

HAPPY CHICKEN TRACTOR

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Consumer Assembly Instructions 2014 – Six-foot unit –



Picture of six-foot unit shade/rain cover not shown –

NEW HANDLE – INSERT INTO FRAME HOLES WHILE ASSEMBLING TRIANGLE END.

Required tools: NONE well, maybe a hammer just to tap in the corner brackets. We have designed the chicken tractor to come out of the box ready to be assembled. **NOTE:** 12-2012 – Our door is now a single horizontal panel and is hinged to swing up and hook into the open position. When closed, the door locks into the bottom rail with the built-in spring bolt. The door frame clamps to the netting. **ASSEMBLE END PANEL. INSTALL NETTING AND Align door closure to hole in bottom rail BEFORE CUTTING OPENING IN NETTING.**

Step By Step

1.

Remove all the parts from the BOX.

Two roof netting panels, two end netting panels.

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

Six black corner brackets

Two wheels. 200 Cable Ties.**

Two ground spikes. Shade cloth. Red feed tray. Waterer.

Door.

When attaching netting to the end panels, get comfortable in a lawn chair or sit on a milk crate. Start along the bottom first. Place the cable ties at regular intervals of 4 inches apart. Feel free to place them closer together if you like. One or two cable ties at the top of the triangle will hold things in place for later.

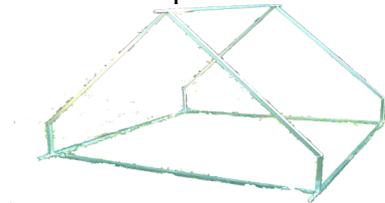
Put the locking nuts of the cable ties toward the inside or to the bottom side of the square aluminum tubes as you tighten them.

2.

You are ready to begin. Select one five-foot rail and two rafters. Two are drilled for axles and a pair for one end of the chicken tractor. Use the others on the opposite (door) end. Assemble the first end panel with two rafters and one five-foot ground rail. Connect with corner brackets. Tap in.

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 completely along the bottom and with one or two cable ties near the top. Remove these two later. **Note: The final result will be more pleasing to the eye if the cable ties are placed at regular intervals four inches apart.**

5.

Repeat. Add the door last. Cut and size the door opening two to three inches smaller than the door after the door is in place. The door is hinged from the top and one bottom rail is drilled and labeled for the door lock. We think it best to put the door and drinker and handle on one end and the wheels at the other end.

(SEE 'ADD YOUR TAG-ALONG DRINKER' BELOW)

6.

Connect Finished End Panels with ridgepole and six-foot ground rails. We lay one end panel flat on a hard surface (driveway) and tap the three long tubes onto the brackets. Then we put the other end panel on top and tap in

7.

Place Chicken Tractor upright and put roof netting in place over ridgepole. Connect roof panels with cable ties to one bottom rail. Pull the netting tight as you go along. Net panels are cut larger than necessary and may be trimmed once securely attached.

8.

Pull the attached roof panel from the top (ridgepole) to make sure the loose bottom edge reaches the other ground rail. Attach all the way across.

9.

Attach netting to rafters with cable ties

10.

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.

