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## **Assembly Instructions**

Round-Top Backyard Coop™



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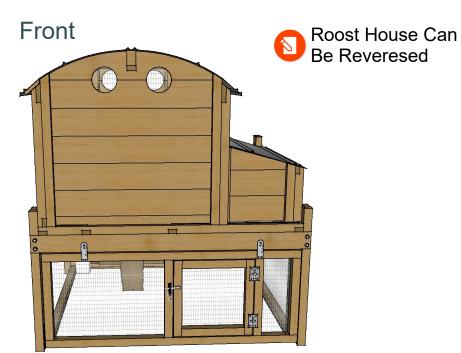
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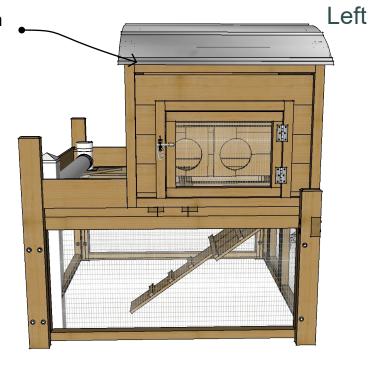


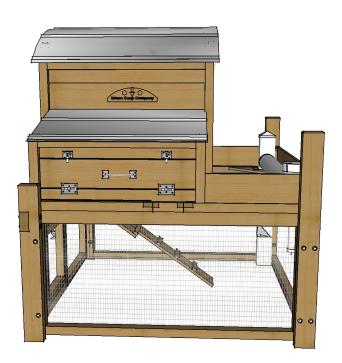
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Back



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Orientation



Overall Dimensions

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## Reading this will help you...

Understanding these concepts / conventions will help guide you through the instructions.

- Mating edges of parts to be flush and tight (when called for) will keep measurements in tolerance as the coop grows in size.
- Having a flat area is required for the coop to assemble properly.
- We estimate about 12 man hours (a long day for 2 people) of ordinary skills to assemble. Two people are required for several steps.
- You will need a drill (preferably cordless) a tape measure and a hammer. Everything else is provided.
- Drive screws only deep enough to hold parts tight and not bury the heads too deeply as water will sit in the divots and it may cause softening of the wood and prematurely loosen screws. It will also greatly decrease your ability to easily disassemble a part if needed.
- You may end up directly driving in a screw. The brown and green screws are very aggressive and will drive with no pre-drilled hole. Keep screw entry points in the meat of the wood and not too close to edges. Screws in knots or close to edges should be pre-drilled.
- Rough Cedar may have knots, cracks or frays that are normal. We cull and cut around most imperfections we deem structurally problematic during fabrication. If you get a piece that you feel is not beautiful, please let us know so we can address your concern.
- We hand fabricated your coop with human carpenters. We work really hard to not make mistakes. On the rare occasion that we either misfabricated a part, a part was damaged in shipping, or we forgot to package a needed part, contact us and we will ship out a replacement part for you at no cost.
- We recommend dirt floors in the runs of coops so that chickens can dust bathe and that decomposition of poop can occur utilizing natural microbes in the soil. Part sand part soil is great, and in almost all instances, the native dirt in your area will work great. A trimmed rubber mat can be placed in the bottom of egg boxes and you may wish to put pine shavings or shredded junk mail in them. They are left wire so they can be cleaned in the event of a broken egg.



### Even more about your new coop!

#### Care:

You can seal your coop if you wish. You should use a low VOC water based product. You can have color added to these products too...like painting, but it's a wood stain that lets the wood breathe. We recommend color sealing rather than painting. You paid a premium price for your coop in part to pay for the cedar. It will last outdoors in its natural state for many years, better than almost any other wood. Sealing can keep the wood from going grey. That's the main benefit. Clean wood with mild detergent and water or with a commercially available coop cleaner as needed. Glues used in all joints are completely waterproof and all metal parts are galvanized or have exterior rated coatings.

#### **Placement:**

Easy access to water/feed and clear access to doors is needed. Sunlight is not all bad, and the Galvalume roof does a good job at not transferring heat and provides shade. Sunlight does a good job at disinfecting the ground under the coop. Fifty percent (50%) or more of direct sun is preferred. Good air movement around your coop is more important than anything else. **Remember... High ground is dry ground and for coop doors to open easily over time, the coop must be level.** 

#### **Digging Predators:**

The welded wire and cedar frames are stronger than almost any predator less than a bear:) so diggers are the prime nuisance. By far dogs are the most common digger. Other "wild" animals, while more rare, certainly can dig too. If you're worried about diggers, stack heavy block shaped rocks around perimeter of coop to make getting under more difficult. Better yet, bury them around the perimeter just below grade. You can also attach a strip of wire that extends out from the bottom rails, and bury below the surface of the soil.

#### Western Red Cedar:

Your coop is built from rough cut Appearance Grade North American Western Red Cedar. Our 2x2's are actually custom milled. Wood deemed defective is culled during milling, cutting and in fabrication... about 5%-10%. Knots, blemishes, fraying, coloring variations, minor surface cracking, slight warping and periodic worm marks are normal parts of rough cedar. We try to make it to where a reversible part always has a "pretty side" and take care to make the "pretty side" show on all parts. If you're unhappy with a piece of wood we fabricated into your coop, send us a picture. We want you to love every piece of your new coop.



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Things to Know



## **Please Be Careful**



Coop is designed to be assembled by two people of ordinary skill.



Any roof metal and flashing can have sharp edges. We attempt to knock of sharp corners and edges from roof metal. You must be the final determiner of sharp edges. A standard metal file from your hardware store, or metal snips, can be used to make edges to your standards. You may choose to wear a pair of work gloves while handling roof metal.



Spending the time up front to identify all the parts and lay them all out will pay off in the long run and make assembly go more smoothly. The instructions are intended to be read in page order as, the information builds in that way, then referenced during assembly. Pre-reading the instructions will help immensely.



Be careful not to get caught in coop. Children should not play in coop as the doors are not designed to allow exit from the inside.



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Warnings

## **Typical Provided Hardware Box**

(your box may vary based on any options that you order)



#### **Written Parts List**

#### A. Run Panels

- A1) Sides 2x (top is wider rail)
- **A2)** Back (top is wider rail)
- A3) Front (has door)
- A4) Top Ramp Side (open middle)
- A5) Top Storage Side
- **A6)** Top Extender (narrow panel)
- A7) Front Legs 2x (short)
- A8) Rear Legs 2x (tall)
- A9) Header Board (long 2x4)
- A10) Ramp Door

#### **B.** Roost

- **B1)** Front (has door)
- B2) Back (2 big holes)
- **B3)** Sides 2x (with logo)
- **B4)** Center Roof Support
- **B5)** Mid-Roof Supports 2x
- **B6)** Roost Bars 2x
- B7) Eave Boards 2x
- B8) Galvalume Roof Panels 2x

#### C. Egg Box

- C1) Left Side
- C2) Right Side
- C3) Door Assembly
- C4) Galvalume Roof Panel

#### D. Storage Area Fence

- **D1)** Roost Side (shorter)
- D2) Egg Box Side (longer)
- D3) Back (longest)

#### E. Fasteners (extras included)

- E1) 3" Brown T25 Screws
- E2) 1 5/8" Green T20 Screws
- E3) Rubber Washer Roof Screws
- E4) 4" Bolts and Washers
- E5) T- Nuts

#### F. Tools Provided

- F1) 1/2" Box End Wrench
- F2) T25 and T20 Torx Bits
- F3) Phillips Bit
- F4) Magnetic Bit Holder

#### G. Hardware

- **G1)** Spring Clips 4x
- G2) Gate Latches 2x
- G3) Locking Hasps 2x

#### Required Tools (not provided)

- 1) Cordless Drill
- 2) Claw Hammer

#### **Recommended Tools**

- 1) 1/2" Socket & Ratchet
- 2) Measuring Tape
- 3) Level

#### **Options**

See addendums at end of instructions

- 1) Water & Feeder (page 30)
- 2) Run Extensions (page 31)
- 3) Planter Box (page 36)



