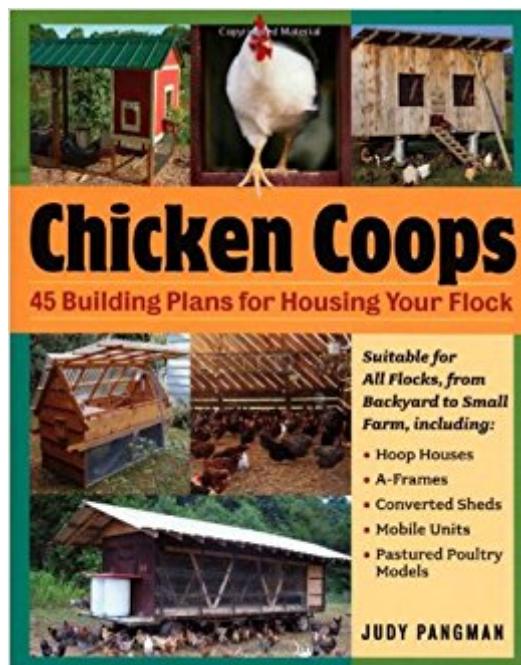


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# Chicken Coops: 45 Building Ideas For Housing Your Flock



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Judy Pangman and her husband, Frank Johnson, raise their two sons and grass-fed beef, pork, and eggs on their 200-acre farm in upstate New York. They are committed to sustainable agriculture, raising their animals naturally and cruelty-free and promoting a safe and healthy local food system. .

Okay. A lot of folks are going to flip when they see I gave this book 4 stars. However, I never quite use plans when I have them. I always have to modify stuff. And I will with the coop we're building, also. It's close, but not quite what is in this book, so the designs in the book are only guides for me. And that's exactly why I bought the book: I wanted some GUIDES to look over and consider. I knew what kind of wood I had and needed and the basic design I planned to use. Now... Here's the reason I didn't give this book 5 stars: The dimensions shown are trash. In the coops I'm looking at, the measurements are completely wrong. For instance, the Cat House: Length is 6 feet and it contains (from end to end) FOUR 12"x12" nesting boxes. There is no extra space shown. Just the 4 nesting boxes. And it does not look six feet long in the drawing OR the real picture. Mine will be, because that's what I have planned all along. So, I love the book. The ideas and drawings are nice, but I cannot believe anyone would publish something with indicated dimensions so out of measure.

Other reviewers are correct, the book has no detailed plans, or materials lists. Nonetheless, I found the book to be full of valuable information. Chances are one would have to change and adapt a chosen plan to perfectly fit his or her needs anyway. I own Gail Damerow's book on raising chickens and it gives lots of guidelines on space requirements (I highly recommend this book). After perusing this book for inspiration, and using Gail's book for facts and figures, I got out pencil and paper (and an eraser) and designed my own coop to fit my future flock's size (32) and my chosen management style (mobile coop/free-range). The valuable information I mentioned is in the stories of the individuals from all over who give their management styles, tips and thoughts in the text. I love the

idea of over-wintering my future hens in a poly-tunnel greenhouse. With this method, the owners of this flock (from New York state, I believe) had such rich soil the next spring, that they had tomatoes by June! That's an attractive idea to those of us living in the north. This is just one of the many ideas that intrigued me. My local library system has three copies of this book, I had to turn mine in without being able to renew it as I would have liked, because someone had placed a hold on it, all three copies are currently checked out. My advice on buying any book would be to check it out from the library first if possible, then decide if you want to own it. I'm about to spend the \$13.57 because I feel the information within is worth it.

Hi, I purchased this book because it was supposed to be "plans" but it is NOT! This is a visual vacation featuring chicken coops. The author must have toured around the countryside and snapped some photos of coops that looked interesting. But the problem is, if you are looking for plans, they are not in this book. There are a few rough sketches, that is it. I was very disappointed. Glad I bought on so I could get my money back. If you are just a board housewife, and want to muse yourself for a while looking at other peoples chicken coops, and btw, most of them are pretty lame, then this may be something you could use. But if you want real plans and are going to actually build something, you will need to look elsewhere.

Did not state how many chickens the mid size one would house. Plans were not always clear. But some good ideas.

A great book full of plans and ideas. Its really all you need as far as outbuilding and animals building plans go. buildings from small to large

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If we ever get around to redesigning our coop, I think this will be very helpful.

I was looking for plans to build a chicken coop and that not what you really get with this book. But it did have good information in this book.

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