

# HAPPY CHICKEN TRACTOR

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Consumer Assembly Instructions 2011 - SONNY



Picture of six-foot unit – place trim cap over shade cover.

**Required tools: NONE**

We have designed the chicken tractor to come out of the box ready to be assembled.

## Step By Step

### 1.

Remove all the parts from the container.

Two roof netting panels, two end netting panels.

Three long rails, two five foot rails for the ends.

Six corner brackets; two with handle grips.

Five trim caps (angle).

Two wheels. 2 Package(s) of Cable Ties.\*\*

Two ground spikes. Shade cloth.

Doors.

Black fasteners for trim caps.

\*\*We suggest using only enough cable ties to hold things in place when you put on the end panels. You can go back, make adjustments, and add more or remove overlapping cable ties later.

When attaching the end panel, we suggest starting at the bottom first. Pull tight and place the cable ties at regular intervals of 4 to 6 inches apart.

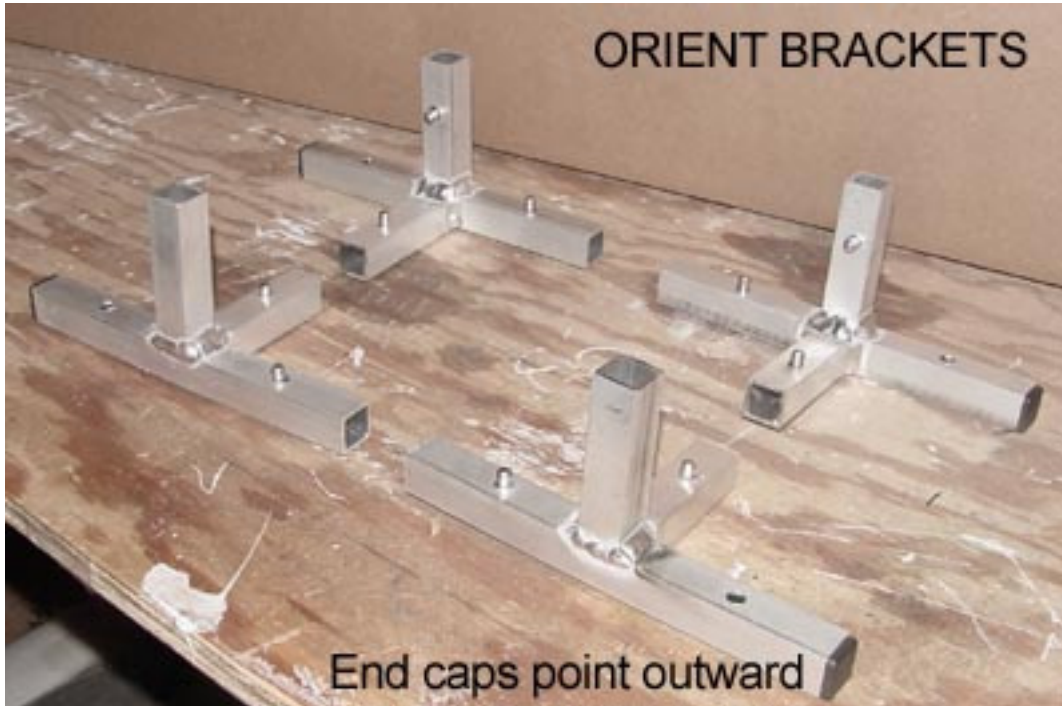
Put the locking nuts of the cable ties toward the inside or on the bottom side of the square aluminum tubes as you tighten them.

## 2.

Locate four bottom corner brackets.

**Please note – Place all four on a flat surface. Each will have a black end plug. There are two end brackets with handle grips. Those are for the top of the unit.**

Orient the corner brackets so that the end plugs all point away from the chicken tractor and two snap buttons point upward.