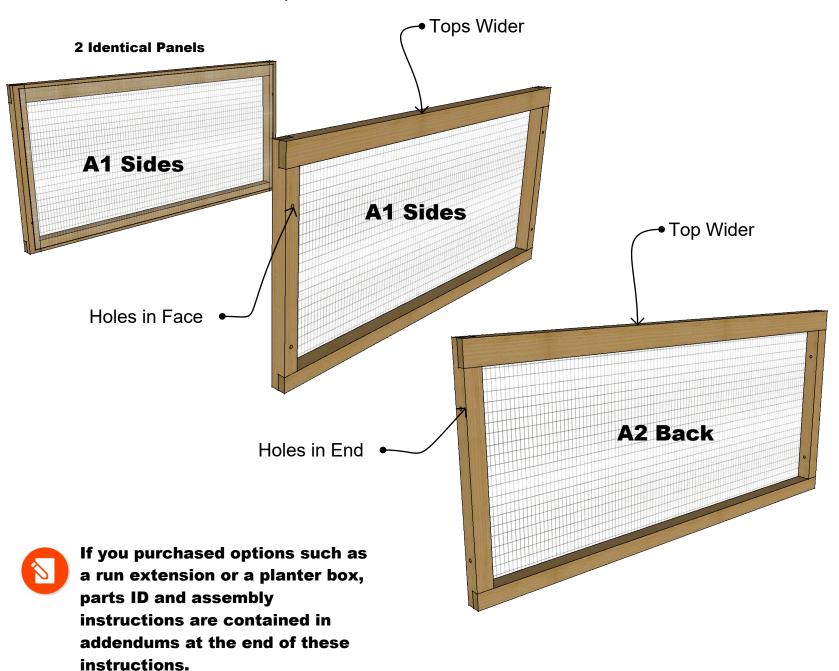
Addendums to build the planter box and run extension options build on concepts in the main coop instructions and assume that you built the main coop. If you are building the extension or planter box and you did not build the main coop you might need to reference pages in the main coop instructions to better understand the addendums.

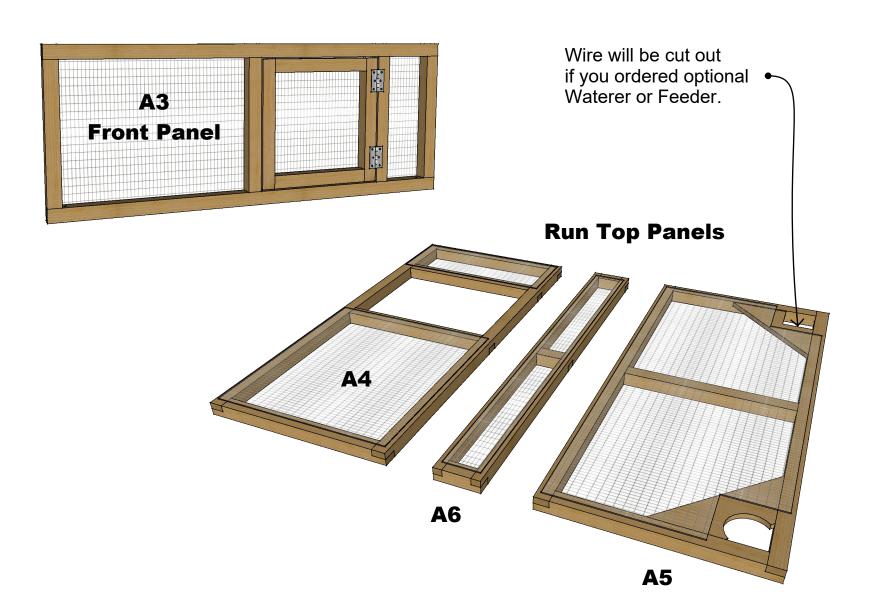


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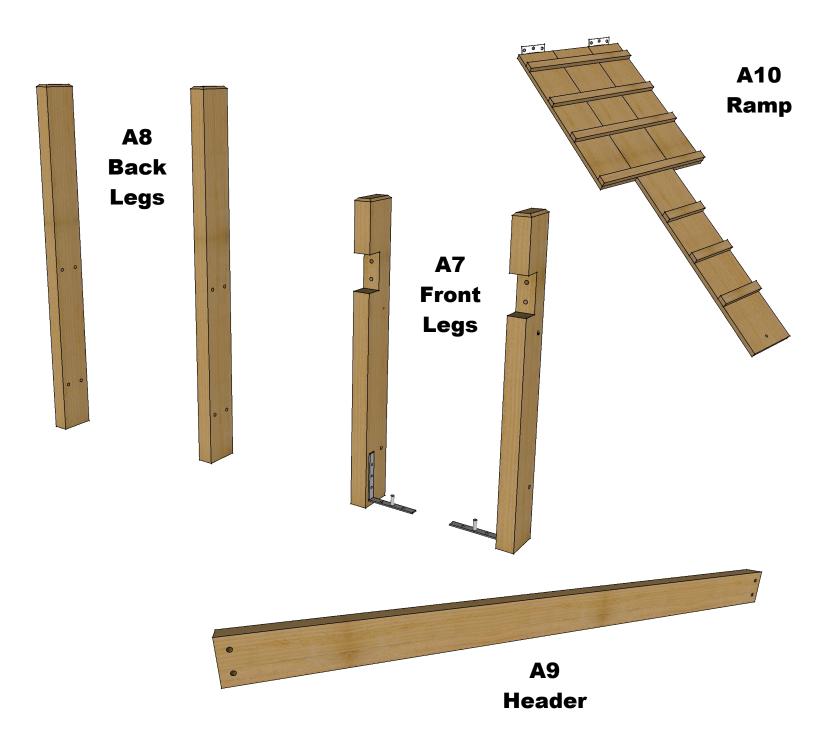
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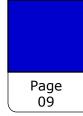
Parts ID - A3 Front A4 A5 A6 Tops





