

As you start looking at various chicken shed or coop plans, it's important that you keep some points in the back of your mind. These points are going to help make sure that you're going about the building plans properly and that you're going to build a chicken coop that will last for a good period of time. Here are the main things you will want to keep in mind with your poultry shed plans.



### **How Many Chickens do You Intend to Own**

Too big or too small either is of not use. If you live in a cold climate you will need more indoor space than in milder climates.

### **Check Around For Used Materials**

The first thing you should do is check around both your house and inquire with your neighbours for materials that you may be able to use to help you with the building process that will work great for building a chicken coop. Check the local tip too for recycled materials. Many poultry shed plans give you information about used materials, so be sure you're considering this in the one you're going to use. This point alone can save you hundreds of dollars, especially if you're building a medium to large sized chicken coop.

**Follow A Specific Blueprint Plan** Next, you should also only consider using poultry or chicken shed plans that give you a specific blueprint plan to follow. Having a good illustration before you set out with the building process will go a long way towards preventing stuff-ups before they happen. Those individuals who are not careful with this and attempt to build without a plan will very likely run into some problems, so be sure you have a good drawing out in front of you first. You can also consider drawing up your own as well if that's something you'd prefer doing.

### **Don't Forget About Window or Door Placement**

It's also going to be important with your chicken shed plans that you consider where you want to place the doors and or windows. They need to be in a location where you will get quite a good amount of natural light since this is what will keep your chickens healthy, as well as help light up the entire coop, preventing you from having to use electrical light for this process. You need to

be placing the windows and doors somewhere on the chicken coop where it will let the most light in but where it's also not going to be shining right into the chicken's eyes. In our coop the door faces North for the sun, with the nesting boxes facing away from the door. This would not make them very comfortable and thus needs to be avoided. Poultry shed windows will make a large difference in the overall performance of your chickens and how many eggs they lay regularly, so be sure you're not overlooking this and put some good thought into the process before you start out building.

By keeping these points in mind you can help make sure you are making the most out of your poultry shed plans. Just don't attempt to go at the process alone without any form of a guide as it's when people do that that problems occur.