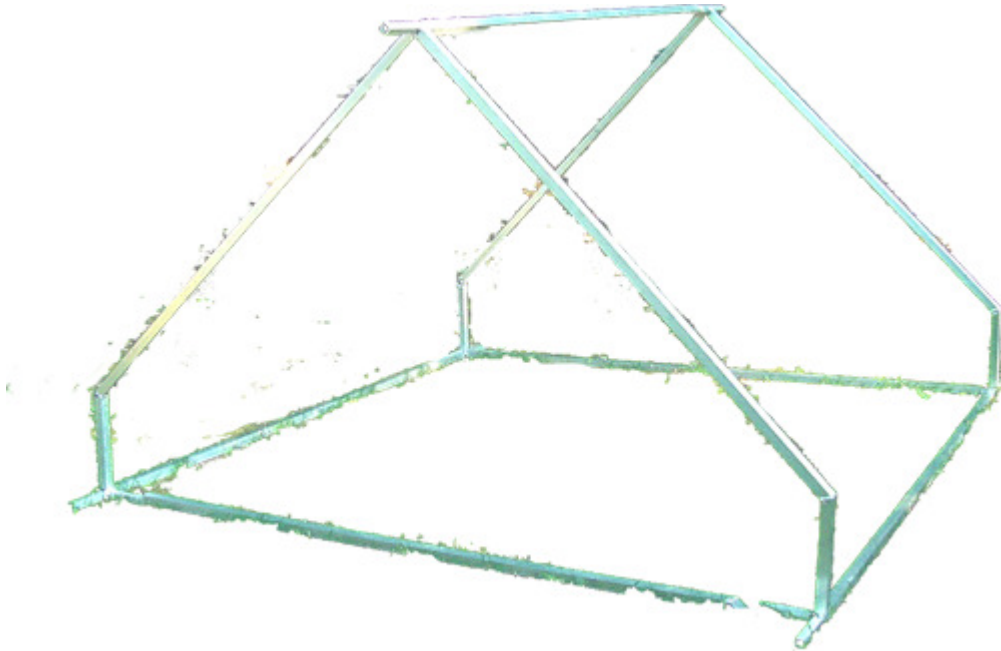
You are now ready to begin.

Select one five-foot rail and two rafters.

Assemble the first end panel with two rafters and one five-foot ground rail. Connect with corner brackets. The top bracket will have a bicycle grip.

## 3.

Set aside. Repeat for second end.



**4.**

Lay one end panel flat. Lay netting on **inside** of one end panel. Starting at the bottom, attach with cable ties. **Please note: The final result will be more pleasing to the eye if the cable ties are placed at regular intervals of 4 inches or 6 inches apart.**

**5.**

Repeat. Add the door now if you like.

**6.**

Connect Finished End Panels with ridgepole and six-foot ground rails.

**7.**

Place Chicken Tractor upright and put roof netting in place. Connect roof panels with cable ties to frame and to bottom rails. Do the four corners first in each case. Pull the netting tight as you go along.

**8.**

The wheels attach to the vertical part of the rafters. Put them on when everything else is completed. The axles come with axle bolts shipped in place to indicate wheel position.

Two ground stakes are provided to secure unit against blow over.

**9.** Attach shade/rain cover to netting. Trim bar may go on last to cover the canvas. It slides under the trim cap.

## **ACCESORIZE:**

### **Add a Nesting Box**

Your Chicken Tractor can be equipped with a nesting box that allows easy access to collect eggs as desired without compromising the structure's ability to confine your hens. Hang the nesting box on the mesh at the end opposite the door. Our nesting box is lightweight and is designed to set into place in an instant. It moves along with the chicken tractor as desired. Or make your own and cut away the netting to fit it onto one end. Attach it to the netting or the rafters with cable ties. Cut the opening for the box to leave about two inches of the netting as a lip for the bottom front of the box. That will keep the eggs from rolling out.

### **Add a Feeding Station**

Place a feeding system or dish inside netting or hang from ridgepole.

## **Questions, comments or confusions?**

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