Parts ID - A7 A8 Legs A9 Header A10 Ramp

Parts ID - B1 B2 B3 Roost Walls



**B3** Roost **Sides** 



Parts ID: 15-20 Minutes of Well Spent Time



Parts ID - Roof Parts







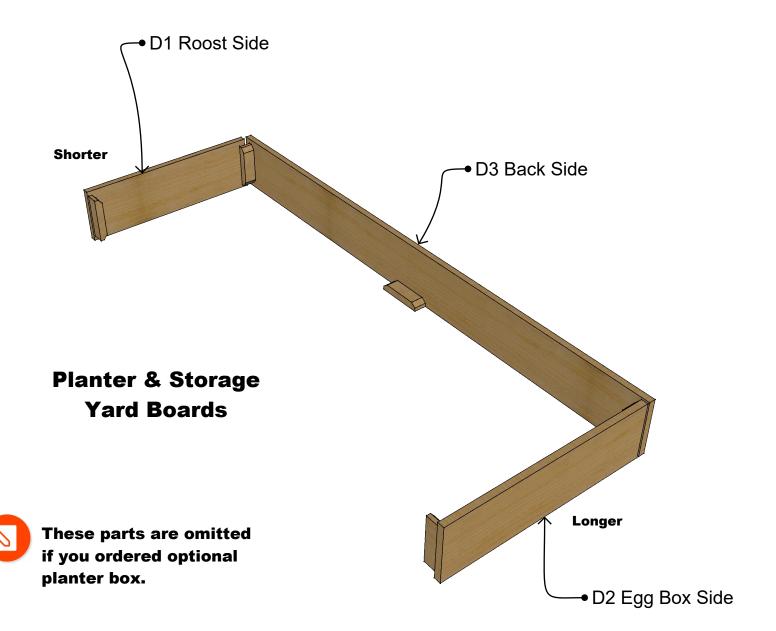


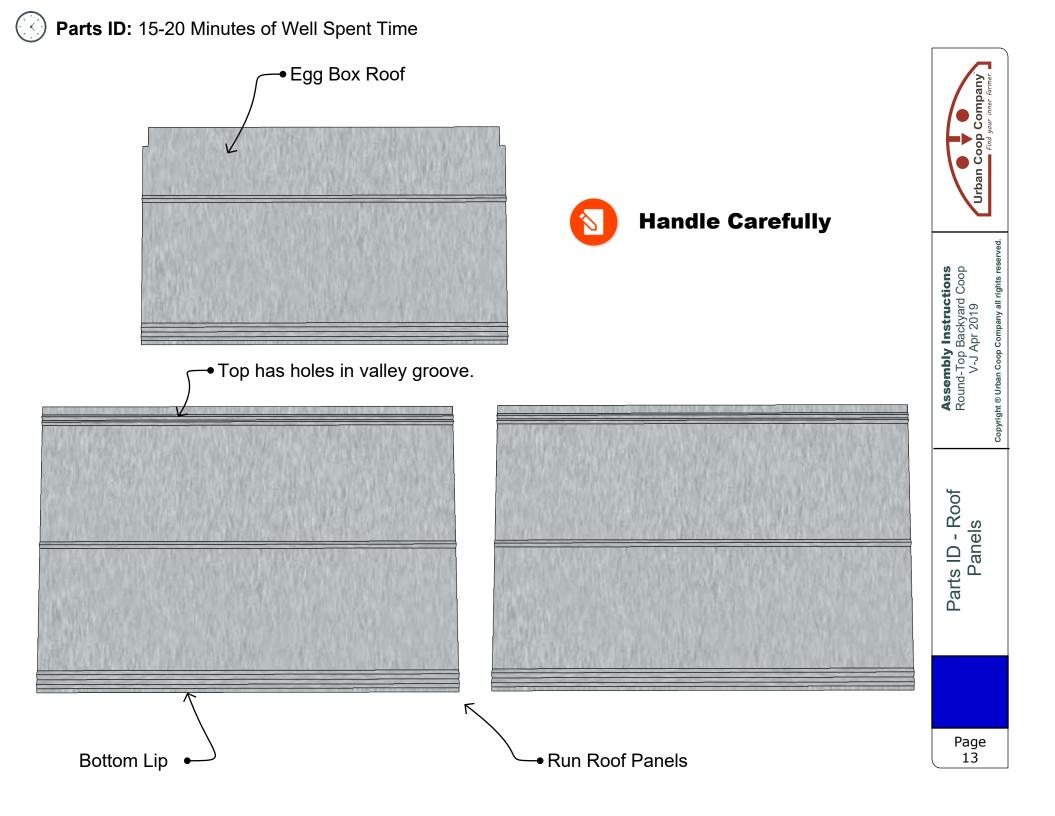
**Egg Box Sides** (mirrored)