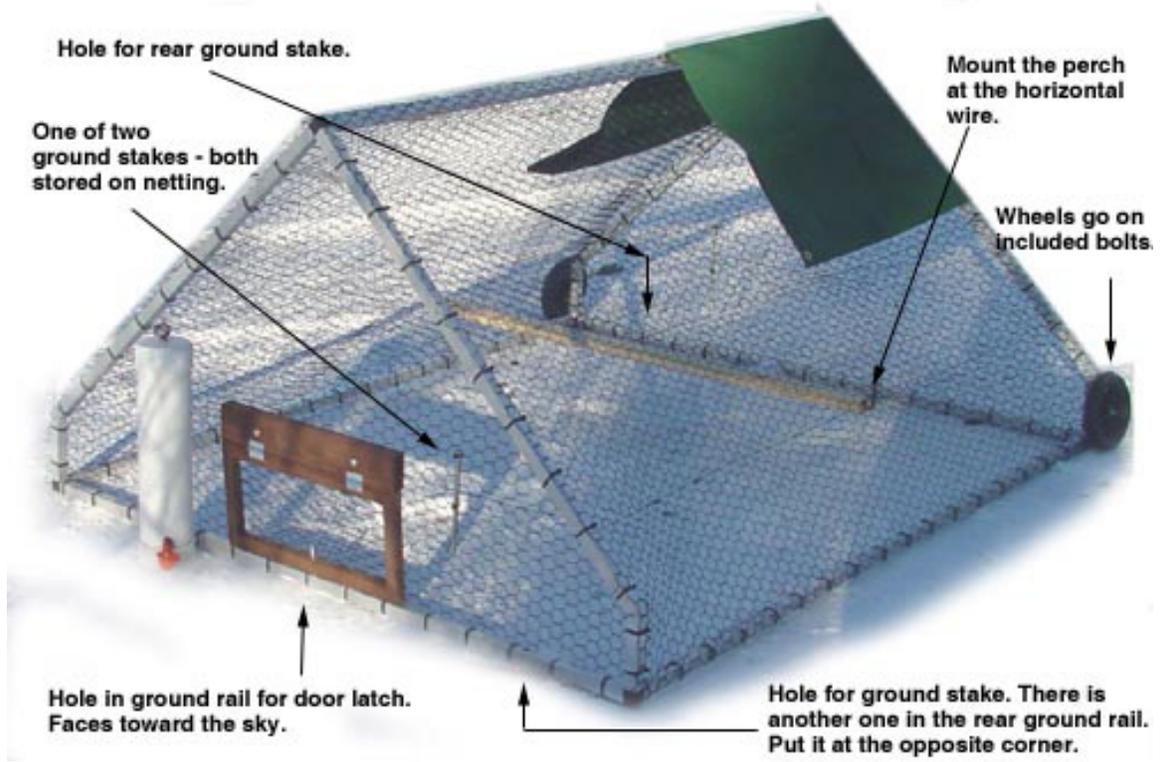
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Door Assembly Instructions 2012 – all models

Step By Step

1. When your chicken tractor end panel is assembled AND THE NETTING IS ATTACHED SECURELY TO THE FRAME

Remove the wing nuts from the door jambs and remove wooden back plate.

2.

Rest the door panel on the bottom frame with the nylon push button inserted in the hole provided in the bottom rail.

Press the door jamb against the outside of the netting.

3.

Trap the netting between the door jamb and inside retaining plate.

Replace the wing nuts to connect the jamb and back plate with the netting between them. Tighten.

Add Your Tag-Along Drinker

When you have assembled the end panel and its netting, decide where to put the drinker tube. We like it just to the right of the door.

Carefully unscrew the red/orange sink.

Put the sink on the inside of the netting with the threaded nipple sticking **through the netting**. Carefully screw the threaded nipple back into the drinker tube. (It helps if you keep the tube parallel to the bottom rail at this point) **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN**

Now rotate the tube to the vertical position and put on the bungee cords.

The tube is meant to be **outside** the netting and the sink **inside** the netting.

Wrap the bungee cord around the tube as shown below and hook into netting.

Put on the cover.



Attach bungee to tube this way.

NOTE:

We learn things every time we build one of our chicken tractors and assemble it for local delivery. Here are some suggestions.

- 1. Assemble the triangular end panels first. Lay the precut netting on the inside and attach it at regular intervals all along the bottom. You can use just one zip tie to hold the top of the panel in place for now. Set the first one aside and do the second one. Door and wheels come last.**
- 2. Lay one of the end panels on the ground (inside up) and tap in the three six-foot tubes. (A hammer will help). Put the other end panel on top and tap it into place.**
- 3. Put the chicken tractor on the ground in the normal position and put the roof panels in place. Find a lawn chair or a milk carton and sit down with your zip ties. (You can rest the bottom rail on your knees if you like.) Attach the bottom of one panel at regular intervals all the way across. (We go every four inches – regular intervals look neater) Then pull the attached roof panel up so that the wire aligns with the ridgepole all the way across and the bottom edge of the other panel is close to the ground rail.**

- 4. Go to the other side and attach the other roof panel all along the bottom.**
- 5. Now join the end panels and the roof panels along the rafters. Each cable tie should trap both sections of the wire, roof and end panels. The roof panel netting is cut longer than needed so you can trim it with the clippers when it is attached.**
- 6. Put on the wheels.**
- 7. Put on the door and open it. Now cut the door opening just big enough for chickens. Leave as much of the netting in place as you can.**