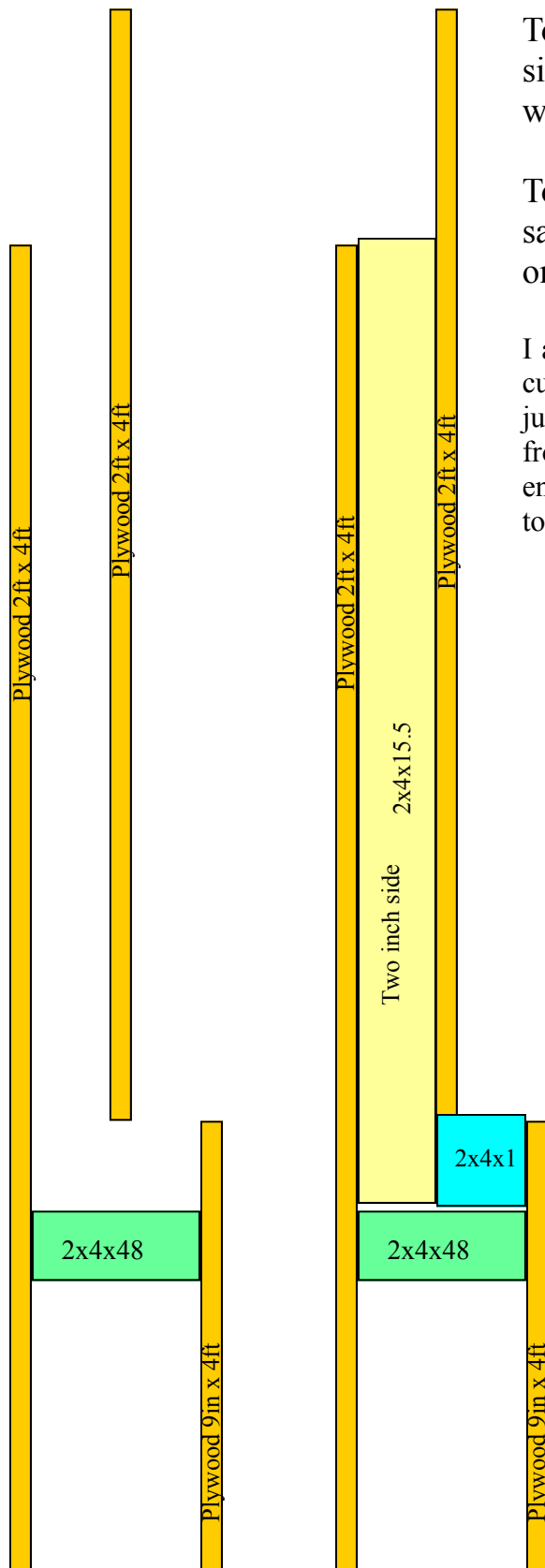
To avoid crazy feeding frenzies I try to never let my feeders get empty.

The feeder is made by making a sandwich using three pieces of plywood and a 2x4

My feeder is 24 inches tall on the filling side, and 9 inches tall on the feeder side.

The feed tray is one inch deep





To keep the feed from falling out the sides use two 15 inch 2x4's and sandwich one on each side of the fill side.

To keep the feed in the eating side sandwich two one inch blocks of 2x4 one on each end of the eating side.

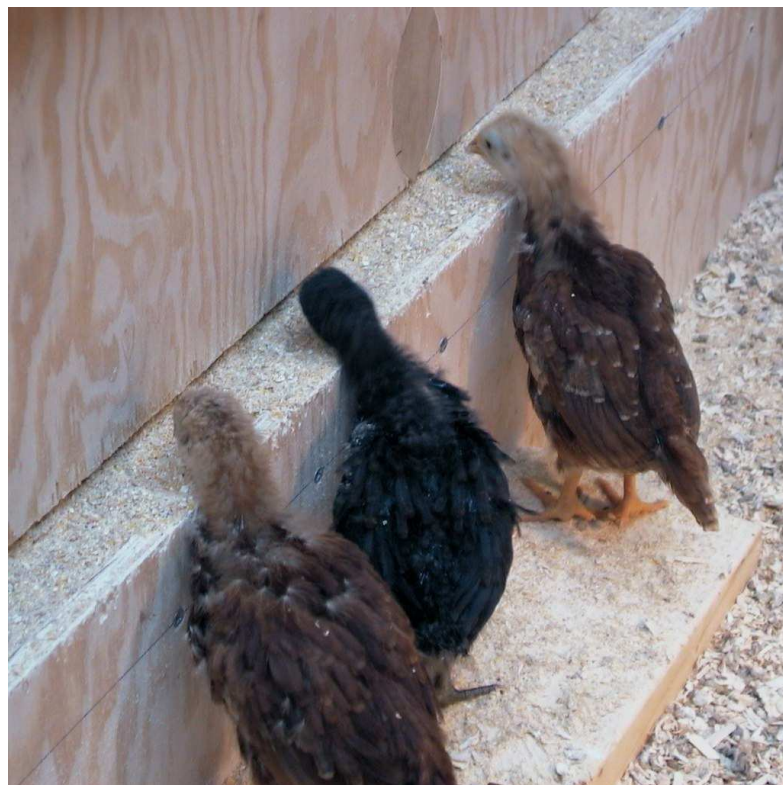
I also added a five inch 2x4 with a 45 degree cut at the top on each end of the eating side, just in case I need to add a cap to keep stuff from falling in the trough. But since the chickens cant roost over my feeder I may not have to. Notice I said "may not" not "will not".



The babies grow so quick



Under a week old



Under a month old