## **C3 Egg Box Door Assembly**



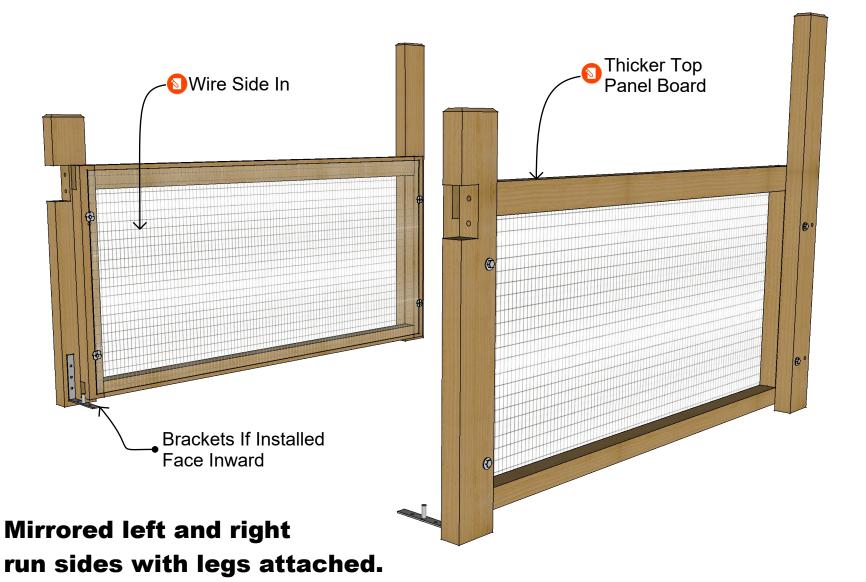


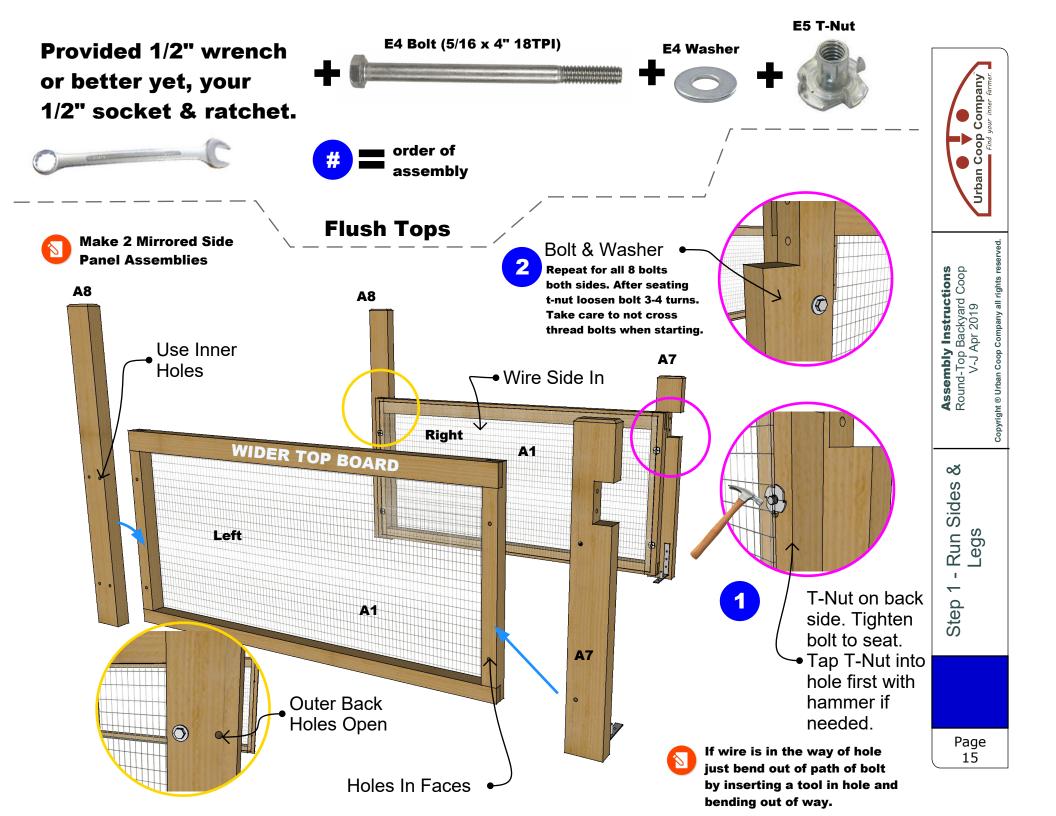


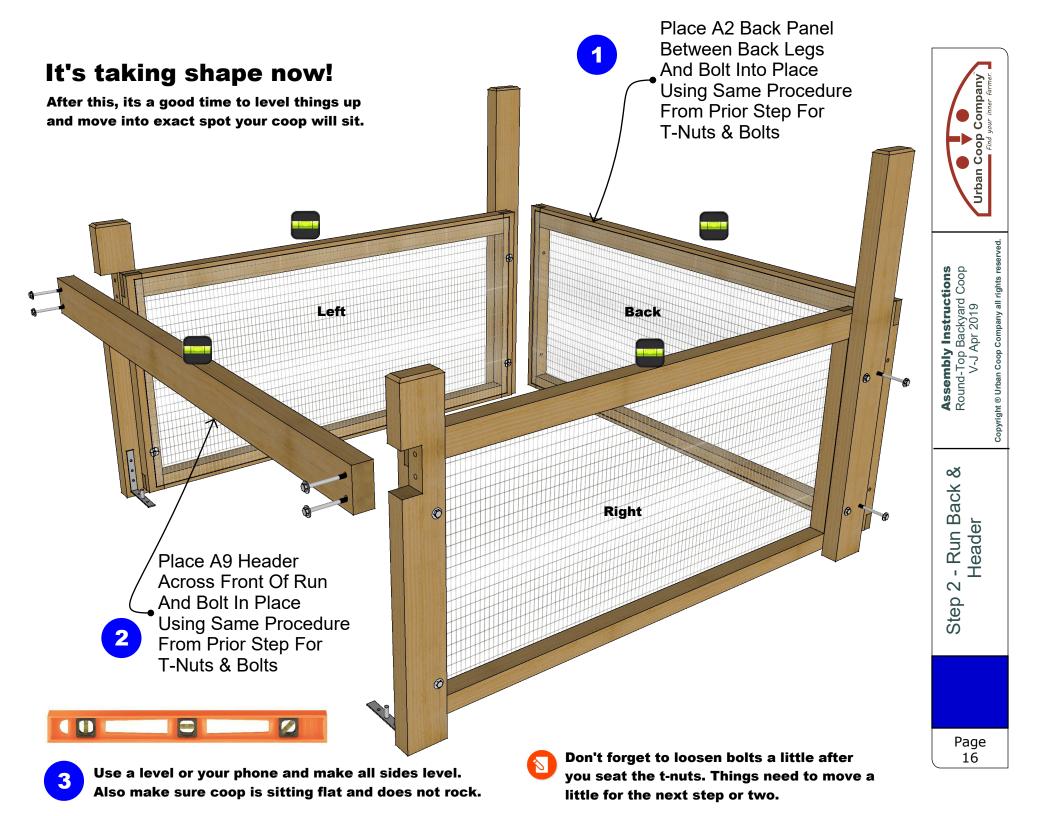


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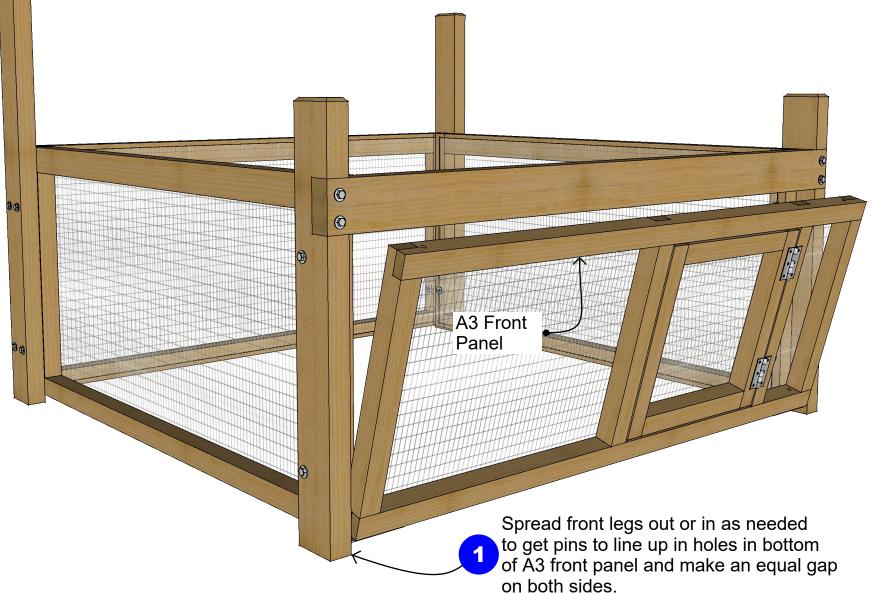


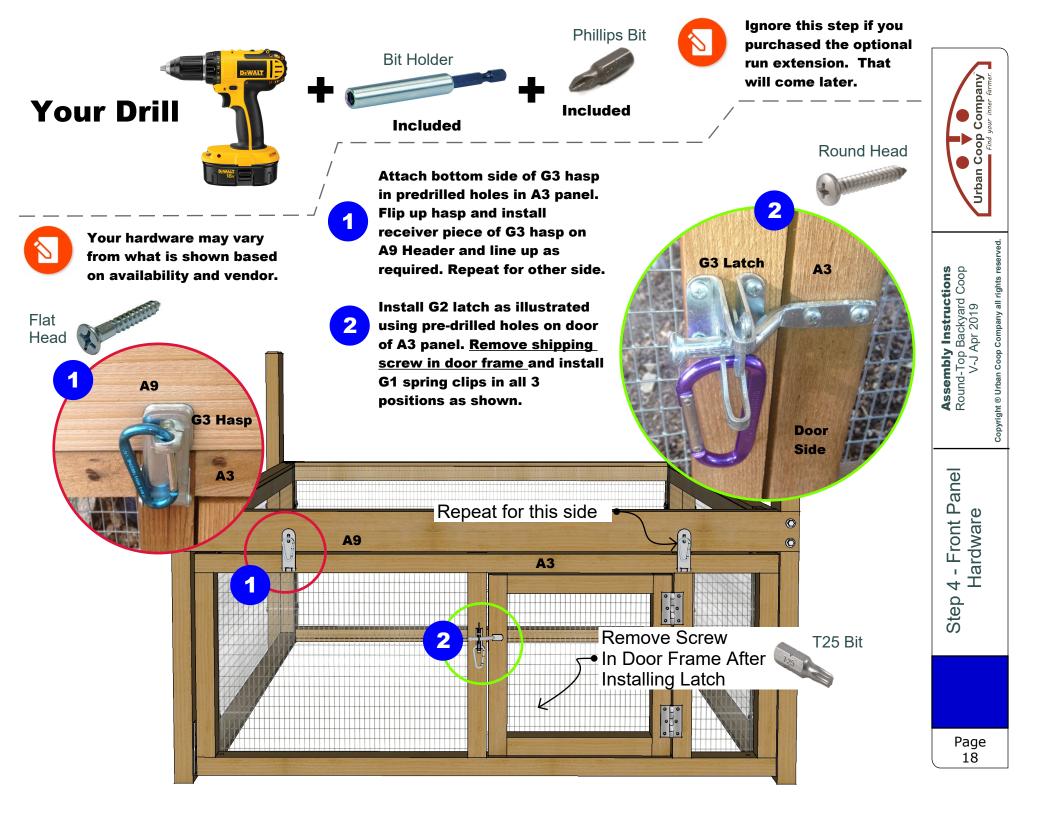
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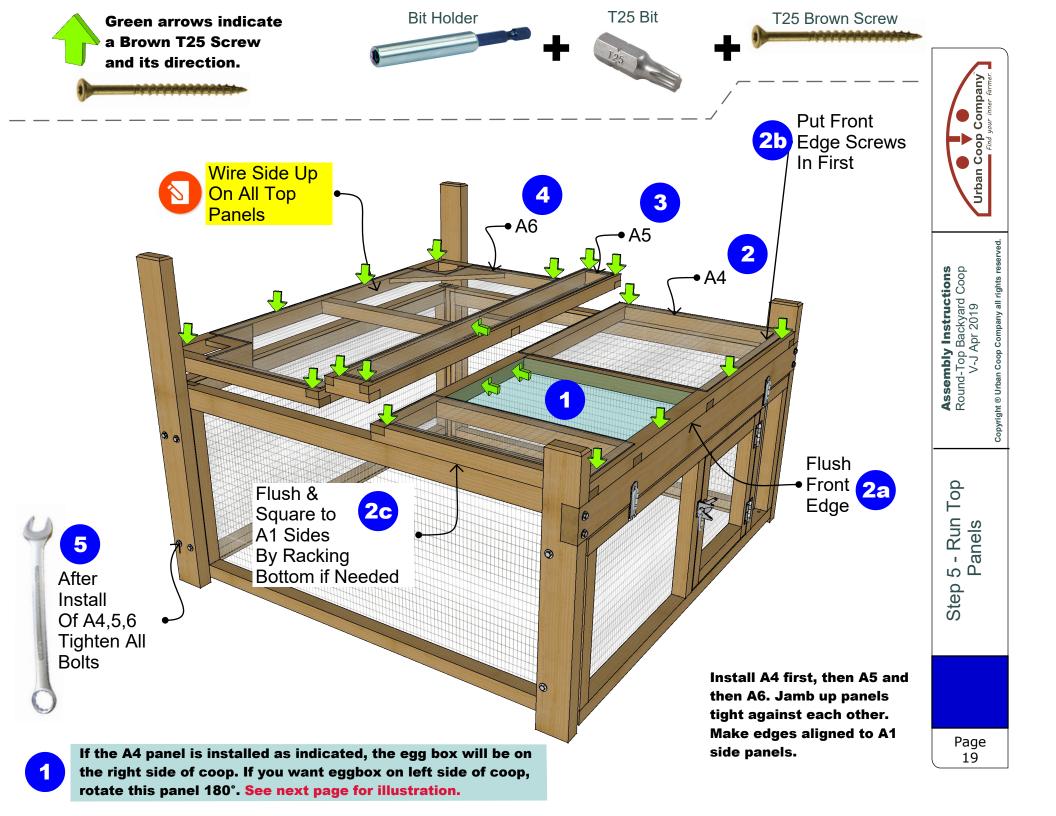


