



Dresser Brooder Box

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Supplies needed:

1. An old dresser
2. Hardware cloth
3. Wood trim
4. Screws & Staples
5. Two sets of hinges
6. One eye/hook latch
7. Two short pieces of chain
8. Shelf paper
9. Thermostat

Building Instructions:

1. Carefully remove the top of the dresser. Cut out the center and frame in hardware cloth using pieces of wood trim.
2. Replace the dresser top using two hinges.
3. Remove the top two drawers and, using the wood trim, frame in hardware cloth where the 2nd drawer bottom used to sit.
4. After dismantling the top two drawers, put only the face of the 2nd drawer back into place permanently with screws.
5. Frame in hardware cloth where the 1st drawer face will go, then attach the 1st drawer face with two hinges. For more support, use the small chains to keep the face of the drawer from falling when opened. The eye/hook latch will also be used here to keep this closed when necessary.
6. Affix shelfpaper on the walls inside the brooder box area and also cover the entire inside of the 3rd drawer. When using the brooder box, the 3rd drawer will catch all of the bird droppings.





Benefits of a Dresser Brooder Box:

- The top opens easily for bird handling.
- The 1st drawer face can be opened for better air circulation when necessary.
- Using hardware cloth for the bottom of the brooder box is much cleaner and healthier for your chicks.
- The 3rd drawer makes for easy clean up when lined with removable newspapers.
- If your dresser has four drawers like this one, the 4th drawer can be used for storage of newspapers, food, extra heat lamps, etc.
- It can be an attractive addition to your brooder house.
- Depending on the dresser height, you won't need to stoop when working with or cleaning up after your birds.



It works great and makes for very happy peachicks!!!