

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 tan 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 the 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 go in any of the four directions, irrespective of the orientation of the coop and planter that will be set on top. As an example, the photo above shows the lower run door below the woman's left hand, which is under the main door of the upper coop.
3. Assemble the three frames (not the door yet) by driving the tan, pre-set screws into the corresponding post. For aesthetic reasons, the frames with the screws are to be recessed 1" from the outside face of the post, as shown in the photo below. Also, be sure that the top of the two connecting frames (where the thumb is in the picture) are flush.



4. Now 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.



5. Next square the assembled run by measuring the diagonals and adjusting until the two diagonal lengths are the same (should be about 83 5/15")



6. 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.
7. OPTIONAL - you can flip the run over and staple hardware cloth to the bottom to create an anti-tunneling floor.
8. Next, lift the coop house on top of the run. The coop can face any direction and be on any side of the run (there are 8 variations here).
9. Place the planter alongside the coop. Align the 2x2 framing of the coop (behind the cedar siding) flush with the 2x2 bar under the planter. Crawl under the coop and drive the 3 screws from the bottom of the planter into the side of the coop.
10. Now line up the 2x2 frame of the coop (behind the cedar siding) with the outer face of the posts in the corners (so that the siding is overhanging the run). And line up the "fake post" on the planter to be in line with the run posts. The run may be out of square so force it into this alignment, then drive four 2.5" screws from the hardware bag down through the 2x2 framing of the coop into the run to lock it in place.
11. Re-attach the nest box door that was removed for shipping by driving the screws into the pre-drilled holes (hinges go down).
12. Set the two nesting boxes next to each other just inside the nest box door, with the long axis facing the door. Fill these with white shavings or any other litter.
13. Lower the ladder with the string.