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Front Panel Fit Step 3

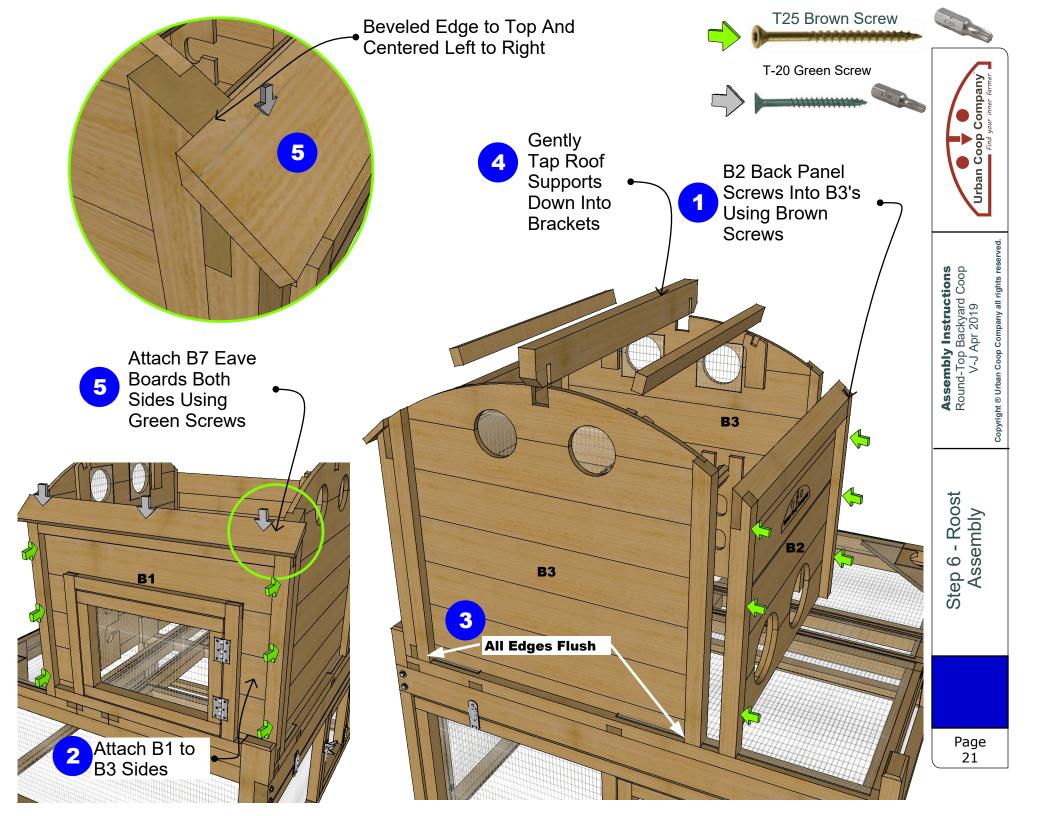


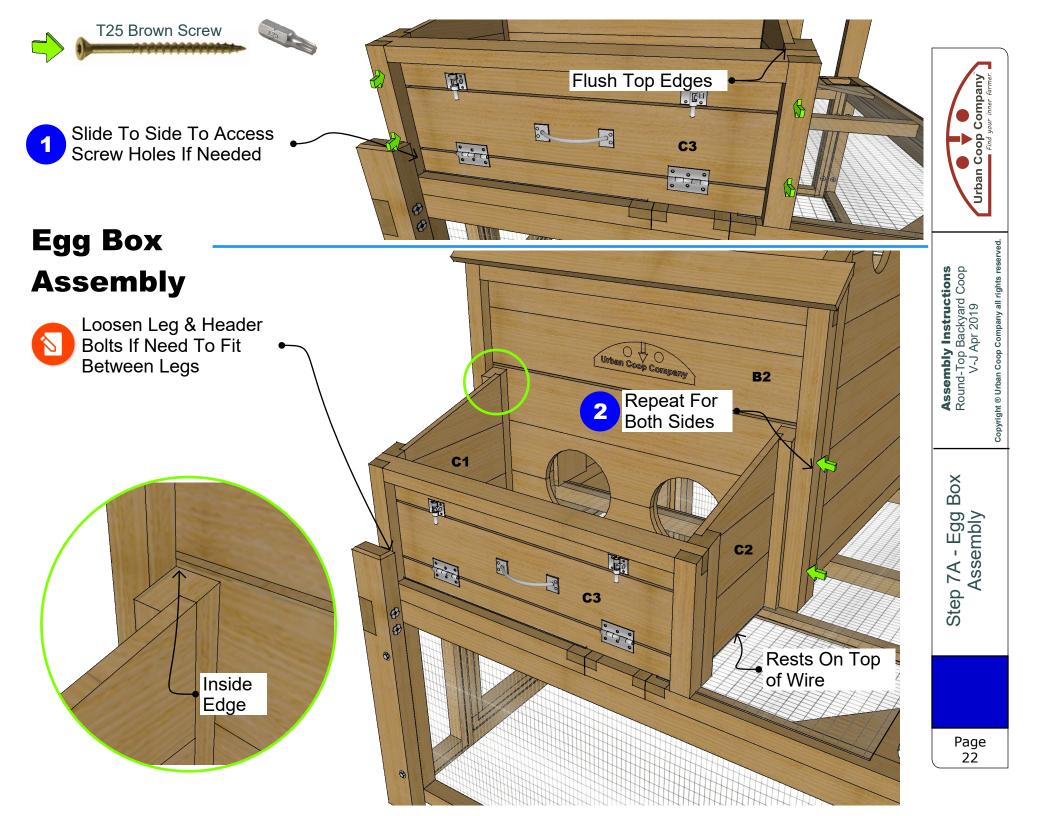






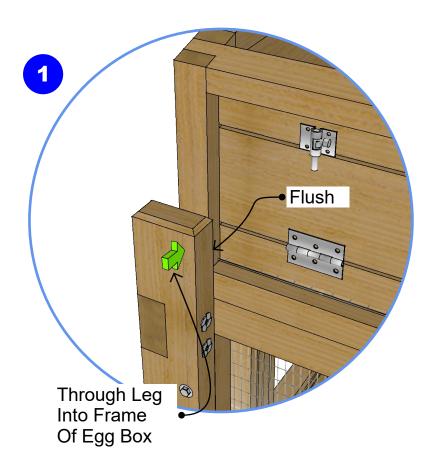
Egg Box Left / Right **Mustration** 





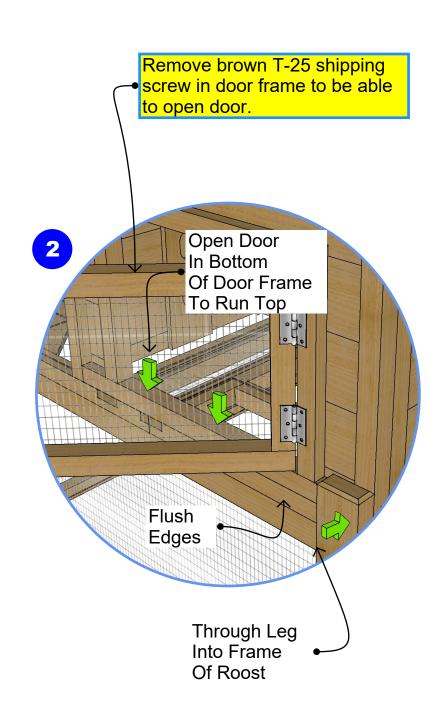


## **Attach Roost to Run Top**



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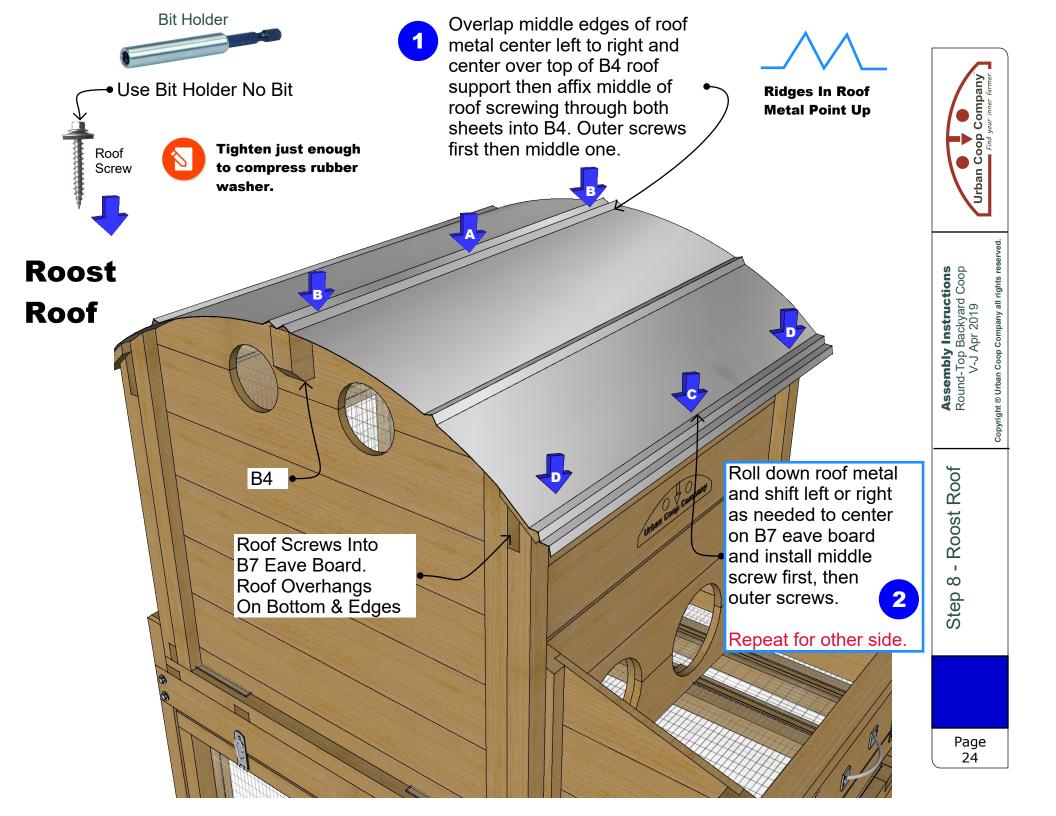
If you wanted to move your coop at some point taking out these screws lets roost section to be moved as a unit.

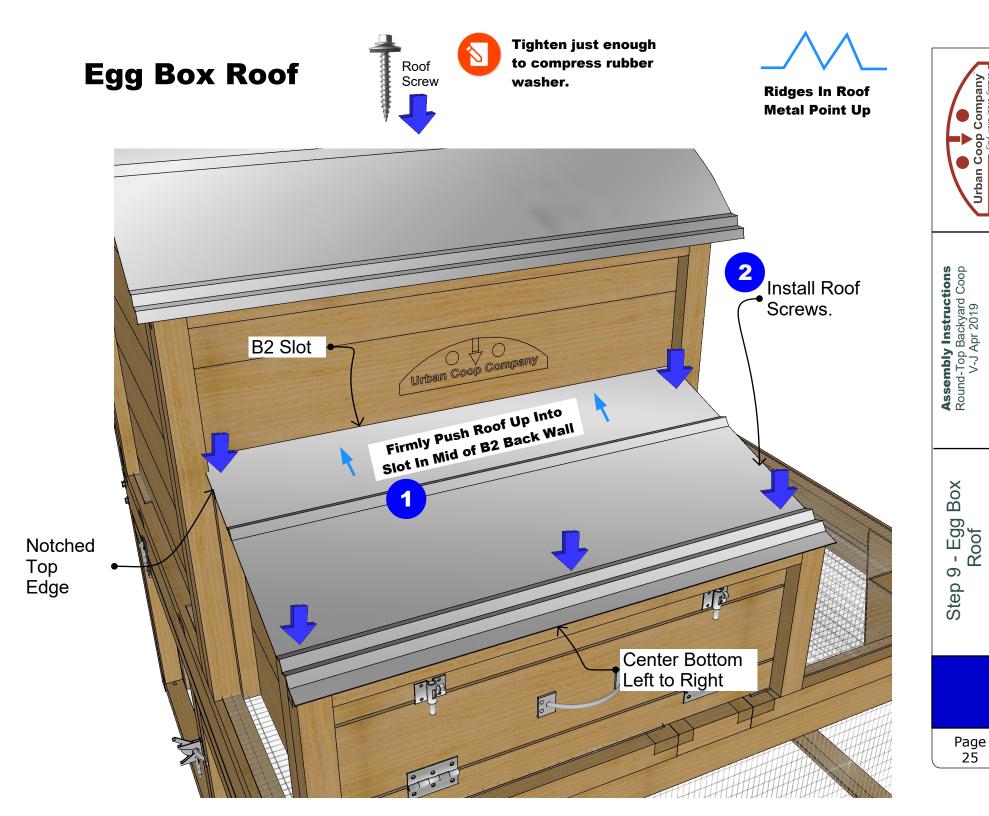




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Step 7B - Roost Attachment



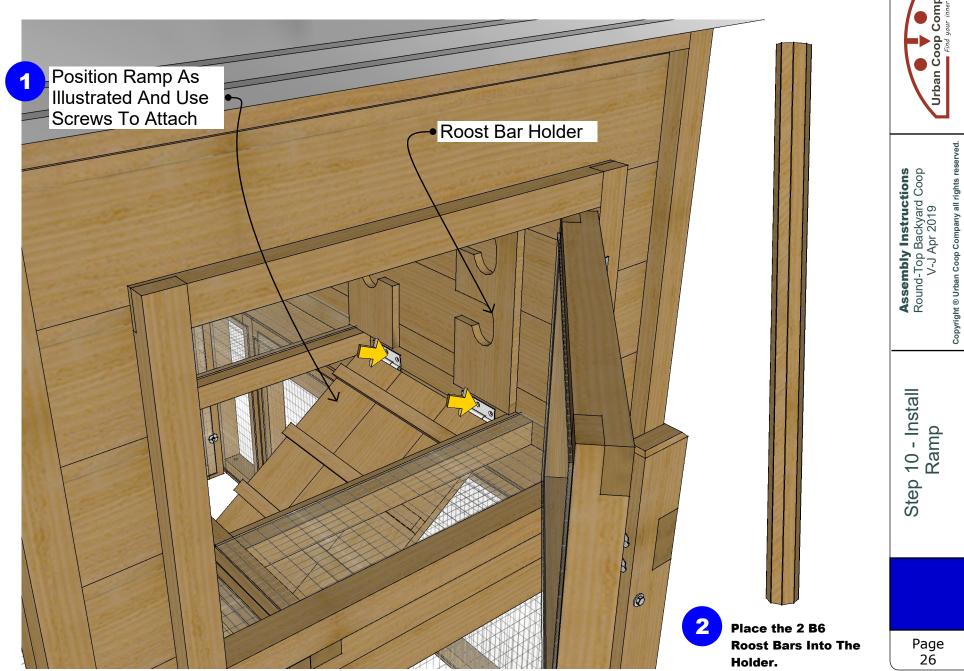


## **Attach Roost Ramp**









Roost Bar Info: Higher positions are for normal sized hens and provide best weather protection. Lower positions are for either bantam sized birds that don't jump well, or giant breeds that require more head room.

## **Attach Roost Door Hardware**

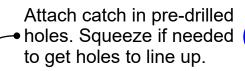






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Roost Door Hardware Step 11 - Install



Attach door side of catch too, making sure to align for smooth operation.

Use safety clip to make sure door stays locked.



You can re-install the brown shipping screw in the door to temporarily hold it stable for you if that helps.



# Yard Board Install

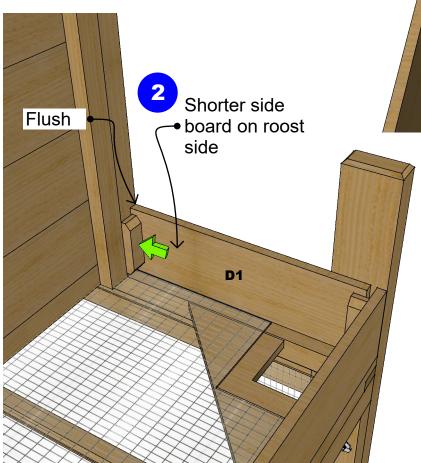


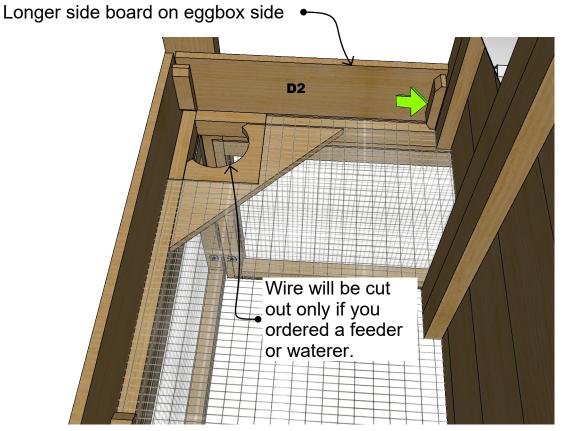


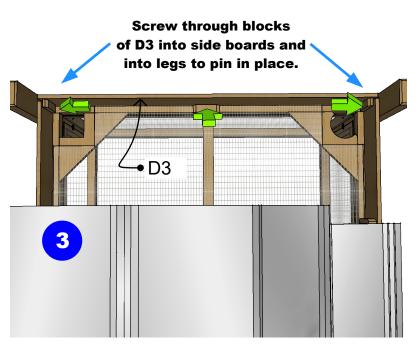
All outside edges flush.



Skip this step if you ordered the optional planter box.









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Step 12 - Install Storage / Planter Area Fence



Fig 1A



Fig 1B



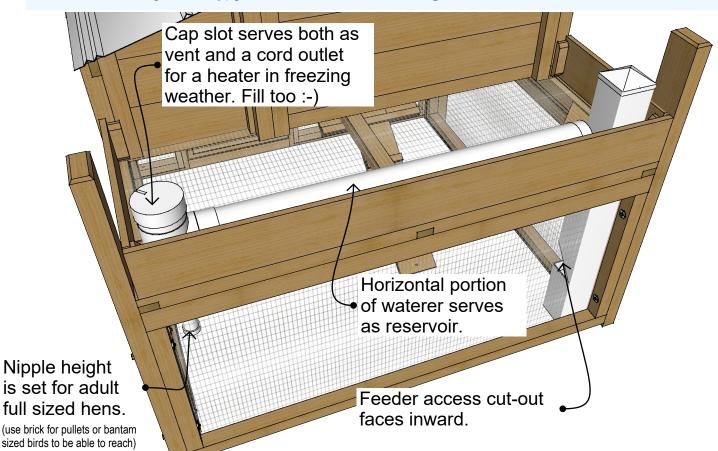
Fig 1C



ig 1D

#### Poultry nipple is shipped uninstalled to avoid damage...

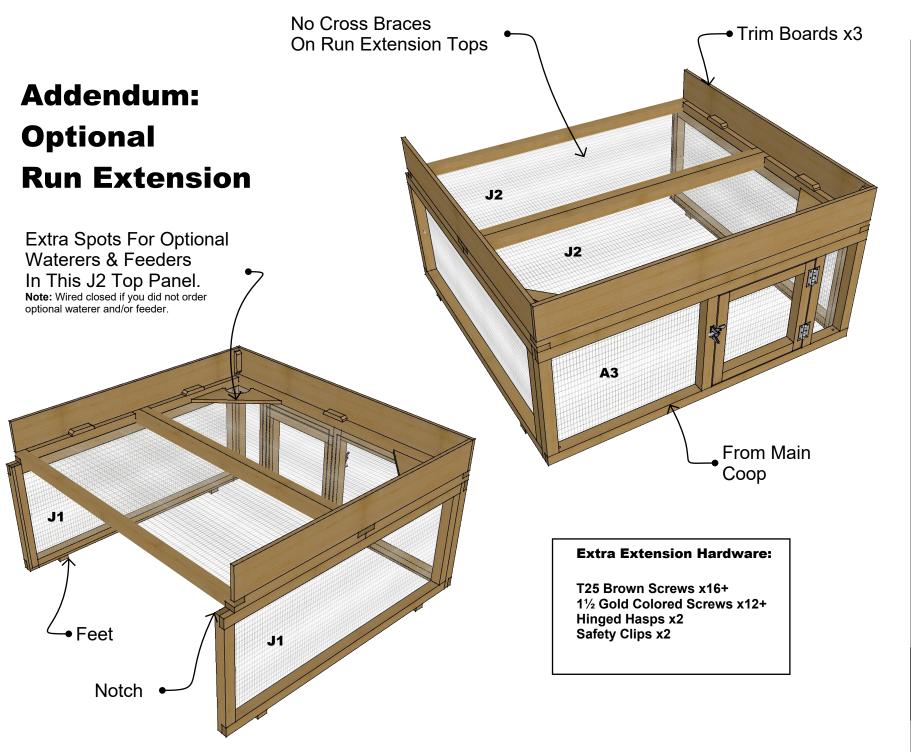
- Fig 1A. Insert the **black grommet** into bottom end of Waterer using a little vegetable oil rubbed on it if necessary. Make sure any debris from fabrication or shipping is clear of hole before inserting grommet. Press firmly and rotate several times to fully seat.
- Fig 1B. Insert the **red nipple** into **black grommet**, again, using a little vegetable oil rubbed on it if necessary. You will likely need to protect your hand with a rag to be able to push hard enough. Rock back and forth and force into grommet until fully seated as shown in **Fig 1C**.
- Fig 1D shows the bottom side of the Waterer that rests downward into the hole on top of the A5 Outter Run Panel. See illustration below.
- Feeder | Insert Feeder into square cut-out in A5 Panel as illustrated below.
- Openings for both water and feeder are left big because full, they're very heavy and it will make inserting them easier. The gaps are not an issue. Depending on how you assembled your coop, your waterer and feeder might be reversed.





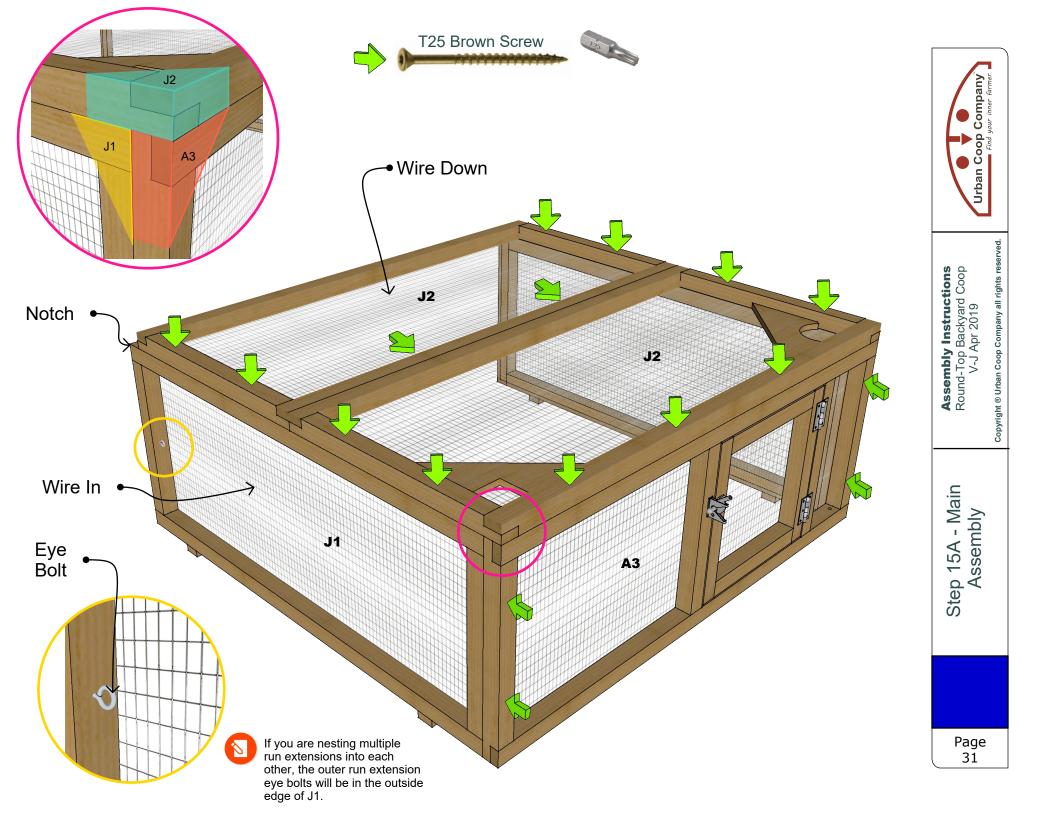
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Step 13 - Optional Waterer & Feeder



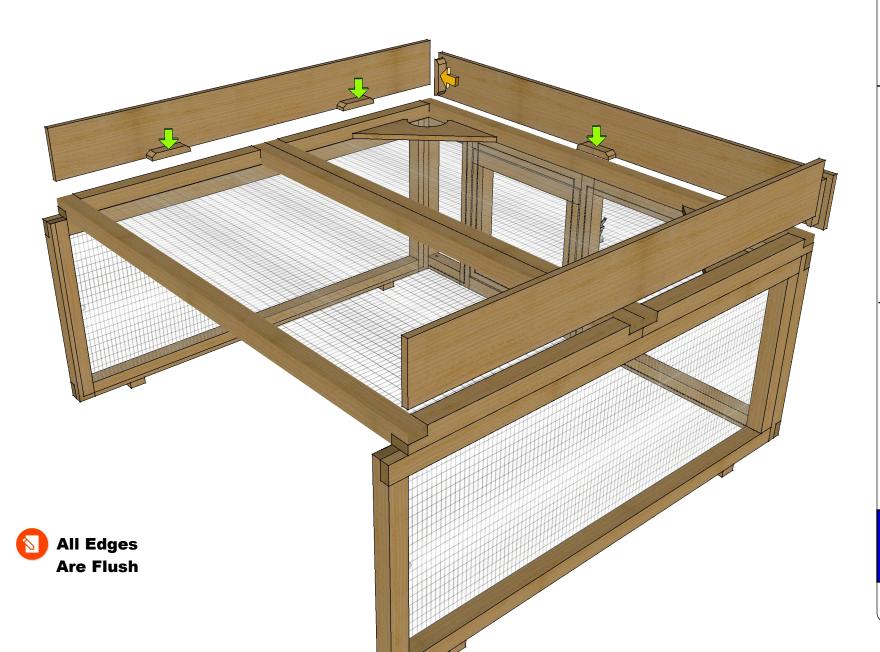


> Step 15 - Optional Run Extension





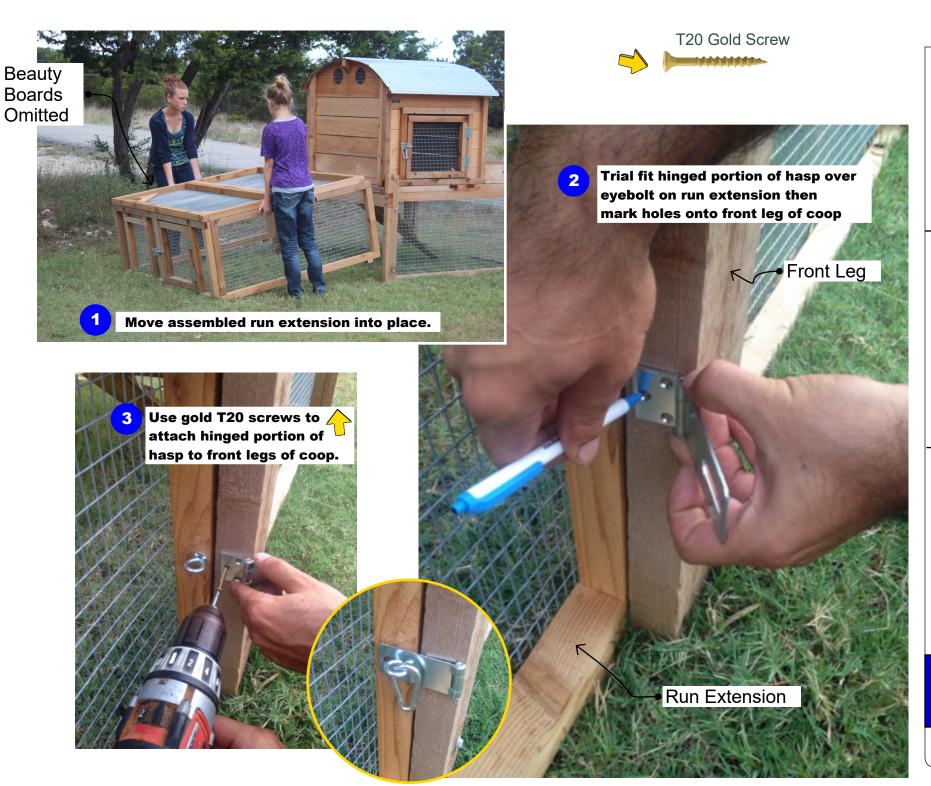
T20 Gold Screw





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Step 15B - Beauty Boards





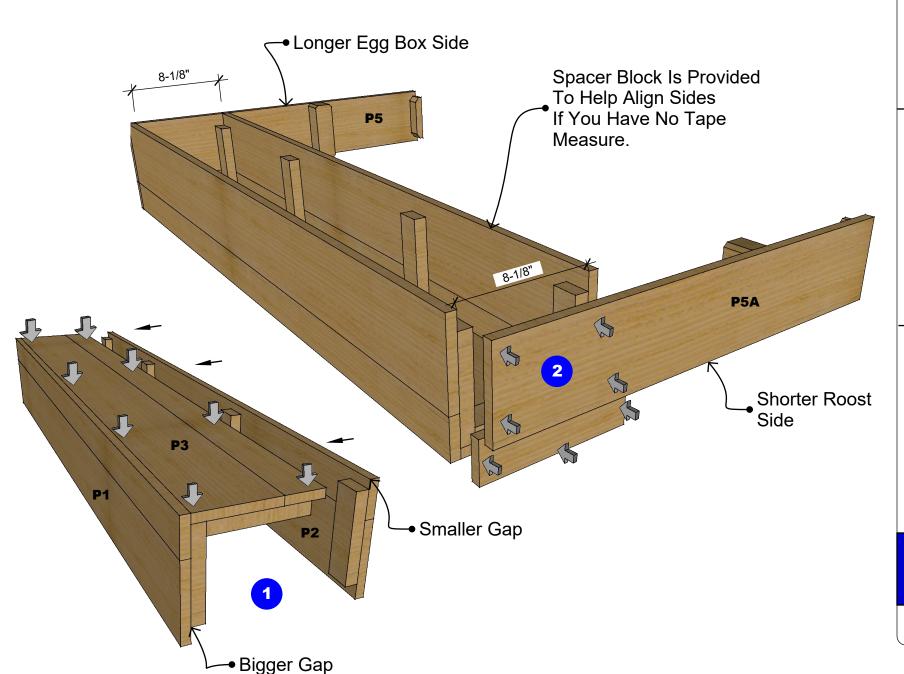
Step 15C - Hasp Install



Step 15D - Extension Installed Illustration

Flip and install the P5 or P5A support boards as needed to match the orientation of your roost house being on left or right side.







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Step 16 - Optional Planter Box

